

September

The day of the blossom is over, the clematis twines its wreath;
The lace flower waves in the meadow, the corn is ripe in the sheath,
Sweet in the air is the scent of the vine, the orchard bends with its load,
Armies with banners in sorried ranks march upon every road,
Golden-rod, sumac, and aster are guarding each wayside pass,
And the honeyed waft of the after-math drifts from the springing-grass.

Lazily homeward wings the bee when his spoils are gathered in;
The tree-toad hides in the shadowy wood, the lilies that toll nor spin,
That listen all night to the crickets and away in the moonlit dew,
Stand taper and tall in the sunshine the beautiful long day through.

Fair is the royal September, and rich is the wine out-poured
In these hours of blithe fulfilment at Nature's bounteous board;
For the hour of the blossom is over, the hour of the bud is blow,
And here is the crown of the summer, ere yet 'tis her time to go,
With the lace flower white on the meadow, the clematis twining its wreath,
Purple the grape in the cluster, and ripened the corn in the sheath.

A FIVE-HUNDRED-DOLLAR PIN.

"Only two or three days ago an overseer in an English mill found a pin which cost the company nearly a hundred pounds."

"Was it stolen?" asked Susie. "I suppose it must have been very handsome. Was it a diamond pin?"

"Oh, no, my dear, not by any means. It was just such a pin as people buy every day and use without stint. Here is one upon my dress."

"Such a pin as that cost nearly a hundred pounds!" exclaimed John. "I don't believe it."

"But mamma says it is a true story," interposed Susie.

"Yes, I know it to be true. And this is the way it happened to cost so much. You know that calicoes, after they are printed and washed and dried, are smoothed by being passed over heated rollers. Well, by some mischance a pin dropped so as to lie on the principal roller, and indeed became wedged into it, the head standing out a little from the surface.

"Over and over went the roller and round and round went the cloth, winding at length upon still another roller, until the piece was measured. Then another piece began to be dried and wound, and so on until a hundred pieces had been counted off. These were not examined immediately, but removed from the machinery and laid aside. When at length they came to be inspected it was found that there were holes in every piece throughout the web, and only three-quarters of a yard apart. Now, in every piece there were from thirty-five to forty-five yards, and at nine pence a yard that would count up to about one hundred and eighty pounds.

"Of course the goods could not be classed as perfect goods, so they were sold as remnants, at about half the price they would have brought had it not been for that hidden pin.

"Now, it seems to me that when a boy takes for a companion a profane swearer, a Sabbath breaker, or a lad who is untruthful, and a little girl has for her playmate one who is unkind and disobedient, or in any way a wicked child, they are like the roller which took to its bosom the pin. Without their being able to help it often the influence clings to them and leaves its mark upon everybody with whom they come in contact. That pin damaged irreparably four thousand yards of new print, but bad company has ruined thousands of souls for whom Christ died. Remember, 'one sinner destroyeth much good'; therefore avoid evil companions."

LESSON NOTES.

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GOLDEN TEXT.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. —Matt. 5. 16.



SACRED COW OF THE HINDU.

HOME READINGS.

- M. First converts in Europe.—Acts 16. 6-15.
- Tu. Paul and the Philippian gaoler.—Acts 16. 22-34.
- W. Paul at Thessalonica and Berea.—Acts 17. 1-12.
- Th. Paul preaching in Athens.—Acts 17. 22-34.
- F. Paul's ministry in Corinth.—Acts 18. 1-11.
- S. Excellence of Christian love.—1 Cor. 13.
- Su. Christian living.—Rom. 12. 9-21.

I. The Titles and Golden Texts should be thoroughly memorized. They are to the Review as the skeleton to the body—as the framework to the house. They are the "invariable elements" of each quarter's lessons.

II. The Lesson Facts should be recalled, not necessarily in detail, but certainly in vivid outline. The following question hints will be found helpful:

- 1. What incident led Paul to Europe? In what city did he begin work? Who was his first convert?
- 2. Why was Paul in prison? From what peril did he deliver the gaoler? What great blessing did he bring to the house?

church to be ignorant? What message of comfort did he give? When is the Lord Jesus to appear?

7. From what did Paul urge abstinence? Why did he urge this duty? What was his own manly resolve?

8. To what four desirable things is love superior? What seven things does love avoid? What seven things does love do? How long will love endure?

9. By whom was Paul opposed at Ephesus? Why was he opposed? What modern parallel can you name?

ninety-six of every one hundred persons convicted of crime were addicted to the use of liquor.

Massachusetts has a local option law, under which the cities and towns vote annually upon the licensing of saloons. One branch of the bureau's investigation was directed to ascertaining the relative amount of drunkenness in places where the saloons were closed and in those where they were open. In the no-license cities and towns the arrests for drunkenness were only about one-fourth, and for offences other than drunkenness, less than one-half as many per thousand of the population as in license cities and towns. In five cities which were for a part of the year under license and a part of the year under no-license, the license months showed nearly three times as many arrests for drunkenness on the average as the no-license months.

These statistics, taken as a whole, seem not only to establish a close connection between the liquor traffic and crime, pauperism, and insanity, but to show also a considerable curtailment of these evils when saloons are closed.—Youth's Companion.

HE GAVE THEM AWAY.

