

sting, and sooner or later he will bitterly rue it.

Go to your great jails, ask what fills them with prisoners; out of one thousand men and women in one of them, eight hundred and seventy-nine were there for crimes committed when they were in drink. Is that no serpent's sting?

Ask in our large pauper lunatic asylums what brings most madmen there; out of every hundred men in one of them eighty-seven were maddened by drink. Is that no devil's sting?

Deny yourselves, lest your example should encourage others to go into temptation. Turn away from any company which helps you in forming bad habits, in getting accustomed to the sight of sin.

And never, by word or jest, laugh at those of your companions who have put themselves in the devil's clutches.

How can a drunken man be an object of ridicule? God and His angels look on in grief and anger to see a man so defile himself; will you laugh at it?

Rather turn away and pray, remembering that "drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Let not the devil triumph by man's sin, but strive both to live a temperate, sober, life yourself, and do all in your power to help others to do so too.

"For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or, What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"—*Standard of the Cross.*

ONE hundred thousand Jews have become converts to Christianity since the year 1800.

COUNSEL FOR LENT.

Fly the tumult of the world as much as thou canst; for treating of worldly affairs is a great hindrance, although it be done with sincere intention.

Keep company with the humble and single-hearted, with the devout and virtuous; and confer with them of those things that may edify.

Esteem not thyself better than others, lest perhaps in the sight of God thou be accounted worse than they. If there be any good in thee, believe that there is much more in others, that so thou mayest preserve humility.

If thou wilt make any progress in godliness, keep thyself in the fear of God, and effect not too much liberty. Restrain all thy senses under discipline, and give not thyself over to foolish mirth.

Please not thyself in thy natural gifts or wit, lest thereby thou displease God, to whom appertaineth all the good whatever thou hast by nature.

We must be watchful, especially in the beginning of temptation; for the enemy is then more easily overcome, if he be not suffered to enter the door of our hearts, but be resisted at the very gate, on his first knocking.

Blessed is the memory of those who have kept themselves unspotted from the world! yet more blessed and more dear the memory of those who have kept themselves unspotted in the world.

The greater portion of the prayers offered should be intercessory, lest prayer itself should take the form of selfishness. Take care that your prayers be not that your own will may be done.