

history, the power of evil in the world. The day is at hand. The day of triumph for the right and of conquest over the wrong. The signs of the times give good promise for every department of Christian and reformatory work. Missions are moving on, the temperance cause is winning victories, and the churches are increasing in number. For example, the increase of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1886 was over 10,000 members and probationers. **Cast off the works of darkness.** The deeds of sin, in harmony with the darkness in which men walk before they are converted. The armor of light. The character which becomes those who possess the spirit of their Master, the Light of the world, and who are called by him "the light of the world."

13. Let us walk honestly. Literally, as in the margin, "decently." Those whose deeds are seen and words are heard must lead honorable lives. It might be asked why the rumrunner should need curtains more than the grocer, and why the bar should be hid more than the dry goods counter. Not in rioting. Reveling and feasting, which often degenerate into beastliness

HOME READINGS.

- M. The Christian's duty. Rom. 13, 1-14.
 W. Freedom from appetite. Rom. 6, 12-23.
 W. The way of holiness. 1 Pet. 4, 1-11.
 Th. The danger of intemperance. Prov. 23, 1-25.
 F. The fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5, 16-26.
 S. Four total abstinences. Dan. 1, 3-16.
 S. A family of water drinkers. Jer. 35, 1-19.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness. Luke 21, 34.

LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 103, Dominion Hymnal.
 Am I a soldier of the cross,
 A follower of the Lamb?
 No. 240, Dominion Hymnal.
 There's a demon in the glass—Dash it down!
 With a chain of triple brass—Dash it down!
 No. 128, Dominion Hymnal.
 A charge to keep I have,
 A God to glorify.

TIME.—60 A. D.

PLACE.—The place from which this epistle is thought to have been written is Corinth.

RULER.—Nero, emperor of the Roman world.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

- 1. The Law of Love.**
 What is the meaning of the word temperance?
 How is temperance a part of the law of love?
 What does a man's duty to his neighbor demand of him in daily life?
 What do statistics show in regard to the crimes mentioned in ver. 9?
 Is it part of the fulfilling of the law to keep men from committing such crimes?
 What should the Church teach concerning self-indulgence of any kind?
 Does a man violate the principle of ver. 10 if he gratifies his own appetite without regard to his neighbor?
- 2. The Law of Life.**
 How should one live who desires to fulfill the law of love?
 Is there any proof in the times that the night of intemperance is far spent?
 What is the duty of those who live in the breaking day of the temperance reform?
 What is the armor of light in this work? ver. 14.
 What sins of the times does Paul recognize and exhort against? ver. 13.
 What should be the one aim of the Christian discipline? ver. 14.

Practical Teachings.

Temperance means self-restraint in all directions. A man has no right to do that which will harm his neighbor. Self-indulgence of any sort is a harm to my neighbor.

and sensuality. **Drunkenness.** There were drunkards in those lands, notwithstanding their light wines, which some allege will avert drunkenness. **Chambering.** Lewd and immoral acts, which often accompany intemperance, for strong drink excites the lustful appetites. **Wantonness.** It is scarcely possible (and not at all proper) to describe the indecency of morals permitted in the old Roman world. The pages of Tacitus and the frescoes of Pompeii give their dark testimony to the prevalence of the most abominable crimes. **Strife and envying.** Vices which are closely connected with intemperance.

14. Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. We have been exhorted to put on the armor; now we are bidden to put on Christ, who as an armor will protect us from these evils. We "put on Christ" by faith in him as our Saviour, and by supplication to him as our deliverer. **Make not provision for the flesh.** We are to care for our spiritual nature, but not to plan for sensual pleasure. Let our life be for the higher and not the lower part of our nature.

Drunkenness is not possible when one walks honestly.

Quarrels, riots, brawls, impurity of all kinds, are the attendants of drunkenness.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

- 1. The Law of Love.**
 How much ought we to get in debt?
 What duty do we owe to one another?
 What debt does love fully pay?
 What are the last five commandments of the law?
 What precept includes all these sayings?
 What harm does love do one's neighbor?
 From what employments, then, will love keep one?
 What commandment does every liquor-seller violate?
- 2. The Law of Life.**
 What is it high time for all to do?
 Why need we be wide awake?
 When the night is gone, what should we cast off?
 When day comes, what should we put on?
 Who furnishes this armor? Eph. 6, 13.
 How ought we to walk?
 How ought we not to walk?
 Which is the course of a tectotaler?
 Which is the wisest as well as the safest course?

Teachings of the Lesson.

- Where, in this lesson, are we taught—
 1. The duty of self-denial for the sake of others?
 2. The duty of earnestness in every good work?
 3. The duty of setting a good example to all?

Hints for Home Study.

Find where Jesus tells which is the greatest commandment.
 Find what two things sleep figuratively represents in the Scriptures.
 Find Paul's description of a Christian armor.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

- What must we give to every man? All that is due him of honor and respect.
 What must we always owe every one? The debt of love.
 How can we pay our debt of love to the drunkard?
 By refusing to touch the liquor that is hurting him.
 Why do we owe love to every body? Because Christ first loved us.
 What does he tell us? "Freely ye have received, freely give."
 What will we be able to do if we love one another? Keep the whole law.
 Why does love fulfill the law? Because it worketh no evil.
 From what must we awake? From the sleep of indifference to eternal things.
 For what reason? The day of Jesus and his salvation is come.
 What must we cast off? The works of sin.
 What must we put on? The Lord Jesus Christ.
 What is it to put on the Lord Jesus Christ? To try and be like him, good, patient, and loving.
 Who will help us? Jesus himself.