

diers prepared themselves to march against Samaria. And while they were doing this, the Lord sent a prophet to Ahab to tell him not to fear the Syrians, but go out bravely against them. So at noon they started out.

And the Syrian army, whose leaders had been drinking so much that they hardly knew what they were doing, was soon overcome by the men of Israel, who had the Lord as their Helper. So the Israelites drove their enemies out of the country, and Ben-hadad himself had to flee away on a horse with some of his soldiers. So God gave His people the victory.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What king came to fight Israel in the days of Ahab?
2. What messages did Ben-hadad send Ahab?
3. Whose advice did Ahab ask?
4. What did these say?
5. What other message did Ben-hadad send?
6. What was Ahab's reply?
7. What was Ben-hadad doing in his tent?
8. What orders did he give?
9. Who sent a message to Ahab?
10. What was the message?
11. What did Ben-hadad command when the Israelites came out of the city?
12. Who won the battle?
13. Why?
14. What did the Israelites do to their enemies?
15. What became of Ben-hadad?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Dick was snuggled up comfortably on Aunt Kate's knee, looking at her book, *Well Known Paintings*. "Oh, here's a good one", he cried. It was a picture of a rough-looking man behind prison bars, and on the

street in front, stood a beautiful little boy gazing curiously at the prisoner. "What did the man do, and why is the boy looking at him?" questioned Dick wonderingly.

"You would hardly believe it, but the boy and the man are the same person." "Oh, Aunt Kate, you're joking!" "No, this little boy was just as you see him,—bright, happy, beautiful; but as he grew up he fell into bad company, and gradually grew into habits of drinking and gambling until at last he was thrown into prison."

Lesson Hymn

We are little children,
Weak and apt to stray;
Saviour, guide and keep us
In the heavenly way. Amen.
—Hymn 528, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD HATE STRONG DRINK

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 21-29.

The Question on Missions

12. What is the great "immigration problem" of our church? To obtain men to preach the gospel to the new settlers scattered over the Western prairies. Hundreds of additional missionaries will be needed yearly, if these are all to be reached. The work is seriously hampered by lack of suitable men.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy these words of the great apostle Paul, and remember that they were written for you.

Be not drunk with wine