

or stain could cling." This little plant is a picture of what God wants us to be. We should watch our ways, that no naughty habits may cling to us and soil the purity of our lives. We must be pure white blossoms in God's world garden. Jesus is the "enamel" that will keep us pure.

Lesson—Our lesson is about two young men, sons of Aaron, who did not "keep themselves unspotted," but let disobedience soil their lives and were punished by God. Print NADAB and ABIHU. Show the altar of incense. (The symbol of prayer.) Ex. 30:34-38 tells how the right sort of incense was to be made. Ex. 30:9 forbids offering any other sort. Ex. 30:38 tells of the punishment of so doing. These young men burned other incense than that ordered by God. We are not told why they did this, but we think from the warnings God gave Aaron in v. 9 that perhaps these young priests had been drinking wine, which took away their senses and made them careless and disobedient to God. Repeat, "Do not drink wine or strong drink."

Punishment—God punishes wrongdoing. Fire like lightning struck these young men and killed them, as a punishment to themselves and a warning to others. Verse 6 teaches us that we must accept punishment and not show grief or anger at God's deal-

ings with us, lest it seem like finding fault with Him.

Influence of Companions—Verse 7 teaches us that God's servants must be different from other people. The priests were not to associate with others, but to keep themselves pure and holy.

Bad Apples and Bad Companions—"If you have thirty apples, twenty-nine good and one bad, and shut them up together for some weeks, and then open the box, what do you see? Thirty rotten apples, most likely! The one bad one had touched the others and made them all like itself."

Children and Tree Frogs—"Children are like little tree frogs," said some one. What could he mean? I could see no resemblance between children and tree frogs. The gentleman explained that tree frogs are said to become the color of the bark of whatever kind of tree they are on, and he said, "Little boys and girls are like them in one way; they partake of the habits of the children with whom they associate." See that your ways and words will help others to be good. For some one is likely to do what he sees you doing.

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Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

DO NOT

"To cure thyself of drinking," said an old Quaker, in his quaint "plain language," "is as easy as to open thy fingers." "How so?" it was asked. "When thee takes up the glass to drink, open thy fingers," was the reply, "and it will never reach thy lips." The whole secret of not getting into the tangle of drink, or of getting out of it, when once in, is in the two little words, of five letters in all, that God spoke to the Israelites that sad day—"DO NOT." Urge upon the scholars to say in their hearts, "I WILL NOT"; to say it over their names in a pledge against intoxicants; to say it as did Daniel (Dan. 1:8) when the temptation actually comes. It is easy for the weakest to say it now, and to hold to it, before the evil habit is formed; but the habit once formed, the strongest is like Samson in the lap of Delilah—huge, but helpless.