

SECULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERLY.

Temperance Lesson.

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ALCOHOL.

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One of the worst enemies that mankind has is a perverted appetite, for it generally attacks us when we are young and ignorant of the laws of health and when we have become old enough to recognize the enemy, it has fastened itself upon us in such a way as to rob us of the very strength necessary to overcome it. One of the very worst things young people can do is to get tied to the habit of strong drinks and it is such an easy thing to do and the fact that many are making a living by selling it has caused many of our brightest boys and girls to lead poor, worthless, unhappy lives. The only sure way to remain free and help others to become happy, useful citizens is to refrain from its use entirely. If we are total abstainers we will not only be safe ourselves but we can teach others by example as well as by precept and thus be doing good secular work.

Robert G. Ingersoll, our great advocate of liberty, shows in the following words that he truly despises this monster that robs us of our reason:

"I believe that alcohol, to a certain degree, demoralizes those who make it, those who sell it, and those who drink it. I believe from the time it issues from the coiled and poisonous worm of the distillery until it empties into the hell of crime, death, and dishonor, it demoralizes everybody that touches it. I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without becoming prejudiced against this liquid crime. All you have to do is to think of the wrecks upon either bank of this stream of death—of the suicides, of the insanity, of the poverty, of the ignorance, of the distress, of the little children tugging at the faded dresses of weeping and despairing wives, asking for bread; of the men of genius it has wrecked; of the millions who have struggled with imaginary serpents produced by this devilish thing. And when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the prisons, and of the scaffolds upon either bank—I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against the damned stuff called alcohol.

Questions on the Lesson.

FOR INTERMEDIATE AND ADULT GROUPS.

1. Name some of the enemies of mankind.
2. What is meant by perverted appetite?
3. Name some of the strong drinks which rob people of their reason.
4. Why do people drink alcohol?
5. What is the only sure way to remain free from this slavery?
6. Should every Secularist be a total abstainer?
7. Who, according to Mr. Ingersoll, are demoralized by alcohol?
8. What kind of a stream does he call it?
9. Name the wrecks along the banks of this stream.
10. Is alcohol a food?

Gem of Thought.

Only the wise can be brave, just, or temperate.
Vice of every kind is ignorance.—Socrates.

THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE.

Intemperate Lessons.

"Deut. 14:26: 'And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth; and thou shalt eat there before the Lord thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thine household.'

"Deut. 15:14: 'Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy wine-press of that wherewith the Lord thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.'

"Judges 9:13: 'And the vine said unto them, should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?'

"Second Sam. 6:19: 'And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.'

"Psalm 104:15: 'And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.'

"Eccl. 9:7: 'Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.'

"Song of Sol. 5:1: 'I have drunk my wine with my milk; eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.'

"Isa. 55:1: 'Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price.'

"Jer. 48:33: 'And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab, and I have caused wine to fail from the wine presses.' (Great punishment.)

"Dan. 1:5: 'And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank, so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.'

"Amos 9:14: 'And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them.'

"Matt. 11:19: 'The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a man gluttonous, and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.'

"Luke 7:33-4-5: 'For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and ye say, He hath a devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking, and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! But wisdom is justified of all her children.'

"1 Tim. 5:23: 'Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine often infirmities.'

"Rocky" Thought.

"Prov. 31:6,7: 'Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink and forget his poverty and remember his misery no more.'

Lectures and Lecturers.

Miss Kate DePeatt of Ashland Oregon, delivered her first secular lecture at Liberal Hall Sunday evening and was greeted by a splendid audience who appreciated the splendid lecture. Her subject was: "A Glance Behind the Curtain" and she handled it quite well for one of her age and experience. Miss DePeatt is the right kind of a woman in the right place and will prove a great help in the cause of Secularism. We predict for her a useful career.

At the close of the lecture she made a plea for the organization and read an application for membership, inviting those who wished to join to come forward and sign their names. A good response was made to this and six persons applied for membership. This practically demonstrates the success of our ethical basis, for people realize that when they join a Secular organization, they are taking a step toward the betterment of themselves and humanity.

Franklin Steiner of Iowa will

start for the Pacific coast in June, and will remain a few months with us delivering lectures in different parts of the state. We invite Secularists to give him a good reception and let him feel that Secularism on the Pacific coast amounts to something. He is to give a series of lectures in Silverton.

B. F. Underwood will be with us this summer and we earnestly request Secularists to arrange for lectures. He will work for the cause in Washington, Oregon and California, and for the Liberal University. He has already done us valuable service and let us show him that we appreciate it. His terms will be reasonable so that all may have an opportunity of hearing him. Address him at 2653 Evanston Ave., Chicago.

Little Points.

Secularists are not fighting the good that is in the orthodox churches but the great, monster evil that is in them.

Instead of feeling the presence of

a holy ghost we should drink more of the milk of human kindness.

Instead of worshiping a god we should serve humanity.

Will a christian give you his "cloak also" if you ask for his coat? Try it.

The love of money is an evil but not the root of all evil. Ignorance could more properly be called the root of all evil.

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UNIVERSITY NOTES.

School closed Friday with a hearty Rah! Rah! Rah! Zip, Rah, Boom! Liberal University, give us Room!

The Y. P. S. S. C. also adjourned Friday evening to meet again the first Friday of next term. Captain Allen's soldiers scored 158 points, capturing the works by 68. The consequence is that she and her brave soldiers will be royally entertained at the Liberal hall on the evening of June 4. Fall in!

Hurrah! At last we have the

deed to the University land! The work has really begun! And now let every one do all he can to help on the building of the only Liberal University in the world. We must have help!

Elvin Ames made the University another donation this week. This time it is two fine books for the library.

Next Saturday is the day that the sealed bids for the University lumber will be opened. The first bill calls for 110,000 feet.

Help the TORCH to shed its light!

We expect men and teams to begin excavating for the basement next Monday.

University Fund.

Previously Acknowledged.....	\$653 00
F. J. Beaty, Chemawa, Ore.....	50 00
J. J. Johnson, Victoria, B. C.....	2 00
H. B. Purdin, Fossil, Ore.....	2 50
Citizens of Silverton and vicinity,	1077 00
Total.....	\$1784 50

Boom the TORCH OF REASON!