

almost always find that the speaking is evil; bad words follow bad drink. Solomon says (Prov. 16. 24); but that isn't the kind of words you find keeping company with drink. Can you think what follows evil-speaking? [Print "Anger."] Solomon says (verse 32), that when drink gets into a person he can't be slow to anger; he is very quick to get angry; he has no power to rule his spirit. After anger comes [print "Strife"]. Hear what Solomon says about strife (verses 28, 29).

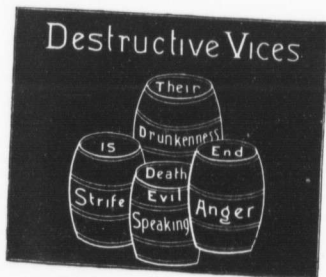
O what a bad way is this way of drink, that seemed as if it might be so pleasant and do no harm. Do you know where it leads? [Repeat Golden Text.]

What will you do about this way? Just what Christian ought to have done; what was his first wrong step? If he had not climbed the fence, he would not have ended in the giant's castle. If we never take the first little sip, we'll never end where the path of drunkenness always ends. Can we keep in God's way without help? Who will stay with us if we ask him? Here is a little prayer for you:

"Jesus, precious Saviour,
Hear me when I pray,
Make me pure and holy,
Take my sins away.
Shine upon my pathway,
Lead me day by day,
Lest my footsteps wander
From the narrow way."

—Pilgrim Songs (page 61).

SUGGESTIONS FOR BLACKBOARD COLORING. Barrels, brown; "End is death," dark red; Drunkenness, white; Evil-speaking, white; Anger, white; Strife, white; Title, green.



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Wise words. Prov. 16. 23, 24, 31, 32.

GOLDEN TEXT. "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty" (Prov. 16. 32).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Job 28; *Old Testament History* (Smith), pp. 457-471; *Public Opinion*, January 16, 1896, "The Importance of Healthy Brain Action;" *Epictetus*, p. 103, "Freedom from Perturbation;" *Poems* (Helen Hunt Jackson), "A Wild Rose in September."

ATTENTION STORY.

You remember that we spoke of David's son Solomon one Sunday a little while ago. This son liked to study and to think. Perhaps when he was a little boy he was with his father and they talked together, for they loved each other very dearly. Do you know any little boys who like to walk with their fathers and ask questions and have things explained? King David must have told little Prince Solomon many things, for he liked what his father liked, and he too was very fond of Nature, and he liked to watch all forms of outdoor life. He learned to love God's people, too, and on the Sabbath day he went with his father to worship God. When he grew to be a man David knew that he could be trusted, and so he talked to him about building the new church, where God's word would be read to the people. We have talked about David having all the wood and nails and iron and brass ready, and then he said to his son Solomon, "The Lord be with thee." I think that all fathers are glad and happy when their boys can be trusted. Can the mothers trust all these girls, too? Show me the helpful hands! What can your little hands do? and yours? Solomon wrote many wise words about the heart and the thoughts. He knew what was good for the health, and he spoke of strength. His father, you remember, talked much about strength, and even now boys and girls and men and women talk about it, and like to feel strong. We will like the wise words; here are some of them. [Read Prov. 16. 23, 24, 31, 32].

Explain unusual words: "Wise," "teacheth," "addeth," "honeycomb," "health," "righteousness," "ruleth."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story, Bible lesson, Golden Text, and conversation about the story.

Monday. Talk of thought coming before speech. The heart teaches the mouth. The lesson of hasty speech and the unity and progressiveness of heart, tongue, and lips will be understood by the children if explained simply.

Tuesday. This action of heart, tongue, and lips is connected with the ears also. We hear pleasant words which the heart prompted the lips to speak, and these pleasant words reach the ears of some one else, enter his thought and touch his heart. Solomon says they are like honeycomb, so sweet.

Wednesday. Pleasant words are like health, as well as being sweet. Sometimes, if one whom you love is not well, your gentle and loving words may help them to forget pain and sickness. Will you speak them? This book says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Prov. 17. 22).

Thursday. If you have loving hearts and lips that speak pleasant words, and if the acts of your life each day are good acts, then by and by, when your hair is white and you can count many years,