

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON:

1. This is a warning lesson. Most temperance lessons are. Sometimes warning lessons may be helpfully used, though for the most part, our teaching should be positive rather than negative.

There are few children who do not understand the meaning of bad company. Let us emphasize its danger to-day.

Preparatory to teaching this lesson, make one or two red flags with the word "danger" printed across them; also a white paper symbol of a wine-glass, and a Bible with the words "wine and strong drink" printed thereon; also cut out from wide cardboard two large letters N O—each letter about four inches square.

Perhaps we might begin by telling the story of the railway train, how that when there is any danger, the man at the station holds up a flag, like this.

2. Repeat the Golden Text, and hold up the red flag of danger from bad company.

3. There are two roads for us, one is the way good people walk, and the other is the way of all bad people. Our Golden Text calls these bad people sinners, and tells us to avoid them. There is danger in being with them. Therefore, we should avoid them and keep out of their company.

4. There is one enemy all boys and girls will have to meet, and that is the enemy of strong drink. Bad company will lead us along this way very quickly, and some day, if we are not watchful, we will be caught in Satan's net. Here is one of Satan's nets.

Hold the paper wine-glass in the hand.

Soon this will lead to strong drink, which makes men drunken, and ruins body and soul.

5. The follower of Jesus is always ready to say "No." Here hold up the large letters before referred to, and impress the teaching of the Golden Text, "When sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

VII. PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING AS APPLIED TO THIS LESSON:

1. REVIEW.

The only review we can make in this lesson that will be of benefit, will be that of some former temperance lesson, or something that may be known of Solomon's life or writings.

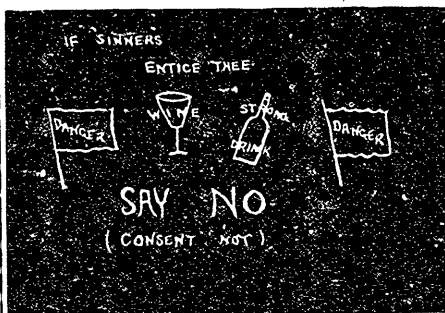
2. ADAPTATION.

The danger of bad company can be quite properly taught to children of the Primary Grade.

3. DEFINITENESS.

The one central definite thought is the danger of bad company and what it leads to.

4. CO-OPERATION.



Co-operation in temperance lessons is always hard to gain, but by the help of the blackboard, and the story of the railway train, etc., it will be possible to gain and keep the co-operation of the children in this lesson.

5. SYSTEM.

From the known danger of the railway train lead the child to the unknown danger of bad company and its attendants.

The Golden Text is the red flag of danger, hold it up.

6. ILLUSTRATION.

The stories of the railway train, and the pictures of the flag, wine-glass, and letters N-O, will deepen the impression, and help the memory.