## Sunday School.

LESSON XI.-SEPT. 10, 1911.

Danie! and His Companions.-Tem perance Lesson.-Dan. 1: 8-20.

Commentary. I. Daniel's purpose and request (vs. 8-13). 8. Daniel. It has been believed by sofe that Daniel was a relative of King Zedekiah, but the evidence is not positive. It is certain that be belonged to a noble faffly in Judah. He was in Babylon during the entire period of the seventy years aptivity and lived some time after that. He died at the age of eighty-five years or more. Purposed in his heart. Literally, "Laid it on his heart." Unterneath his purpose was a strong destre to keep a clear conscience in spite of his heathen surroundings. Would not defile himself with. the king's meat, nor ... wine. Daniel had been meat, nor ... wine. Daniel had been instructed in the law of God. The law of Moses forbade the eating of certain kinds of animals, and prescribed the manner of killing the animals which were to be eaten. The children of Ismel were not to set the blood. mel were not to eat the blood. It was sustomary for heathen people to offer their food and drink to their idols by pouring out portions on the grund. Thus the Jew might defile himself: 1. By sating animals that were unclean. 2. by eating the flesh of beasts that had been strangled. 3. By partaking of that which had been offered in sacrifice to idole. "The king's dainties" (R. V.) would also be likely to weaken the phy-sica; and mental vigor of the Jewish youths. Daniel's temperance principles would not admit of his drinking wine. The prince of the eunuchs. This was Ashpenaz (vs. 3). "Eunuchs were, and still are, common in Oriental courts; ometimes attain to great influence with the monarch, and were treated by him as confidential servants."—Driver.

9. Into favor and tender love. The rewised version, "To find kindness and compassion." is more exact. Ashpenaz became a favorite to Daniel as soon as the the preceding verse. Daniel had a moble and amiable disposition, which won the admiration and love of Ashpenaz. Besides this the Lord was dithe cumuchs to the end that the future kind of food and drink which they de-prophet might have a standing at the sired. prophet might have a standing at the sourt of Babylon. 10. I fear my lord the king. Ashpenaz has received his ed (vs. 17-20), 17. God gave them know-orders and it would endanger his life to ledge, etc.—The source of their success and did not hesitate to exercise that power (Dan. 2:5, 12) at the slightest provocation. This servant was respons-

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the three companions of Daniel were also in the request for a simple diet. Children—It is probable that the youths

unuche to be in personal charge of Daniel and his companions."—Cam. Bible. 12. Prove thy servants. Daniel and his companions had confidence in the course they desired to take. They believed that if they honored God in The great men of Babylon were keeping his law he would honor them and given them prosperity. Ten days. Farrar calls this "a sort of mystic Persian week." It was long enough to give an idea as to the effects of the diet. Pulse. The word means leguminous food, such as beans and peas, but ous food, such as beans and peas, but is used here in a wided sense to include vegetable foods in general. Water to drink. The wisdom, as well as piety, of the Hebrew young men was shown in their purpose to asbtain entirely from the use of strong drink. 13. As thou seest, deal with thy servants. Temperance never fears tests; it is intemperance and the liquor dealers who foster ance, and the liquor dealers who foster it, that are afraid to be investigated.— Peloubet.

II. The request granted (vs. 14-16). 14. He consented—"Hearkened."—R. V. "A courteous request obtained favor where a peremptory demand might have been refused." The steward may have been the more ready to grant the request, since the test was for only ten and if the Hebrew youths did not thrive during that time, there remained nearly three years of training, during which any slight disadvantage could be overcome. 15. Appeared fairer, and they were motes temperance; temperance, health; health, a good complexion. Peace with God brings peace of conscience, serenity of mind and sweetness of temper; and these are the certain means of bringing sweetness of countenance.—Robinson. It is an evident fact that those who give themselves over to the pleasures of the flesh bear the signs of dissipation upon their countenances. The Hebrew youths were obeying their consciences and had a firm trust in God, therefore they thrived upon the healthful diet which made the request mentioned in the preceding verse. Daniel had a moble and amiable disposition, which won the admiration and love of Ashpenaz. Besides this the Lord was discreting the course of Daniel and was the moving upon the heart of the prince of the

III. Daniel and his companions favordiaobey them. Oriental monarchs were disopots, had the power of life and death plainly recognized in the whole transaction. The wisdom of the Chaldean priests, except in so far as it cognizance of the actual facts of as-

Chaldeans were the most proficient. Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams—Visions were revelations to the prophets when awake, and dreams when asleep. God thus made one of the despised covenant people eclipse the Chaldean sages in the very science on which they most prided themselves. So Joseph in the Court of Pharaoh Gien. 40. 5; 41. 1-8). J. F. & B. God gave Daniel this skill in the interpretation of dreams as a preparation for the great work that lay before him. were about sixteen years of age.

