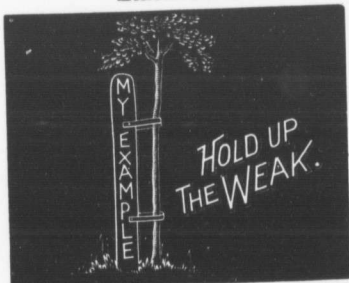


Blackboard.



This illustration needs no explanation. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." My example must hold up the weak, and not cast them down.

DIRECTIONS FOR COLORS.—The upright post, outline in white, with words in red; the tree trunk, brown, with light green leaves; the sentence, yellow.

Primary and Intermediate.

LESSON THOUGHT. *Living for Others.*

Blackboard. A door with "Saloon" above; a spider's web with "Self" in the center; an altar, and smoke rising enveloping the word "Self."

Who has ever seen a saloon? Is it a good place? What is sold there? What kind of people go there? Suppose we print on this door some things that may be found in the saloon: Sorrow, Quarrels, Poverty, Misery, Death. Is it not sad that men will give their time and money and hope of heaven for such things as these?

I will tell you a true story. One day a little girl asked her papa to please buy her a doll. He said he had no money for such silly things, and spoke so sharply that little Clara could not help crying. Then he hurried out to the saloon, and called for a drink of whisky. While the saloon keeper was getting it his little girl came running in, and asked her papa to get her a new doll. "Wait a minute," said he, "and I will give you the money." Before giving the drink to Clara's papa, he asked him to pay his bill. It took all the money the poor man had, and the saloon keeper handed it to his little daughter, saying, "There, run and get your doll."

Clara's papa looked at the well-dressed, well-fed little girl hurrying away with his money in her hand to buy a doll, while his sweet little Clara, ragged and hungry, was crying at home; and what do you think he did? I think a good angel must have been very near, for he went to the door, threw the whisky on the ground, and said to the

saloon keeper, "Good-bye; I am going to buy a doll for my little girl."

He never went to the saloon again, for he had a sight of the spider web of sin and self drawing its meshes closer and closer around him, and God helped him to break loose. But how much better it is never to get caught in the web!

A spider's web is very fine and delicate. You would not believe, when the spider first begins to spin it, that it could ever hold even so little a thing as a fly. But the great spider Self at the center is strong and can work wonders! Look out for the first beginnings of the spider web.

[Show the altar.] What is this being destroyed? Yes, the old Self that wants to be pleased must be burned up if we are to be God's children and help others to know him. [Tell how Paul taught the Corinthians to give up their own way and think how they could best help others, even in such a small thing as eating.]

What can make Self willing to die? [Print in the smoke going up from the altar, "Love."] When we get love into our hearts it crowds self out, and we want to help and please another rather than self.



[Put the Lesson Symbol on the board.] Did you ever walk in a rough path? Suppose you were walking in the night, and came to a big stone in the path; you would stumble over it, very likely, and fall.

The stone in the path is like a bad example. Some one sees it and stumbles over it.

Tom says, "I saw Harry smoke a cigarette, and I'm going to," and so he forms a bad habit which may spoil his whole life.

Harry is sinning against Christ! Our lesson says so. When we do wrong some one will be sure to follow our example, and to harm another is to hurt Christ.

Jesus is our Example. If we look to him and try to be like him, we shall live to help others, and Self will die as it deserves.

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

No. 1.

Come, thou almighty King.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Holy Spirit, faithful guide.
O for a heart to praise my God.
Saviour, listen to our prayer.

No. 2.

How sweet the place of prayer.
Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him.
Come, Holy Spirit, raise our songs.
God loved the world of sinners lost.
Lord, we come in faith believing.