

BY REV. JOHN W. GOOD.

Some 3,000 years ago the man of wisdom asked this question: "Who hath wine?"

The first of these calamities is woe. Woe presupposes certain conditions or courses of action, which have fixed results.

The first man touched by the drink habit is the drinker himself. Drink makes of the drinker a fool and a physical wreck.

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If it were possible for a man to have anything, drink would prevent him from doing it.

These woes of drink are far-reaching. They first touch the drinker; but they do not stop with him.

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lationship of dogs. Liqueur makes of its companion, as a friend, treacherous; as an associate, loathsome; as a partner, dangerous; in society, contemptible; as a brother, a source of sorrow; as a husband, brutal; as a father, an impossible object of filial affection.

When we turn from the responsibility of companionship to that of support, we see other avenues that lead to ruin.

The God of Heaven has said that they who neglect those depending upon them are worse than they that reject the Highest One Himself.

The next feature of the picture before us is sorrow. Sorrow is sadness, or even remorse, arising from a sense of something lost.

With this lost money has gone the power for good which that money might have been to the drinker and his family.

But the greatest source of sorrow is yet to be named. The torrent of the glass sweeps from the hands of time the good name even of the great noble.

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strength, character and hope. Their sun of promise has been blotted from the sky. Night has overtaken them while it is yet noon.

The drunkard quarrels with the powers of righteousness. He is set against the powers that would arrest his downward course of ruin.

The drunkard quarrels with the powers of retributive justice. He complains that this is a hard world. Drunkenness and gluttony have brought him to poverty; and he complains that the world has used him ill.

The drunkard quarrels with the world around him. His habit makes for contentment and trouble. Look at our law courts and be convinced.

The drunkard quarrels with himself. As long as there is a spark of manhood left to him, in the drunkard's better moments, that manhood will rise in rebellion and quarrel with the liquor demon enthroned in his bosom.

Again the Divine Artist touches the picture, and there appears more appalling. Grog abroad into the world and ask this question: "Who hath babbling?"

Who's eyes behold strange things? Whose senses of fitness are so far gone that he will make his bed in the midst of the sea?

The God of Heaven looks with pitying eye upon the downward course of drink. None but he can know how bitter are the draughts of the drunkard's cup.

One last feature adds to the horror of the picture, and there remains only the summa up all that can be put on the canvas; yet remains for the Divine Artist to finish the picture.

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of drink's victim with the glare of hell. Some men live disgraceful lives and their sins are never known to the world; but liquor marks its victims every time.

In conclusion, let me ask two questions. Who is it that sits at this fearful picture? There is no answer.

The answer is two-fold. At least two parties are responsible. The drinker himself is responsible. Since the days of old this picture has been the red light to warn against these disastrous results that lurk in the glass.

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