

BROOKLYN TABERNAACLE BIBLE STUDIES

BE TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS.

Proverbs 23:29-35.—May 8.

"At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."—V. 32.

WHILE it cannot be said that the Bible commands total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, it can be said that everywhere from Genesis to Revelation it reprobates drunkenness and points us to its debauching effects as injurious both physically and spiritually. We think probably that the climatic conditions of the centers of civilization and the nerve tension of our day make the evils of intemperance specially grievous at this time. These facts would fully justify us as followers of Jesus and the Apostles should we go beyond them in urging absolute total abstinence as respects all alcoholic liquors. Special emergencies and conditions require to be specially met.

As, for instance, while Adam's children being nearly perfect could and did intermarry, nothing of the kind would be wise or in any sense justifiable now because the great depravity of our race through heredity has so pre-faced our natures along certain lines of our weaknesses that even for two cousins to marry is dangerous as respects the sanity of their posterity. In other words, circumstances alter cases. In the interim of nearly nineteen centuries undoubtedly great changes have taken place along certain lines and the wisest and noblest of humanity are practically agreed that in our day, at least, alcoholic beverages are extremely unwise, extremely injurious. They are dangerous for the strong of character, and awful, irresistible temptations to the weak, who should have the encouragement of the strong in the bearing of their burdens of hereditary weakness. The amount of crime and sin which directly and indirectly are traceable to the influence of alcohol should make all good people stand in awe of it and use their influence in opposition to it. In this we are not condemning all those who more or less participate in the stream of crime and sin produced by alcohol. Doubtless amongst those who manufacture and dispense these beverages there are, as well as amongst those who own stock in distilleries and breweries, persons of noble minds, who would rather do good than do evil. By some process of reasoning which we do not fully comprehend they throw the responsibility off their own shoulders upon the shoulders of their weaker brethren and sisters of the human family. Unquestionably money is at the bottom of the traffic. As the Apostle declares, "The love of money is the root of all evil."

In today's Study Solomon the Wise gives us the picture of the drunkard—redness of eyes; woe; sorrow; contentious; complaining. He advises, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red and giveth color to the cup and goeth down smoothly. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." It would appear that there is a charm or enticement connected with alcoholic stimulants which gradually wastes the strong and quickly enthralles the weak of will. The wise man associates the demoniacal power of liquor with its twin-sister, fleshly desire and general immorality, saying, "Thine eyes shall behold strange women and thy heart shall utter perverse things." He adds, "Thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea (like floating wreckage) and as he that lieth on top of the mast"—in imminent danger of destruction. He describes the condition of those who become beastly drunk. They are unconscious of injury and seem to have their chiefest pleasure in unconsciousness, so that, upon recovering from one debauch, their desire is to seek the stimulation again. Thus are the chains of slavery to a most degrading habit gradually forced and manhood gradually enslaved and earthly prospects, not to mention heavenly hopes, go glimmering.

It is written in the Scriptures, "No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of heaven"—no drunkard, therefore, can hope to be a member of the Body of Christ, the elect Church. Thank God, this no longer means to us his utter perdition, but it does signify great loss. We are never to forget, however, that, having once been a drunkard and having turned from that deplorable condition, the individual would be a drunkard no longer. Let us remember that only "overcomers" are promised a share in his Millennial Throne and Kingdom. He who loses the mastery of his flesh to the extent of being a drunkard is certainly not an overcomer and not at that time in line for joint-heirship with Christ. The President of the United States expressed the following sentiment: "To a man who is actively engaged in reasonable work, who must have at his command the best that is in him, at its best—to him I would, with all the emphasis that I possess, advise and urge, 'Leave drink alone—absolutely.' He who drinks is deliberately disqualifying himself for advancement. Personally I refuse to take such a risk. I do not drink."

When Mr. Taft expressed this he was Secretary of War and evidently did not disqualify himself for advancement by his total abstinence. General Frederick D. Grant, an outspoken total abstainer, said: "Drink is the greatest curse of Christendom, because practically all crime and all disaster are the result of it. Ninety-five per cent—I will make it no less—of desertion and acts of lawlessness in the Army is due to drink. Vice is simply drink in another form. Whoever heard of a saloon completely divorced from the 'White Slave Traffic,' or a house of infamy without a bar? You may tell the young men that General Grant does not drink a drop of liquor—has not for eighteen years—because he is afraid to drink it."

