

they had been so stubborn in refusing to obey God speaking through His prophets.

They had often been told how willingly God would give them a life of rest and happiness, if they would only keep His commands, but they paid no heed ; so now they would be punished on every hand, "here a little and there a little," until their proud spirits were brought low, and they should acknowledge God's power and greatness.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did God send to reprove His people ? 2. What was the name of one of these prophets ? 3. What dreadful doom had come upon the kingdom of Israel ? 4. Which kingdom had God spared ? 5. Who did God say would be punished in Judah ? 6. Who were among those who loved strong drink ? 7. Why did God command them to give up this evil ? 8. What did they say, when they heard God's message ? 9. How would God now teach them ? 10. Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

During a war, not long ago, a regiment of soldiers was ordered to set fire to a certain village. Among the other buildings stood a saloon, and some of the men, who were fond of wine, thought they would first carry away as much of it as they could. So they concealed it amongst their things, and at night brought it out and handed it round.

But one of the more sensible said, "See here, the enemy is around us everywhere, and if they should spring a surprise on us, you wouldn't be very well prepared to fight after

drinking that stuff." But the others only laughed at his good advice. And that very night the enemy did come, and the soldiers were so stupified from the wine they had drunk, that they could not obey their officers' commands, and fighting blindly and senselessly, they were all killed or made prisoners.

Lesson Hymn

Father of mercies, in Thy Word
What endless glory shines !
Forever be Thy name adored
For these celestial lines.

O may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight ;
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light. Amen.
—Hymn 118, Book of Praise

**I Have Learned To-day That
STRONG DRINK MAKES SLAVES**

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—20. What does God do for you ? God cares for me, and gives me all the good things of life.
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 48-50.

The Question on Missions

12. What is our church's duty to Korea ?
"Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious ;
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way ;
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious ;
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay."

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Wine is a mocker

Copy the text written above, and make up your mind that you will not use wine or strong drink when you grow to be men and women. It always does harm.