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19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

22 Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

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HOME READINGS.

M. Cautions against intemperance. Prov. 23. 15-25.

Tu. "Who hath sorrow?" Prov. 23. 29-35.

W. Woe to the drunkard. Isa. 5. 11-19.

Th. God's anger against sin. Isa. 5. 20-25.

F. Wine a mocker. Prov. 20. 1-11.

S. Avoiding evil doers. Psalm 26.

S. Be separate. 2 Cor. 6. 11-18.

LESSON HYMNS.

No. 335, New Canadian Hymnal.

Homes there are of want and sorrow.

No. 339, New Canadian Hymnal.

Give thanks unto God, who is able and willing.

No. 338, New Canadian Hymnal.

See, the Church of Christ arises.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS.

I. The Road to Poverty, v. 15-21.

What is meant by "heart" and "reins"?

How can youths most delight their loving older friends, especially their parents?

What does James say about the control of the tongue?

Is it wrong to look half-longingly at the prosperity of evil doers?

Of what does Solomon elsewhere tell us "the fear of the Lord" is the beginning?

What sort of a man is he who disregards the future?

Is it safe to do right in every case and trust God for the sequel?

What is the difference between true happiness and pleasure?

What are "winebibbers"?

Can you suggest any reason for the prevalence of the sin of gluttony in ancient times?

What sin is now far more prevalent?

What peculiar power have intoxicating drinks over body and mind?

What two forms of evil directly destroy reputation and tend to waste? GOLDEN TEXT.

What does John (in Revelation) say concerning the drunkard?

Has a healthy person any right to be lazy?

Which is the easier prey to temptation, an idle man or a busy man?

What wise advice does Solomon give about wine? Prov. 23. 31.

2. The Road to Glory, v. 22-25.

Is it ever justifiable to regard aged persons as burdensome?

Is it ever right to hold the weakness of advanced age in contempt?

Repeat the commandment concerning honor to parents.

What purchase should be made and held?

What is the price of truth?

What father will have joy?

Who will share the father's joy?

What son makes his father glad? Prov. 10. 1.

How can one become thus wise? Prov. 4. 7-9.

Practical Teachings.

By what words does this lesson emphasize—

1. The duty of filial reverence, of content, of eager scholarship; of fear of the Lord, of purity and temperance?

2. The hope of genuine earthly delight and heavenly reward?

3. The horror of the drunkard's fate, the glutton's fate, the shiftless person's fate?

Where are we taught—

1. Whom we ought to fear?

2. Whom we ought to shun?

3. Whom we ought to obey?