

Woe also to yourselves who are of the tribe of Judah, for even among your people, who have always been the first to serve God, some have gone astray through bad company and strong drink.

"But," said the prophet, "at the same time God will not forget the few even in Ephraim who have kept themselves pure in spite of the evil and sin around them. He will bless them and fight for them and protect them, just as surely as He will punish their foolish and drunken companions."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Into what great sin besides idol-wor-

ship did the Israelites fall? 2. What tribe had sinned most through strong drink? 3. What kind of country had the Ephraimites? 4. How did they spend their time? 5. Who besides the common people behaved wickedly and shamelessly? 6. Who was the Lord's prophet at this time? 7. What kind of man was Isaiah? 8. What terrible punishment did he say God would send upon the drunkards of Israel? 9. What became of their homes? 10. What kind of people were the Assyrians? 11. How did God promise to treat those who were faithful? 12. What is the Golden Text?

### THE STORY OF TWO BOYS

Roy Phillips and Horace Strong were standing one evening at the Phillips' gate.

"I must go in now, Horace," said Roy.

"Oh nonsense!" said Horace, "Come along down street and see the other fellows. It's a fine night and we can have some fun."

"No, thanks, I prefer to go inside," said Roy, going in to do his lessons for to-morrow, after which he played for a while with his little brother and went quietly to bed.

Horace Strong ran down to the corner where several boys were loitering about. Cigarettes were produced and those who did not smoke were laughed at. An unkind trick was played upon a poor widow near by, and after some idle talk the boys went home at a late hour.

This was not Horace's first evening out, nor his last. Gradually he lost interest in his home and school and thought he would learn a trade. But because he was not in earnest he soon lost his place. He drifted from one thing to another until the last heard of him was that he was arrested in a western town for drunkenness.

Roy Phillips, on the other hand, worked when he worked and played when he played. After leaving school he too learned a trade and because he had formed no idle or indulgent habits, he soon became a skilled workman and to-day is a junior partner in his firm and respected by all who know him.

Which of these boys had really the better time?

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

## Strong Drink is Dangerous

**Primary Catechism—125.** What did Jesus tell His disciples about His coming again? Jesus told His disciples that He would come again, to judge the world.

**Shorter Catechism—51.** What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

### Lesson Hymn

There's a wicked spirit  
Watching round you still,  
And he tries to tempt you  
To all harm and ill.

Christ is your own Master,  
He is good and true,  
And His little children,  
Must be holy too.

Amen.

—Hymn 529, Book of Praise