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Note: The foregoing is in accordance with our lesson text. In addition I would show the young people that they have no guarantee that they will not commit sin, that they themselves will not fill drunkards' graves, if they begin to taste that which has dragged so many splendid men and women down to temporal and eternal ruin.

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I PROMISE TO BE  
A TOTAL ABSTAINER

FOR MY BROTHER'S  
OWN SAKE.

If possible, have the pupils remain after school for a short prayer service, during which they shall be prayed for, and after which those who have not yet signed a formal pledge to abstain from intoxicants may have an opportunity to do so.

#### STUDY IN ADVANCE.

Ask the pupils to read 1 Cor. 13 and 1 John 4. 7-21 every day during this week. If the teacher can procure for each member of the class a copy of Henry Drummond's booklet entitled *The Greatest Thing in the World* she should do so, and urge each one to read it carefully and prayerfully before next Sunday.

Review words "Corinth" and "Abstinence."

#### By Way of Illustration.

*Knowledge versus Love.* Knowledge without love inflates the mind, but does not build up the spiritual life; just as an excess of water in the body causes a puffing up of the body, which is quite different from that solid growth of flesh which is a result of the healthful condition of the blood. "The heart is wiser than the intellect and works with swifter hands and surer feet toward wise conclusions," says J. G. Holland.

*The Decision of Love.* Translate that injunction about the idol feast into modern life and what does it come to but this—that the example of some well-known professing Christian who thinks he can take strong drink without harm to himself, or go to a theater and come away unpolluted, tempts others on the ice, who cannot skate over the thin places as deftly, but break

a hole and may be drowned? "Mr. Blank does it; he is a Sunday school superintendent;" or, "He is a Christian; why may not I?" No Christian man has a right to consult only his own inclination or capacity in ordering his life. —Alexander McLaren.

*Verses 11-13.* We are bound together. Going up the Matterhorn we were all tied together. In the perilous places, on icy slopes, clinging to the face of rocky precipices, too faint to bear another pound of burden, if anyone had slipped or stumbled it would have involved peril and almost certain death to all. In the first party that ever got up young Haddon slipped, and not only he fell over four thousand feet, but he pulled three other men with him. No man liveth to himself nor falleth alone. We are all bound together. We are always on icy slopes, and on the face of precipices. We have no right to do what is even safe for us if it is dangerous for others. We are each our brother's keeper.—Bishop H. W. Warren.

*The brother for whose sake Christ died.* And sounding their conscience ye sin against Christ. Here is the structural idea of Christianity—the cross. You cannot get the cross out of Christianity any more than you can get the backbone out of a vertebrate animal. It is that which differences and distinguishes him. If you would have Christianity you must take the cross with it. And the cross means service for others to the point of sacrifice of the self. You cannot wilfully harm the humblest and most ignorant Christian, and not at the same time injure Christ; for Christ is one with them. There are thorns and nails for Christ still, when Christians drive them into their brother Christians.

*It is the glory of Christianity* that it teaches its followers to live with the burden of all men's well-being upon their hearts. We are proud of the long leap forward sociological science has taken in our day, but long before a single book had been written on social science, before men thought of studying men, Paul wrote, "If meat maketh my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh for evermore."

#### Heart Talks on the Lesson.

The questions which troubled the conscience of Corinthian Christians arose from circumstances quite different from ours, but were of the same moral quality. So that the answer for them is the answer for us. That is the beauty of Old and New Testament. It is "up-to-date" for spiritual teaching in any century and every place. It was the custom in Corinth on any family occasion of rejoicing, a marriage,