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THE WOES OF INTEMPERANCE.—Isaiah 5:11-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink.*—Isa. 5:11.

THE LORD'S VINEYARD. In the first part of the chapter the prophet compares the nation of Israel to a vineyard planted by God. He did everything possible for them, that they might bring forth the best fruits,—obedience, sincere worship, righteous living, the beauty of holiness, love, joy, peace, and all the fruits of the Spirit, intelligence, noble character, and missionary work among the nations. He hedged them round with laws and divine institutions, and defended them from all enemies. He planted in this vineyard the vines of his promises, his word, his commandments, institutions of religion, instruction in holy things. Every influence, every institution, the teachings of the prophets, the hymns of David, the worship at the sanctuary, all aided the people to produce and develop the virtues which the Lord sought from his vineyard.

But the expected fruit was not borne on these vines. He looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. These are described in the verses that follow. They are catalogued in a series of woes, fruits of all of them of love of money and love of wine. Love of wealth and love of pleasure, the instinct to gather and the instinct to squander, have sought precisely these two forms denounced by Isaiah in which to work their social havoc. On account of these sins the Israelites suffered untold woes. They were overwhelmed by enemies. They lost property, and the fruits of prosperity. They were carried away captive. And, worse than all, they failed in goodness, usefulness and peace.

Application to Us as a Nation. God has certainly given us a wonderful vineyard, marvellously fruitful and marvellously protected. Every advantage has been given us for bringing forth the fruits of righteousness, liberty and religion.

Application to the Individual. God has entrusted to each of us a blessed and fruitful vineyard. He has planted his new life in us. He gives us every means of grace. He opens wonderful opportunities before us, expects good fruit from such a vineyard.

Two chief dangers, both to our country and to ourselves, are the love of wealth, and the love of pleasure both of which are intimately connected with the overwhelming scourge of intemperance.

COVETOUSNESS leads to the selling of strong drink, to renting buildings for saloons and gambling dens. Nothing but the love of money could induce men to enter upon this degrading business.

THE TYRANNY OF STRONG DRINK.

—V. 11. *Woe unto them. Not a wish, but a warning; not vengeance, but a plain statement of fact. That rise up early in the morning. The first thing they think of, the first and most urgent business of the day is "More strong drink." They are already gone into captivity. That they may follow strong drink. They seek the tempter. That continue until night. Drinking is the chief business of the day. Till wine inflame them. It kindles every bad passion. He is no longer himself. It burns up body and soul.*

THE ANGELS OF SOCIAL LIFE ARE TRANSFORMED INTO DEMONS.—V. 12. *And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, tambourine or tumbler; pipe, flute. All the powers of music, and feasting, and social life are joined to enhance the power of strong drink.*

IT DEADENS THE MORAL NATURE.

—Vs. 12, 13. *They regard not the word of the Lord. Warnings are on every hand, but they will not notice them. Strong drink is an opiate to the conscience, and blinds the eyes to the law of God. My people are gone into captivity. The northern kingdom was carried captive by the Assyrians while Isaiah was preaching to Judah. For lack of knowledge, which they might have possessed. They were fully ignorant.*

IT RUINS HIGH AND LOW.—Vs. 13, 15. *Not only are the common multitude dried up with thirst, but their honorable men are famished. It brings all to tempo al and spiritual poverty and famine. The mean man shall be brought down far lower than he otherwise would be, and the mighty man, rejoicing in the pride of his strength, shall be humbled. Like death, intemperance loves a shining mark. With such examples as we have before us in history and literature, it is idle for any man to pretend to feel insulted by a suggestion of the possibility of his becoming a slave to drink. Neither education nor intellect necessarily places any man above the peril of excess.*

INTEMPERANCE BRINGS GREAT NUMBERS TO DESTRUCTION.—Vs.

14, 16, 17. *Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, because so many more perish through intemperance, who would have otherwise continued to live many years. And opened her mouth, like some monster ravenous to destroy. And their glory, etc. Every good is ruined by intemperance.*

Expert Testimony. It is the continual testimony of physicians that intemperance shortens the life and injures the health. Alcohol, said Sir Andrew Clark, is a poison, so is strychnine, so is opium; it ranks with all these agents. He said that for at least twenty-five years he had been physician to one of our greatest hospitals, and had to inquire into the habits and health of about ten thousand people a year, and, as a result of his studies, he held that health is a state which cannot be benefited by alcohol in any degree. Nay, it is a state which, in nine times out of ten, is injured by alcohol; it can bear it sometimes without obvious injury, but be benefited by it never. Alcohol, even in small doses, will take the bloom off, and injure the perfection and loveliness of health, both mental and moral. If there is any honest man who really wants to get at the truth, I would risk all I possess upon the back of the statement that as certainly as he tries the experiment for a month or six weeks, so certainly will he come to the conclusion that, however pleasant alcohol is for the moment, it is not a helper of work. There is a great deal of injury done to health by the habitual use of wine and alcohol in its various shapes, says Sir William Gull, even in so-called moderate quantities. It leads to the degeneration of tissues, it spoils the health, and it spoils the intellect. When our judges tell us from the bench that nine tenths of pauperism and crime are caused by drink, and our physicians that if only irregular tipping were abolished half the current sickness of the land would cease, and our statesmen that the ravages of strong drink are equal to those of the historical scourges of war, famine and pestilence combined, surely to swallow such a glut of spoil the appetite of hell must have been still more enlarged, and the mouth of hell made yet wider. Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, rather in their pasture. The waste places of the fat ones, where the few sheep in wide pastures grow fat. Shall strangers, foreigners.

