

we now do, will make our lives peaceful and our memories sweet. The flowers taken to the sick, the cup of cold water to the thirsty, The kind deeds and actions of our lives bring to us a peaceful death, and although we die the deeds live after us.

7. God gives us many good gifts, among others, peace while we live and peace when we die. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

LESSON XI.—September 11th, 1898.

SINFUL INDULGENCE. Amos 6: 1-8.

GOLDEN TEXT: "They also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way." Isa. 28: 7.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: God's good gifts.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: Guidance through life.

IV. REVIEW:

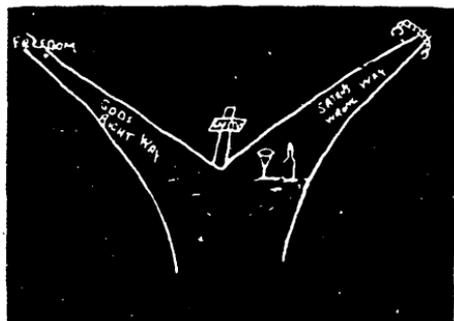
1. Name some of the good things Elisha did while living?
2. What happened when they buried a man in his tomb?
3. How do our good deeds live after us?
4. What was last Sunday's Golden Text?

V. SYNOPSIS: The prophet Amos, the writer of our lesson to-day, was a native of Tekoa, a place near Bethlehem. He was a herdsman and an unlettered man, who, like Elijah, must have lived close to God. He was a great evangelist of his time. He stood forth among the wicked and gainsaying people, and spoke without fear. "Prepare to meet your God, and woe to them that are at ease in Zion," are the striking words of his prophecy. His sermons, or his words of prophecy, or whatever you like to call them, are given to us in six chapters of his book, and are of great value to show us the sins into which the nations had fallen when he was the prophet. We can see that the sin of drink and debauchery was prevalent.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS:

To-day's lesson is essentially a temperance lesson. There is no harder truth to teach than that of self-control. For the children, we need to broaden the subject out, and teach not only self-control in wine and strong drink, important as these may be, but self-control in other ways. Many of our children are not tempted with wine and strong drink, as they need to be, and if this is so, we must adapt

this to their temptations. Therefore, while we teach this lesson, while these suggestions refer only to the intemperance in drinking, yet it is easy to refer again and again to that of gluttony, and anger, and such like. To keep in the path of right, so as not to lose our way, is the truth we want to teach the children to-day.



1. Have the Golden Text printed on the blackboard.

2. Tell the story of a boy who was asked to a party in the city and who tried to find his own way. He would have been all right if he had been more careful, and looked at the little signs like this, that are on the corners of the streets. As you tell the story, with the flat of the chalk make a mark upon the board similar to that in the cut, mark the word—Safety—on it. He did not pay sufficiently careful attention to the sign board, and made a mistake in the name, and so was lost.

3. Tell another story. Perhaps you can make this a personal experience, about how you were going along a country road, and when you came to a place where two roads branched, you thought you knew the way, and did not pay much attention to the signs,