

# Teachers' Preparation Leaflet

LESSON 12.

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2nd QUARTER.

The Woes of the Drunkard. Prov. 23: 29-35.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red." Prov. 23: 31.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VERSES 29-32. CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, 241, 114, 173, 116.

PROVE THAT—God provides the best refreshment. Isa. 25: 6.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 107. What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?

## DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Prov. 23:29-35.	Isa. 5: 11-16	Isa. 5: 18-25.	Amos 6: 1-7.	Nahum 1: 3-10.	Matt. 24:44-51.	Rom. 13: 8-14.

INTRODUCTORY.—Our lesson is taken from a section of Proverbs completed by an unknown author before the time of Hezekiah. This division of the book begins with 22: 17 and ends with 24: 22. It is distinguished from the preceding portion by (1) the formal preface to verse 17, corresponding to 1: 6; (2) the style of the proverbs which are no longer verses of two antithetic clauses, but longer sentences comprising two, three or even five verses; (3) they are admonitions rather than statements of facts; and (4) there are peculiarities of language easily perceived by the student of Hebrew. Some think that they are to be ascribed to the same author as wrote the Introduction, Chaps. 1-9. The chapter contains warnings against avarice, intemperance, licentiousness and kindred vices.

## NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

No consideration of local circumstances is necessary to the right understanding of this lesson, for, unfortunately, drunkenness is not peculiar to any one race or clime, and its baneful effects are the same whether in the orient or the occident. It is one of the besetting sins of our country and the Anglo-Saxon race. So notorious is the prevalence of this evil, that the excessive use of intoxicating liquor has been termed "Intemperance," by way of eminence, as if all other cases, in which moderation and self-control were lacking, were insignificant in comparison. These ringing words of an ancient sage are full of earnest warning to the men and women of to-day, and are especially important to the young whose habits have not yet become fixed. To indulge in strong drink, even in so-called "moderation," is to wantonly invite, for a paltry momentary pleasure, all the evils mentioned in the lesson and to perpetuate in social life a custom most fatal to many of the brightest and most promising of our youth. He only is a "wise man" who heeds the admonition of our

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