11. Melzar. "The steward."—R. V. This is not a proper name, but "the term evidently denotes some subordinate official, appointed by the chief of the cunuchs to be in personal charges of the chaldean sages in the very science on which they most residue. know something of Jehovah, the Goo of Israel. 18. At the end of the days-At the end of three years (v. 5).

Brought them in—Not only Daniel,
Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, but all the youths mentioned in verses 3 and 4.

19. The King communed with them— Nebuchadnezzar talked with the young men with a view to ascertaining the progress they had made during their three years' training, and their fitness for the positions in which he desired their service. He found the four total abstainers superior to the others at every point. Before the king—As his personal atten-dants. 20 in all matters of wisdom. ten times better The king found further, upon putting to them difficult ques-tions, that in a knowledge of the tech-nicalities of their science the four Jewish youthe excelled even the wise men of Babylon themselves.—Driver. The "ten times better" means great! means greatly superior, the number denoting completeness, as seven is considered a perfect number.

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

Topic—True purpose.

1. Gave character to Daniel's career. 1. Gave character to Daniel's career.

II. Influenced others to obey God.

I. Gave character to Daniel's career.

The opening chapter of the book of Daniel contains the key and clue to all that follows, for it reveals to us the character of its author. Captive as he was, Daniel had a loyal soul. He was as free in spirit in Babyson as he was in Jerusalem. He and his three friends were involuntary exiles from their na-tive land. It was like the proud spirit Nebuchadnezzer to surround himself with the splendor of talent that would reflect additional glory on himself and his throne. He wished to avail himself of the best talent from the kingdom he had conquered. He chose the best material and then proceeded, as he hoped to subject it to the habits and discipline which would naturalize it in its new country. The nation's most splen-did characters appeared in its darkest hours. The king of Babylon proposed to turn their superiority to account. His plan aimed at alienation with the young men. At the outset there arose a religious difficulty. Perhaps the low state of religion in his own country had serv ed to increase in Daniel the sense of re-sponsibility for an absolutely true course in his life in Babylon. The morprovocation. This servant was responsible to the king for the physical condition and intellectual advancement of the Jewish youths. Worse liking "Worse looking." -R. V. in worse condition. The wisdom of this world by the hidden looking." -R. V. in worse condition. The wisdom of God.—Keil. In all the branch the wisdom of God.—Keil. In all the branch es of learning known at that time the

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faith, forgotten his own country, and become a Babylonian idolater. He there fore gave himself wholly to a certain definite purpose which he deliberately formed. While Daniel had formed this formed. While Daniel had formed this settled purpose in his heart, he adopted the most prudent measures to acco plish the object he had in view. God stood by Daniel and gave him favor with the eunuch. Though a youth, Danwith the cunuch. Though a youth, Daniel took a stand for temperance and righteousness against temptations and inducements which many times have shaken the purpose of strong men. Temperance in youth secured him against remorse in old age. He thus brought to himself divine held in character-making.

ng. II. Influenced others to obey God. Daniel's courage was influential and victorious. Moderation meant mastery. Daniel's consistent, goodly, upright life proved a great power with those who were over him and with his compan-ions. His faithfulness as a true witness for God gave inspiration to others. He was true to a godly education, not only in external virtues of religion, but in its very essence and power. His good example represented more fully the nature of virtue than any plea or description of it could have done. Daniel and his three companions made a sayred his three companions made a suppreme regard for the will of God their rule of conduct even in the externals of religion. The result of their faithfulness to God was their promotion in the palace and in the favor of the king. Their knowledge and skill, their learning and wisdom are directly traced to the hand of the Giver of all good. He blessed their simple diet to their physical good and also quickened their physical good and also quickened their intellects. Their Hebrew names were a witness not only to their nationality, but to their religion, and so these were changed to suit King Nebuchadnezzar; changed to suit King Nebuchadnezzar; yet their hearts remained unchanged to yet their hearts remained unchanged to-ward the King of Kings. It was a test-ing time for four young men full of possibilities, with great opportunities presented, to maintain their standards of right. Their lives wer: a practical demonstration of the blessings and henofits of temperature and since and benefits of temperance and piety, and an example of the success of prudence, temperance and a steady regard for religion.-T. R. A.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

Piety. "Daniel purposed in his heart" 81. Faith is of the heart (Psa evxii. (v. 8). Faith is of the heart (Psa evxii. 7; Prov. iii. 5). Piety is of the heart (Prov. xxiii. 7; Psa, exix. 32). As a sound heart is the life of the flesh (Prov. xiv. 30), so a true heart is the life of the Spirit (Prov. iv. 23). Piety is the foundation of all Christian graces. Positiveness. "Daniel... would not" (v. 8). He was as immovable as the granite hills around his old heare in Jernaalem. His will was inexorable.

