

ADDED QUESTIONS FROM OUR QUARTERLY.

Juniors.

What is a proverb? What are your three favorite English proverbs? Your three favorite Scripture ones? What writers had a share in making or collecting the proverbs in this book?

If Solomon was the teacher, who was the son in verse 10? How did he carry out his father's instructions? Was Solomon's son fond of proverbs? Pick out the proverbs in 1 Kings 12: 9-11. How can we lay hold of instruction? How keep it? What does the first psalm say about progress in evil?

What are the steps in the life of one who becomes a drunkard? What reasons can you give for being a total abstainer?

Can you give any good reason why you should learn to drink intoxicating liquor?

What things make the good man's path a bright one?

What things make the wicked man's path a dark one?

Seniors.

10-13—Solomon spoke three thousand proverbs. How many of them are in this book?

What other books are said to have been written by Solomon? What subjects did he write upon? When the Lord said to Solomon, "ask what I shall give thee," what was his request? Find passages in Scripture where father means teacher, and son, scholar. What is the meaning of "wisdom" in this book? Try to make a complete definition of it. What things block the path to evil? What gate opens into the path of the just? Why does Jesus call it a strait gate, and why speak of the narrow way?

14-17.—What is the wise course in reference to strong drink? What are the effects of strong drink upon the person using it? How does it affect his body, his mind, and his spirit? What other sins are the companions of drunkenness?

18-19.—What helps are there along the path of the just to make it even brighter? Name some things the good man gains along his path. What does the sinner lose along the path of evil? What are some of the enemies that rob him as he goes? When he reaches the end what has he lost?

PRACTICAL THOUGHTS.

Read our Lord's parable of the sower to learn the different kinds of soil upon which the good seed of the kingdom falls. Upon what kind of soil will your teacher's instruction fall when you are taught this lesson? What means should you take to lay fast hold upon it and keep it?

An old man became a believer in Christ at eighty years of age. When he was celebrating his birthday at the age of eighty-four his grandson asked him how old he was, he replied, "I am only a little child of four years. Four years ago I began to live a real, true life." The years of the body may be many, while the years of the spirit may have been few. We begin to live when we give ourselves to Christ. Give yourself early to Him that the years of thy real life may be many on earth.

Only a good life is a free one. In leading an evil life we are binding ourselves hand and foot, and making ourselves slaves.

The wise way in dealing with evil is not to

enter upon it. If a bad habit has begun to be formed let it get no further hold upon you. Avoid evil companions, whether they be thoughts, feelings, pictures, books, boys, or girls.

Read the story of Samson to learn how a man is gradually conquered by sin. It first binds a man with green withs, which he may easily break, then with new ropes which are stronger, but at the last it puts out his eyes, sends him a prisoner to grind in the prison of his enemies, and only brings him out to make sport for Philistines.

The wise choice in selecting life's path is to take the one which grows brighter right on to the end. Shakespeare speaks of a "primrose path which leads to the eternal bon-fire"—flowers in the beginning, suffering at last. Choose the one on which you can have the companionship of Jesus all the way, and then when you reach the valley of the shadow you will fear no evil, for His rod and staff will comfort you.

ANSWER IN WRITING.

1. What different paths are here mentioned?
2. What is said of those who travel in them?
3. Where do they end?
4. What things help in either path?
5. In which are you trying to walk?