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REVEAL FEARFUL CONDITIONS.

Grand Jury Probing New York White Slave Traffic.

New York, May 2.—Six indictments, signed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as foreman of the special grand jury, that has been investigating the traffic in women, were made public today, giving the prices at which it is charged little girls were sold into lives of shame. The State will seek to prove that Belle Moore, a negro, accepted \$120 from George A. Miller, a government agent for Belle Woods and Alice Milton, little girls so young, that they wept when they were parted from their dolls.

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McMASTER REFUSES LICENSES.

Effort to Prevent Undersirable Investment Companies From Operating.

Columbia, May 3.—Determined to keep out of the State certain classes of investment companies, which have operated in North and South Carolina, to the detriment of the purchasers of the bonds, Insurance Commissioner McMaster has refused to issue licenses to several companies, and in the case of one concern a hearing will be held Saturday, to consider the question of whether or not a license should be granted.

The insurance commissioner says that the trouble with the class of companies referred to is that they cannot possibly fulfill their promises of early loans to investors.

One Atlanta company quit doing business in this State after having been called on for a statement under the new laws.

A Washington firm furnished a statement, but as in the case of a recent local concern, the expense account loomed up very large besides the loan funds.

In the case of a Birmingham company two of its agents are now out on bond, having been arrested in Charleston because the company was doing business it is stated without having complied with the law.

This class of loan companies have attracted considerable attention in this State and recent disclosures are waking the people up.

JURORS MUST SHOW CAUSE.

May Be Punished For Failure to Attend Inquest.

Columbia, May 3.—The novel circumstances of coroners' jurors being called upon to show cause why they should not be punished for failing to appear at an inquest came up here today.

Henry McPherson, William Reece and B. H. High were those who did not appear on time and the inquest was over the body of Henry Reeves, killed last night in the yards of the Seaboard.

Coroner Walker stated tonight that he had information that two of the men charged with not appearing in answer to his call for a jury, are below twenty years of age. This is hearsay, however, and he will investigate the matter further. The brakeman Reeves, who was killed at an early hour today, was under the engine packing the trucks and another engine, which was moving slowly, struck the engine Reeves was under, setting same in motion. The negro was instantly killed, his body being caught under the wheels and the truck.

Elder Bryan rises to protest against the appointment of Governor Hughes to the Supreme Bench. As protestant and objector the common law candidate of the Democratic party has never been more fully wrong, and that is saying a lot.—New York Evening Sun.

Japan servant girls consider 84 cents a month good wages. If the same scale prevailed in this country, the servant problem would be easily settled by raising them a dime when they got discontented.—Portland Express.

Old Joe Cannon must know he is slated for the ax, else he would not be so daring in his attacks upon insurgents, all and singular. No man fights like the man who sees his finish.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Wonder who ever prevailed upon poor Mr. Taft to put Ballinger and Wickersham in his Cabinet?—Philadelphia Ledger.

When a woman rushes over to a neighbor's early in the afternoon with a shawl over her shoulders, it means she has gone to get the neighbor to fasten up her dress up the back.—Athenian Globe.

When in the past were Republicans so retiring?—Charleston News and Courier.

Love is the life of the soul. It is the harmony of the universe.—Channing.

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GULLED MARION BOYS.

Secured Evidence Which Led to Conviction for Gambling.

Marion, May 3.—About half a dozen young white men of Marion and half as many negroes were greatly surprised last night, and this morning when warrants were served upon them, charging them with gambling in the pool rooms of the town. This morning they were all convicted in the mayor's court and fined.

About four weeks ago an elderly man arrived in Marion and soon made the acquaintance of the young fellows who frequented the pool rooms, even to the extent of often joining in the game with the young men. A very inoffensive old gentleman he appeared to be, but now the boys will in future beware of these apparently harmless individuals, for they have learned that this same "friend" of theirs was employed by the town authorities, and it was he who secured evidence against them.

It was on the strength of the evidence collected that the council at its last meeting passed an ordinance fixing the license for conducting pool rooms in Marion, at \$500 per table per annum, though it was not generally known until today just why these men were so intent on closing the pool rooms.

Winthrop College SCHOLARSHIP and ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 1, at 9 a. m. Applicants must be not less than fifteen years of age. When Scholarships are vacant after July 1 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for Scholarship examination blanks.

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