Rev. H. W. Knapp, in his eulogy upon Ruskin, says The Youth's Companion, tells how Ruskin began by giving first a tenth of his income to the poor, then half, and finally nearly the whole.

If others would not encourage the study of art in schools, Ruskin would buy ten water-colour drawings of William Hunt and give them to the public schools of London.

He fell heir to one million of dollars; this amount he has given away except a sufficient sum to give him an income of fifteen hundred dollars a year. Upon this he now lives, the income of his books being distributed among his old pensioners and his various plans for social reform.

He bestowed his art treasures with like generosity. He gave the marbles which he had collected in Greece and his priceless Italian drawings to public galleries and museums, where they would benefit the common people.

Refusing the invitations of the rich, and putting away the temptation to a life of elegant ease and refined luxury, Ruskin gave himself to the poor. His best lectures were never given where English wealth and social prestige were represented, but were delivered to working-girls' and workingmen's associations.

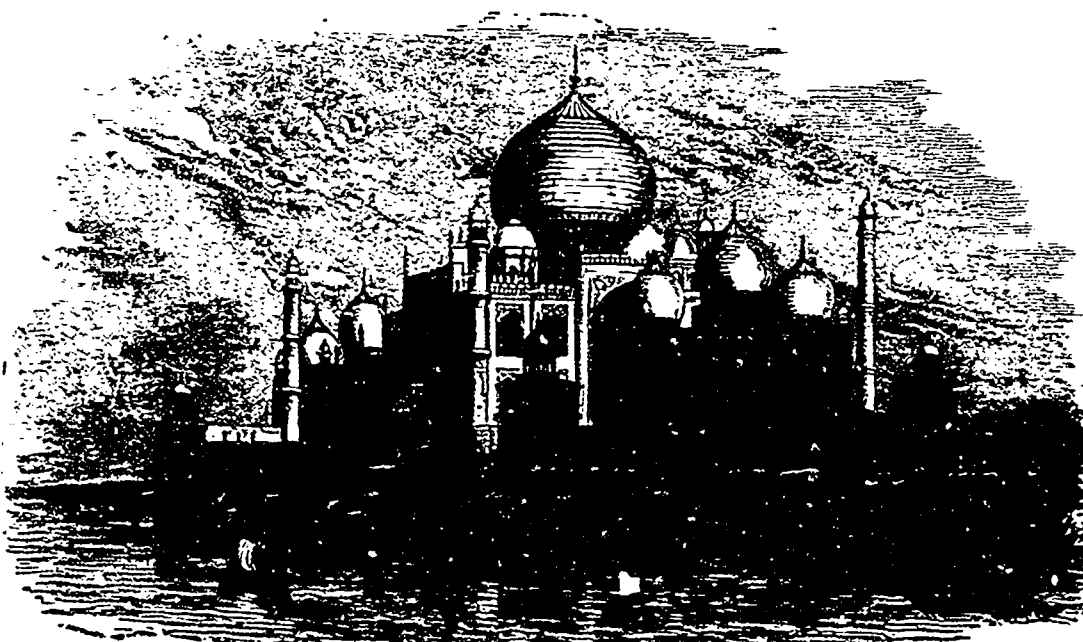
Dr. Andrew Clark says, in referring to the use of intoxicating drinks: "So long as you take a little, there is in the human system a tendency to take more." This is just the difficulty; when you have eaten, your hunger vanishes, and there is no desire for more; when you drink water you are no longer thirsty; therefore in these cases your appetite is a sufficient guide and safeguard. But when you drink intoxicating liquors, your desire for them increases, and "there is a tendency to take more."

- 10. In what spirit should Christians give? What should determine the amount of their gifts? Whose bounty makes our giving possible?
- 11. Name five duties we owe to those who love us. Also five duties we owe to our enemies? How can all win true victory in life? Golden Text.
- 12. What did Paul see awaiting him? What did he see awaiting the church? What duty did he urge upon the elders? To whom did he commend the church?

SOME FRUITS OF THE SALOON.

The Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labour, acting under the instructions of the Legislature, has made an investigation of the relation of the liquor traffic to pauperism, crime, and insanity. The method adopted was that of direct inquiry of the inmates of the State institutions, and of all persons passing through the courts of the State for a year.

The results of the investigation make a suggestive and important volume. As to the insane, as far as could be ascertained, seven out of every ten had intemperate parents; and one out of every four was believed to have been



A MOHAMMEDAN MOSQUE, INDIA.

3. What message did Paul declare in Thessalonica? What was the attitude of the unbelieving Jews? In what respect were the Bereans more noble than the Thessalonians?

4. Where did Paul preach in Athens? Whom did he preach? How was his message received?

5. With whom did Paul live in Corinth? To whom did he at first preach? To whom did he next turn? What encouragement to fidelity did Paul receive?

6. About whom did Paul not wish the

made insane by his own intemperate habits.

Of all the paupers in the State institutions, three out of every four were addicted to the use of liquor; and nearly one-half had intemperate parents.

Of all the arrests for crime during the year, two-thirds were for drunkenness. Taking into all account all kinds of crime, in about eight and one-half cases in every ten the intemperate habits of the offender led to a condition which induced the crime; and, excluding minors,

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