IT LEADS TO DEFIANCE OF GOD.—Vs. 18, 19. *That draw iniquity with the cords of vanity, such as deceptive excuses. With a cart rope. So strong is their desire for forbidden things that only the strength of a cart rope can express it. Some suppose the meaning to be that the sinner is, as it were, harnessed to the punishment which he is dragging after him. Let him (God) make speed. Let God come to punish us if he will; who fears? Expressing utter unbelief in God's threats. They do not believe that the evil threatened will ever come. They are the fools described in Proverbs 1:24, 25.*

IT DISTORTS THE PERCEPTION OF RIGHT AND WRONG.—V. 20. *Call evil good. They advocate the cause of strong as promoting temperance and liberty. People will sell liquor and let their buildings for saloons, and yet not seem conscious of sin.*

IT LEADS TO SELF-CONCEIT.—V. 21. *Wise in their own eyes. Wine makes people self-confident. The drunkard is often the last person to know how much he is under the power of liquor. He thinks he is safe when all his friends know that he is on the brink of a precipice.*

IT LEADS TO EXCESS.—V. 22. *Mighty to drink wine. The habit grows by indulgence. They can do great things in drinking. But the cup is mightier than they.*

IT LEADS TO THE PERVERSION OF JUSTICE.—V. 23. *Which justify the wicked for reward. Who for the sake of votes, or money, or influence, give wrong judgments in court, help the wicked to escape justice, make bad laws. Take away the righteousness, etc. Deprive men of their just rights for the sake of bribes.*

W. C. T. Union.

OUR MOTTO.—If God be for us who can be against us.

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The meeting of the W. C. T. U., held on Wednesday, in the Baptist church, was very largely attended. As before announced the Evangelists addressed the audience on the subject of Temperance. Mr. Crossley

chose as the basis of his discourse, Ps. 51:14. "Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O my God." He made a fervent appeal to all Christians, to in no way countenance either directly or indirectly the traffic in intoxicants, and to vote against the action or those who would license the accursed stuff. He appealed especially to women not to taste it themselves nor offer it to young men, and gave some incidents from life, showing the awful consequences of so doing.

Mr. Hunter in several fitting and pointed remarks admonished all not to be discouraged, that victory would assuredly crown their efforts, and gave it as his belief that before the new century is ushered in, the banner of prohibition will wave over this fair Dominion and that in the near future that old serpent, the devil, which he thought is alcohol, spoken of in the 20th chapter of Revelation, would be chained and not go out to deceive the nations any more.

Mr. Crossley sang "Don't go near the bar-room brother." At the close every one was invited to put on the white ribbon. Several ladies responded and a few gentlemen became honorary members. We hope that the inspiration of the hour will have the effect of increasing activity on the part of all who are pledged to do all in their power to speedily bring in the blessed reign of truth and righteousness.

The Power of Example.

At a large boarding-house in the South, a guest was asked at dinner if she would have some plum-pudding with wine sauce. I will have some of the plum-pudding, but none of the wine sauce, was her reply. Her friends laughed at her, and insisted that she should take some, but she replied, I decline upon principle; I take no alcohol in any form.

The conversation turned to other topics, but after dinner a young man whom she had noticed sitting opposite her at dinner, approached her, and, requesting a word with her, said: I want to tell you how much good you did me to-day by your prompt and decided rejection of the wine-pudding sauce. I had been deliberating what I would do, being strongly tempted by the smell of it, which reached me. I think I should have yielded to my desire and the solicitation of my friends, who called my resolutions a whim, if I had not heard your refusal. That gave me the courage to resist the temptation. I have an inherited appetite for liquor, but by the grace of God I have been enabled to control it; but if I had got a taste of wine to-day, I feel confident I should have fallen again.

It was a very light thing for that woman to put aside an indulgence which cost her no sacrifice whatever. But by so doing she gave strength and courage to one whose feet had well-nigh slipped. We need to look at these things, not merely in the light of personal desires or personal experience, but with reference to the condition and dangers of others around us. We know not what eyes are watching us; we know not who may be benefitted or injured by our actions. Our decision, which may be but a passing, transient choice, may forge the fetter which shall bind some other soul in bonds never to be broken. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak (Rom. xiv. 21). We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves (Rom. xv. 1).—Sel.

"Set the trumpet to thy lips, O watcher. Who heard the voice divine, Blow one clear strain to rouse the souls that slumber. This is an evil time.

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