

# ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

## The Service of the Gospel.

### I. AN INTELLIGENT SERVICE.

- We know... all have knowledge. v. 1.  
 "The wisdom that is from above. James 3. 17.  
 "The knowledge of his will." Col. 1. 9.

### II. A SERVICE OF LOVE.

- Love God... known of him. v. 3.  
 "Love is the fulfilling of the law." Rom. 13. 10.  
 "The royal law... love." James 2. 8.

### III. A FILIAL SERVICE.

- To us... one God, the Father. v. 6.  
 "One God and Father of all." Eph. 4. 6.  
 "Have we not all one Father?" Mal. 2. 10.

### IV. A LOYAL SERVICE.

- One Lord Jesus Christ. v. 6.  
 "Ye call me Master and Lord." John 13. 13.  
 "Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Phil. 2. 11.

### V. A SERVICE OF LIBERTY.

- This liberty of yours. v. 9.  
 "Ye are not under the law." Rom. 6. 14.  
 "Stand fast... in the liberty." Gal. 5. 1.

### VI. A THOUGHTFUL SERVICE.

- Take heed... a stumbling-block. v. 9.  
 "Let no man seek his own," 1 Cor. 10. 24.  
 "Look not every man on his own." Phil. 2. 4.

### VII. A SELF-DENYING SERVICE.

- I will eat no flesh... lest. v. 13.  
 "Loveth his brother... light." 1 John 2. 10.  
 "No man put a stumbling-block." Rom. 14. 13.

## THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

### The Application to the Temperance Question.

- "Knowledge puffeth up" with regard to wine not less than with regard to the ancient idol-meats. Many a man is quite sure that "he has a right to drink, and it is nobody's business." Yet, if he took love for his guiding principle, he would abstain. vs. 1-3.
- He who thinks that he knows that moderate drinking will do him no harm is greatly mistaken. It does him no good; it clouds his mind; it dulls his conscience; it injures his health; it may make him a drunkard. v. 2.
- We should ask ourselves in all things, "What is the Lord's will?" for Christ is our Master. Would Christ consider our drinking to his glory? vs. 4-6.
- Even if moderate drinking would do no harm to some (which is at best doubtful), it will certainly exercise an injurious influence upon others. We ought to abstain for the sake of our influence. The moderate drinker can do nothing to stop drunkenness and liquor-selling. vs. 7-11.
- It is noble for a man to abstain for the sake of others who may be influenced by his example. vs. 12, 13.

## Berean Methods.

### Hints for the Teachers' Meeting and the Class.

Ascertain clearly what were the idol-meats, and the controversy concerning them. (See General Statement.) ...The weak brethren, who they were, and what were their dangers... What is the application to the question of temperance?... ILLUSTRATIONS. A gentleman of high social and political standing was asked to preside at a meeting to be held for the purpose of demanding enforcement of Sunday laws with regard to saloons, etc. He said, "I fully sympathize with your aim, but

I cannot take part in the work because I like a glass of wine myself!" ...A drinking man sought salvation, professed to be converted, and held faithful for four months, then fell into temptation and sin. He gave as a reason, "I saw a Church member go into a saloon, and I said, 'If it is right for him, it isn't wrong for me.'"

## CATECHISM QUESTION.

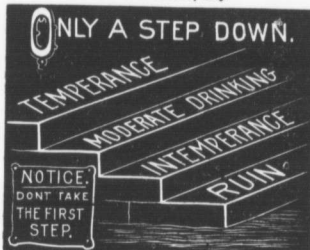
36. What do you mean by the omnipresence of God?  
 That God is everywhere.  
 Jeremiah xxiii. 24. Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.  
 Psalm cxxxix. 7-12.

37. What do you mean by the almightiness or omnipotence of God?

That God can do whatever he will.  
 Job xlii. 2; Matthew xix. 26.

## Blackboard.

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The temperance illustration on the blackboard shows how easy it is to step from strict temperance to moderate drinking, and from that to intemperance, and from that to ruin. The steps might be drawn with an incline, showing that so easy is it to go from one to the other the change is hardly known until it is taken. If you want to avoid intemperance do not take the first step. To get back from intemperance to temperance, the moderate drinking step has to be avoided, so it had better be avoided altogether.

## Primary and Intermediate.

### LESSON THOUGHT. Love builds up.

Print "Paul" on the board. Some will know something about Paul, the great apostle. Tell that when he could not go around preaching he would write letters about Jesus. Print "Corinth." This was a city in which Paul preached. Many heard about Jesus and believed, and a Christian Church was formed. Paul wrote a letter to this Church. Some of the Christians there had written to ask him what to do about eating meat which had been offered to idols. They had done this before they began to be Christians, and some thought they might do it now. It did not change the meat any for the heathen Corinthians to offer it as a sacrifice to their idols. But some thought Christians ought not to eat such meat. So Paul wrote to them tell to them what is the law of love. That is the law which must govern all who love Jesus.

Make a large heart on the board. Print "Self" inside. Make another with "Christ" inside. Now help the children to imagine two Christian Corinthians. One looks at the meat that has been used in the idol worship, and says, "This is good meat. I like it. I want some, and I will have it."