

the incense (see Exposition). It must be burned with fire which God had kindled: no other fire would do. Israel must be true to God's orders in their worship.

Lesson—God chose the priests from one tribe, the tribe of Levi, and of these, Aaron and his sons were the first chosen. Aaron was to be dressed in splendid robes and wear a golden plate on his forehead, on which was engraved "HOLINESS TO THE LORD". God is holy, and all who serve Him must be pure and holy too. But alas! two of the sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, who had charge of the burning of the incense, disobeyed God's orders and used some other fire to burn the incense, and God was angry with them and caused fire to flash out from the cloud over the Tabernacle which burned them, so that they died.

A Cause of Unholiness—Then God said to Aaron: "DO NOT DRINK WINE NOR STRONG DRINK". It is likely that Nadab and Abihu had been drinking wine, and were deceived by it, and perhaps did not know nor think nor care where they got the fire, and so they

DISOBEYED }
DISHONORED } GOD

and were punished for doing so.

Golden Text—Print and repeat Golden Text.

Purity—Show a glass of pure water. We call it pure because it has no bad things in it. We speak of a pure mind. We mean one that thinks no bad thoughts. A pure body is one that does no bad things and takes no bad things within its door. Wine and strong drink lead people away from being holy and pure, and cause them to do wrong things. (Sing Hymn 529, Book of Praise.) Say, all together, "We will not taste strong drink".

Show a twig. How easily we can bend it! But here is an older branch. How hard it is to bend! The young people bend more easily toward the right than older, more hardened people.

A Promise—Here is a good promise for every little boy and girl to make:

"God help me evermore to keep

This promise that I make,

I will not buy nor sell nor touch

Nor any strong drink take."

Prayer—The last two verses of Hymn 551, Book of Praise.

Something to Think About—God wants me to be pure.

God gave the children of Israel
WARNING AGAINST
WINE

God gives us
A PATTERN PERFECTLY PURE } JESUS

FROM THE PLATFORM

Drink no wine . . lest_____.

Write on the blackboard, Drink no wine . . lest_____. Get the scholars to complete the sentence. Question in some such way as follows: Whose words are these? To whom were they spoken? What sad event happened immediately before? What had Nadab and Abihu done? What had led to their sin? Then ask the scholars what happens to people who drink wine and strong drink now? Many of them actually die from disease or accident resulting from drink. Others lose their money, their homes, their health, their positions, their friends, etc. It will be easy to bring out all this by questions. Put this case before the school: If one were set to empty a trough into which water was running from a tap, what would be the thing to do first? Some one will answer, "Shut off the tap". The scholars will be quick to see the point, that shutting off the use of drink is the only sure way to escape the evils it brings. Have the Golden Text repeated in concert.