

- Only of these things be not ashamed,
And accept not persons unto sin :
- 2 Concerning the law of the Most High and
the statute ;
And of [justice], to administer punish-
ment to the guilty;
- 3 Of reckoning with a comrade and traveler:
And of divisions of an inheritance and
property:
- 4a And of the fine dust of scales and balance ,
5a And of testing(?) weights and measures.
4b Of goods between much and little ;
5c Of estimating the wares of the merchant;
- 6 Against an evil woman a seal,
And a place of weak hands a key !
- 7 In the place of deposit "tell" (thy money);
And let all depositing and withdrawing
be done with forms.
- 8 Of the correction of the simple and the
fool ;
Or of a grey-beard stumbling into harlots'
[ne]t[s].
So shalt thou have been admonished
indeed,
And a man well trained before all living.
- 9 A daughter is a treasure of concern to a
father,
And an[x]iety for her dr[iveth] away his
slumber] :
In her maidenhood, lest she fade ;
In her wife[ho]od, lest she be hated.
- 10 In her virginity, lest she be seduced;
And in the house of her husband is barren.
In the house of her father, lest she be
[pregnant].
And in the house of her husband [lest she
bear not].
- 11 [My son, ov]er a disso[l]ute [daughter,
strengthen the guard];
[Lest she make for thee] a name of evil
odour,
A byword of the city, and a taunting of
the people;
And put thee to shame [in the con]gre-
gation of the gate.