

the banners white, so that they will read in conjunction with those on the shield, "This school for God and home."

### A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

LIQUOR-DEALERS' EXCHANGE.  
HOME, HEALTH, SOUL, AND SAVINGS  
EXCHANGED FOR RUM.

### Primary and Intermediate. Temperance Lesson.

LESSON THOUGHT. *Strong drink a poison serpent.*

**Blackboard.** Print "Love, Honor, Truth, Justice, Mercy, Purity;" draw a large heart around them. Over it print "God's Vineyard." Make a snake, coiled like letter S. Make another large heart, in which print "Hate, Dishonor, Falsehood, Injustice, Cruelty, Vice." Cover the two hearts and the serpent with separate pieces of paper, uncovering only as needed.

This lesson might be well introduced by showing two pictures, cut from illustrated papers: one the face of an innocent little boy, the other of a repulsive drunkard; showing that this is what the heart—in the beginning God's vineyard—may become if the evil spirit is allowed to gain possession.

Uncover the first heart. Who gives these good things? Yes; all these come from God. Let us see what God says about these lovely fruits in his vineyard. "God is love." "Love is of God." "Them that honor me I will honor." "Thou desirest truth." "The path of the just is as a shining light." "He delighteth in mercy." "The pure in heart shall see God."

Tell that the little boy had these good things in his heart. He went to Sunday-school, and heard about God's dear love. His mother taught him at home to do right, to fear God and pray to him. How much was done to keep this heart-vineyard pure and clean!

Uncover the second picture. A poison snake crawled into the beautiful vineyard. What letter of the alphabet does this snake look like? And what does S stand for? (Make the S in snake form the first letter in Sin, Saloon, and Strong drink.)

Tell some of the ways in which the snake found his way into the heart-vineyard—self-indulgence, disobedience, bad company, brandy-drops, cigarettes, etc. He did not come all at once. O, no; the little boy never meant to let the vile creature get in. Tell of the boy's struggles, his good resolutions, his efforts, all made in his own strength, to be rid of the evil thing. He did not go to the place of safety, and hide from danger. Where did the last lesson tell us to seek refuge?

Speak of the downward steps, and uncover the last picture. The beautiful vineyard is spoiled. Love has become hate; honor, disgrace, etc. Illustrate from the career of the drunkard. Real life, alas! furnishes far too many illustrations.

Read selections from the lesson to show what God thinks of it all.

**Practical Application.** Are children in danger now of being bitten by this serpent? O, yes! He is hiding in the drug-stores, in the groceries, in the candy shops, sometimes even in the pies and puddings on the table!

How is he going to be driven out? There is an army of temperance people after him. The children can fight in this war. They are coming. Nearly a quarter of a million children in our country are pledged in the Loyal Temperance Legion to purity, temperance, and truth. All over the land they are singing, "Tremble, King Alcohol, we shall grow up;" and, "Saloons, saloons, saloons must go."

Take this opportunity to teach a spirited temperance song, and, if time permit, to show how alcohol burns or hardens the white of an egg or causes a delicate flower to droop and die.

### OPTIONAL HYMNS.

Come, said Jesus' sacred.  
In thy cleft.  
Yield not to temptat'on.  
Rescue the perishing.  
No compromise.  
We'll help the cause along.  
God speed the right.  
The sparkling rill.

### The Lesson Catechism.

[For the entire school.]

1. On whom does the prophet pronounce a woe?  
**On those that follow strong drink.**
2. On whom is a second woe pronounced? **On those that justify sin.**
3. On whom is a third woe pronounced? **On those who will not be taught their duty.**
4. On whom is a fourth woe pronounced? **On those that justify wickedness for a reward.**

### Topics for the Young People's Prayer-Meeting of the Epworth League.

- March 1. Satan Overcome.** Eph. 6. 11; 2 Cor. 6. 7; Neh. 4. 9.
- March 8. The Touch of Jesus.** Luke 5. 13; 6. 19; 8. 45, 46.
- March 15. Soul-Winners.** Dan. 12. 3; Prov. 11. 30; Jas. 5. 20.
- March 22. Danger of Indecision.** Acts 24. 25; Prov. 1. 24-32; Luke 17. 32.
- March 29. The Power of His Resurrection.** Phil. 3. 10; 2 Tim. 2. 11; 1 Thess. 4. 14.