

and base, and with the branching corridors of its nest, weakened the structure so that it fell. Beautiful it must have been. Now it is a sad ruin. Solomon was a Corinthian pillar of rare beauty. An insidious foe opened the way for the succeeding sins and downfall which followed.

*Punishment extended to Solomon's son.* An ancient sage illustrated the consequences of sin in this parable: A vessel sailing from Joppa carried a passenger who, beneath his berth, cut a hole through the ship's side. When the men of the watch expostulated with him, the offender calmly replied, "What matters it to you? The hole I have made lies under my own berth." No man perishes alone in his iniquity; no man can guess the full consequences of his transgression.—*Spurgeon.*

Many a child suffers in consequence of his father's and mother's sin. And yet this law is the strongest incentive to right-doing, for many a man will be pure for his children's sake, when no other power could restrain him.

### The Teachers' Meeting.

I. Solomon's rise, a noble example: (1) Holy opportunities; (2) Secular glory; (3) Endowment of wisdom; (4) Steady endeavor; (5) Earnest prayer; (6) Choice of God. II. Solomon's fall, an awful warning: (1) Holy opportunities; (2) A divided heart; (3) Sensual lusts; (4) Wicked companionship; (5) Religious indifference; (6) Loss of privilege.... I. The height of privilege from which Solomon fell: (1) He was a wise man; (2) He was the inheritor of the covenant; (3) He was rich, famous, powerful; (4) He was under the direct counsel and advice of God. All these privileges were God-given. In return for this wisdom, and inherited covenant, and prosperity, and revelation Solomon built the idol temples. II. The steps of Solomon's downward course: (1) A divided heart; (2) Irreligious companionship; (3) Secular estimates; (4) Laxity in religion. III. The results of Solomon's sin: (1) God was angry; (2) Solomon received rebuke; (3) Solomon lost his privilege; (4) Solomon's people were corrupted.

### OPTIONAL HYMNS.

#### No. 1.

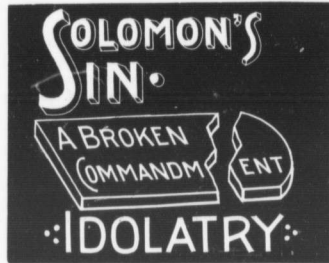
Deep are the wounds.  
I'm poor, and blind, and wretched.  
Hasten, sinner, to be wise.  
I lay my sins on Jesus.  
Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole.

#### No. 2.

I bring my sins to thee.  
Saviour, I come to thee.  
Come, every soul by sin oppressed.  
I bring to thee.  
How can a sinner know.

### Blackboard.

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### A CLOSING RECORD.

SOLOMON WAS | SHALL I BE  
TURNED ASIDE  
FROM  
THE WAY OF WISDOM  
INTO  
THE WAY OF FOLLY  
BY  
HIS WIVES. | ANYTHING?  
TAKE HEED! WATCH!

### VIGILANCE AND VICTORY.

WATCHFULNESS  
THE  
SECRET SURETY OF SUCCESS.  
BE NOT SOOTHED TO SLEEP. | BE ROUSED TO ACTION.

"Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."