

one has a vote there is in his hand a weapon for striking the most effective blow against the giant wrongs of the traffic in strong drink.

It is sadly true, that, notwithstanding the rapid spread of prohibition, there has been throughout Canada in recent years, an increase in drunkenness. The three main causes of this increase are: (1) a very large immigration, (2) unusual prosperity and (3)

the concentration of population in large cities. England's yearly consumption, for example, is over 30 gallons per head of the population, while Canada's is only 7. Other European immigrants come from countries resembling England in their drink conditions. It is clear, therefore, that immigration has a tendency to increase the consumption of drink, and makes the fight against drink evils all the more necessary, even if it also makes it harder.

THE LESSON GRADED

This section embraces teaching material for the various grades in the School.

For Teachers of Bible Classes

This Temperance Lesson is specially suited to Patriotic Day, as it shows how drunkenness is connected with the general decline of national life. Let the discussion centre about the causes which brought ruin upon Israel, with special reference to the place amongst these of intemperance and application to our own time and country. Take up:

1. *The false political confidence of Israel's leaders*, vs. 1, 2. Bring out the careless indifference in which this confidence produced showed itself and the grounds on which this was based, such as the strong military position of Jerusalem and the mistaken idea that God would protect His people however they might act. Discuss the warning of v. 2 (see Lesson Explained for the meaning). Do not miss the application to the heedlessness on all sides amongst ourselves as to the consequences of intemperance in strong drink. Dwell on the perils of even the moderate use of alcohol.

2. *The luxury and oppression prevalent in Israel*, vs. 3-6. Question out the details of the lurid picture here given. (See Lesson Explained.) Dwell upon the present conditions of intemperance, and the too frequent disregard of its many evils. Men who live well, have business ability and public spirit are frequently indifferent to moral issues. Take up: (1) The false sense of security concerning the nation. Refer to the loud boasting over material resources, and the failure to deal with the disease of alcoholism which is destroying thousands of our workers. (2)

The power of the saloon to debauch the electorate. Impress the peril to the nation from the influence of the liquor traffic in the election of our law makers. (3) The personal dissipation of life in banqueting and social drinking. Dwell on the prevalence even in the so-called best society of the free use of intoxicating liquors. Bring out the reasons for this. Discuss the part that tradition, selfishness, social custom, business and political reasons and ignorance play.

3. *The calamity threatening Israel's sin and false security*, vs. 7, 8. See Lesson Explained for details. Illustrations will readily occur to the class members of the awful penalties which dog the footsteps of the drunkard and fall too frequently also upon innocent victims.

Time should be left for a discussion of remedies for the evils of the drink traffic, such as the following. First, the development of a conscience which holds intemperance to be sin. The church, school, lecture platform, scientific education, must all combine to this end. Second, a determined fight against the bar. Third, the linking of sobriety with spirituality in life. Temperance is a fruit of the indwelling Spirit of God.

For Teachers of the Senior Scholars

Is Burns right in thinking that it would do us some good to see ourselves as others see us? We are sometimes blind to our own faults. Why is this? Ought we not to know ourselves better than anybody else does? Remind the class that nothing does us so much good as to see ourselves as God sees us. How can we do this? What is it that blinds man's eyes and makes him some-