

LICENSED TO KILL.

Come, soldiers of freedom,
Of freedom from rum,
Enlist for a warfare
That surely must come;
For drink is enslaving
The nation at will,
By law it is licensed
To legally kill!

The dead are around us,
The dying we see;
Rum's sorrow is flowing
To you and to me,
Its crime, woe, and ruin
Society fill,
Yet still it is licensed
To legally kill!

There never was foe such
To virtue as this,
Destroying both earthly
And heavenly bliss;
No anguish so bitter,
As that from the still,
And yet it is licensed
To legally kill!

Not bullets, but ballots,
Our hands shall employ,
That even more surely
The foe shall destroy;
Then rally, ye voters,
No pausing until
No liquor is licensed
To legally kill!

—*Issac.*

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON V. [Nov. 2.]

CITIES OF REFUGE.

Josh. 20. 1-9. Memorize verses 1-4.

GOLDEN TEXT.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Psa. 46. 1.

THE LESSON STORY.

Before Moses died the Lord told him to set apart certain walled cities as cities of refuge, after they should become settled in Canaan, and this is the reason why: In those old times if a man killed another the brother or friend of the man who was killed took his sword and ran to kill the murderer. He called himself the "avenger of blood." Sometimes the man had been killed by accident, and it would have been wrong to kill the supposed murderer, so these cities were for him to run into until the matter could be brought before men who would judge justly. The Lord told Joshua to appoint six cities which he named as refuges for men who were pursued. The Lord said that they

might live in that city to which they ran after they had killed a person without intending to do so, until the matter should be settled, and then they should return to their own city and their own house. We have very different laws now, because the world is older, and the people have learned how to deal with each other. You will find the names of the six cities in verses 7 and 8 of this lesson.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What is a refuge? A place of safety.
What did the Lord tell Joshua? To appoint cities of refuge.
For whom were these meant? Men who were in danger.
What is a murderer? One who kills another on purpose.
Who was allowed to kill a murderer? A friend of the one who was killed.
What sometimes happened? There was a mistake.
What could the innocent man do then? Run into a city of refuge.
How long must he stay there? Until he was judged.
How many such cities were there? Six.
Why do we not have such cities? We have other laws.
What do we need to run away from? Sin.
Who is our City of Refuge? The Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON VI. [Nov. 9.]

JOSHUA'S PARTING ADVICE.

Josh. 24. 14-25. Memorize vs. 14, 15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Choose you this day whom ye will serve.—Josh. 24. 15.

THE LESSON STORY.

Just as the time came for Moses to go home after a long life of faithful service, so the time came to Joshua, for he was very old. The people were now settled in the land of Canaan, and all they needed was theirs. Joshua had but one wish for them—that they should wholly follow the Lord their God, as Caleb had done. He knew that there were idolaters all around them, and that their fathers had learned idolatry in Egypt, and that they would be apt to forget the Lord who had given them the fruitful land of Canaan. So he called them together at Shechem, and gave them his last words of counsel. He told them how good the Lord had been to them in giving them their land, and in driving out their enemies before them. "Now, therefore," said Joshua, "fear the Lord, and serve him." He told them to put away any idols they might have among them and serve the Lord alone. He said they must choose between the Lord and idols. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The people made a promise to Joshua that they would serve the Lord, and him only;

and Joshua made a new covenant with them, and they went away to their homes.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who was very old now? Joshua.
What did he know? That he would soon go to God.
Where did he call the people to come? To Shechem.
What for? To hear his last words to them.
What did he fear? That they would forget God.
Of what did he remind them? Of the Lord's goodness.
What did he want them to do? To serve God wholly.
What did they do? They served God with half their hearts.
What did he tell them to do? Choose between God and idols.
Whom did Joshua choose? God.
What did the people promise? To serve God.
What must we do? Choose whom we will serve.

WHEN WHISKEY IS NO MORE.

(Tune—"When Johnny Comes Marching Home.")

Get ready for the jubilee, hurrah, hurrah!
When this our country shall be free,
hurrah, hurrah!
The girls will sing, the boys will shout
When Alcohol is driven out;
And we'll all feel gay when whiskey is no more,
And we'll all feel gay when whiskey is no more.
It will not do to simply say hurrah!
hurrah!
But do your duty, then you may hurrah,
hurrah!
Assist the weak, yourself deny,
Stand by the right, and by and by
We'll all feel gay that whiskey reigns no more;
We'll all feel gay that whiskey reigns no more.

—*Pioneer.*

GOD SEES.

Emma Gray, on her way to school, passed a little boy whose hand was through the railings of a front garden, trying to pick a flower. "O little boy," said Emma kindly, "are you not taking that without leave?" "Nobody sees me," answered the little boy. "Somebody sees you from the blue sky," answered Emma. "God says that we must not take what does not belong to us without leave, and you will grieve him if you do so." "Shall I?" said he; "then I won't." He drew back his hand and went away. One way of doing good is to prevent others from doing wrong.—*The Dayspring.*

A ton of oil has been obtained from the tongue of one whale.