

first epistle to Timothy, he addresses him as a man of God, and yet sees it necessary to warn him against the love of earthly riches, and to remind him of the greater value of the prize for which he had been striving from his youth upward. Find the sixth chapter, Mary, and read from the ninth to the eleventh verse.

*Mary.*—"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

"But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."

*Mrs. Arnold.*—We will now close the lesson for to-day with another passage from the epistle, which shews that the tendency of these very riches, for which we are so ready to sacrifice every thing else, is to harden the heart, and to make us selfish, cruel, and unjust in our dealings with our fellow-creatures. Find the fifth chapter of James, Amy, and read from the first to the sixth verse.

*Amy.*—"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

"Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

"Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

"Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

"Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

"Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you."