

## OPTIONAL HYMNS.

March along together.  
Lead me, lead me.  
Lo! a mighty host is rising.  
We must work and pray together.  
Now to heaven our prayer ascending.  
Gushing so bright in the morning light.

Soldiers of the cross, arise.  
Lift up the Gospel banner.  
Rally for the cause of temperance.  
Help the erring.  
Soldiers of Christ.

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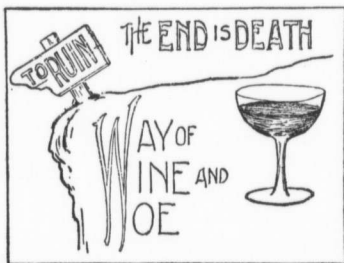
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## Blackboard.



The way of wine has ever been a way of woe. However fair and pleasant the path may seem, the ends thereof are the ways of death. All the high and holy powers God has given us will die under the curse of strong drink. Intemperance

mocks the reason and deceives those who yield to its influence. They will seek yet again that which cannot satisfy, and which will destroy both body and soul. Let us be contented to know that this road leads to certain ruin, and touch not the unclean thing.

## Infants in the Church.

THERE are at the same time too many and too few. We are not speaking of the blessed little ones whose presence at the services is always to be welcomed, provided they can be kept still enough not to disturb the worshippers and destroy the effect of the word. We refer rather to adults who are at the same time babes. There are either too many or too few, according as the word is taken in a depreciatory or appreciatory sense. Paul generally uses the term in the former, Jesus in the latter, meaning. The apostle has in mind the weakness, ignorance, and general immaturity of the babe, and so applied the appellation by way of reproof and warning to Christians having these characteristics. The Saviour looks at the little child on its more lovable side, and considering its docility, simplicity, and trustfulness, commends it to his disciples for imitation.

Of the latter kind of babes we have certainly too few in all our churches—too few of those whose mouths are open wide for food, who are not too big to beg for blessings, nor too proud to take what the Lord longs to give; too few of those who trust themselves as completely to the care of the heavenly Father as the serene, smiling infant does to its mother's superior intelligence and abounding love. But there are far too many who are still children in their knowledge of the way, in their impatience under control, in their fitfulness and caprice. It is not of much use to bring young converts into the church when the cradles are all full of those who have been twenty or thirty years under training. There is no room for additions in that case, nor is there much likelihood of there being any. More childlikeness, but less childishness, is a crying need.

## Thoughts for the Quiet Hour.

—Prayer is the key of the day and lock of the night. We should every day begin and end, bid ourselves good-morrow and good-night, with prayer. This will make our labor prosperous and our rest sweet.—*Berkley*.

—The will of the pure runs down from them into other natures as water runs down from a higher into a lower vessel.—*Emerson*.