

ate it, but I dripped all the brandy out on the floor before I ate the chocolate."

So you see the need of warning even the little ones against forming a taste for strong drink. It is an evil that lurks in unsuspected places often, and in very attractive form, and the habit is easily formed, for in many children there is the hereditary taste undeveloped, which just such sips of brandy as are found in chocolates may develop into an appetite that will ruin the life of the child.

*A Warning*—Our Lesson is from a wonderful book in the Bible, called *The Proverbs* (show Bible). It is a book of wise words written and gathered by a king of Israel, who is called the wisest man that ever lived, Solomon. God gave Solomon his wisdom, because Solomon asked for wisdom above all else. Solomon has something to tell us about strong drink, wine. Let us listen to what he says. Read vs. 29-32. The teacher may explain the evils of drink simply from the health standpoint, as well as in other ways.

*A Child's Influence*—Little Jim had a dear, good mother, but sad to say his father was one who was fond of strong drink, and had all the woe and misery that Solomon tells us about in the Lesson. He spent all his money on drink, and his wife and little boy had a poor, miserable home. One day little Jim was playing in the street, and was run over

by a heavy wagon and badly crushed. A messenger ran to the father, telling him if he wished to see his boy alive, he must come at once. He was stupid with strong drink, but he got home and sat down beside Jim's cot. The little fellow took his hand, and said, "Oh, father, I can't die till you promise me you will give up your drinking and meet mother and me in heaven". "And", said said the father, "there, with his hand in mine, I promised never to touch the drink again, and promised to meet him in a better world; and ever since that time, I have felt the grip of that little hand pulling me higher and higher, and I know I can't help reaching heaven at last, with God's help."

You can all keep from tasting strong drink in any way, and you can perhaps help to pull some older person away from it. They may listen to a child's voice, when they will listen to nothing else.

*Repeat—*

O, what can little lips do  
To please the King of Heaven?  
The little lips can praise and pray,  
And gentle words of kindness say:  
Such grace to mine be given.

Hymn 532, Book of Praise

*Something to Think About*—Strong drink is dangerous.

# FROM THE PLATFORM

# DON'T DRINK

Print on the blackboard, in bold letters, DON'T DRINK. Get the scholars to give reasons why people should not drink. Reasons gathered from the *QUARTERLIES* will be fresh in their minds, and these may be supplemented from the *TEACHERS MONTHLY*, and from other sources. Ask how we may keep ourselves from drink. Perhaps some scholar will answer, "Take the pledge". That is a good way. Just as the uniform a soldier wears may keep him from many wrong things, for fear of disgracing his king and country, so, when we take the temperance pledge, fear of the dishonor of breaking our word will hold us back from drink. But do not be satisfied until the scholars see that the surest way to be safe from drink and all other evils, is to have our hearts so filled with love to Christ and good things, that there will be no room for the evil to come in.