Jerusalem. His will was inexorable, his determination, was decided, his pur-pose was inflexible. Signing a pledge pose was inflexione. Signing a prengo and joining a temperance society have been condemned because of their in-adequacy. This is a mistake. The pur-pose, "I will not drink," is a long step toward trusting Christ to keep one rom drink. To put the will on the side of temperance is a good thing. The greatest general of modern times was great in his ability to say "No:" Tray elling in India, General Grant was sur-rounded by social customs, to disregard which required as strong a will and as firm a purpose as this of Daniel's. At Burma the reception committee fur-rished large heat nished large baskets of champagne and liquors, subject to Grant's orders. To highors, subject to Grant's orders. To the disappointment and disgust of the common. \$5 to \$5.25; butcher cows, the disappointment and disgust of the common. \$5 to \$5.25; butcher cows, the disappointment and disgust of the common. \$5 to \$5.25; butcher cows, the disappointment and disgust of the common. \$5 to \$5.25; butcher cows, the common \$5.20; common \$5.20; do., butcher cows, the common \$5.20; do., butcher \$5.20; do., butcher \$6.20; do., butcher cows, the common \$5.20; do., but senal decision. White in in-Mexico his enthusiastic admirers in-""" Bishop vited him to a "wine dinner." Bishop Barrs was present, who said that General Grant turned his glasses upside

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

Montreal. There has been a little nore activity in export live stock during the past few days owing to the improv ed demand from both American and ex-porters for ocean freight space, and fully 50 per cent, of the supply to London for September has been engaged at 25s 6d per head, which is an advance of 2s 6d over the August figure. The demand for Liverpool space is quiet so far only one boat has been engaged at 25s, and some Glasgow has been let at 30s. At the the Canadian Pacific live stook market the offerings this morning xere 1,050 cattle, 800 sheep and lambs, 1,700 hogs and 400 calves. Although the supply of cattle was somewhat larger than usual for the middle of the week remirements, yet a firm feeling prevailed in the market, and prices showed no change owing to the fact that the de-mand from butchers was much better mand from butchers was much better than expected, consequently a fairly active trade was done at the close. Choice steers sold at 6½,c. good at 5½ to 6c, fairly good at 5½ to 5½,c, fair at 43½ to 5½,c, and common at 4½ to 4½c per pound. Cows brought from 4 to 5½c, and buils from 3 to 4½c per pound. There was no change in the conditions of the market for small meats, prices being steady wader a good demand and smaller prices. Lambs sold at 6c, and being steady under a good demand and smaller, prices. Lambs sold at 6c, and sheep at 354 to 4c per pound. Calves were scarce, especially choice stock, for which there was a good enquiry, and sales of the best on the market were made at \$8 to \$10 each, and the commoner ones went at from \$3 to \$7 each. The supply of hogs was ample to fill all requirements, and the tone of the market was easier, with sales of selected lots at \$7.50, and mixed ad heavy ed lots at \$7.50, and mixed ad heavy at \$6.50 to \$7.25 per cwt., weighed

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Do., inferior 20		22
riggs, dozen 25		30
(hickens, 1b 17		20
kowl, lb		00
Ducks. 1b 15	10	18
Turkeys, 1b		20
Apples - ph	3	75
Potatoes, bush 1 10	1	20
Beef, hindquarters 11 00	12	50
Do., forequarters 6 50	7	30
Do., choice, carcase 9 00	19	73
Do., medium, carcase 7 75	8	50
Mutton, prime 8 00	10	00
Veal, prime 10 00	12	(34)
Lamb 12 00	13	00
THE FRUIT MARKET.		
The receiputs of fruit to-day	W	ere
fairly large, and prices generally		
Apples, bbl \$ 3 00		

Apples, bbl \$ 3
Peaches, com., basket ...
Do., Crawfords
Pears, bkt.
Oranges, Valencias 4
Lemons, case 4
Bananas, bunch 1
Ptums, bkt.
Tomatoes, bkt.
Caulifower, dozen

Cardiflower, dozen
Cabbage, crate
Cantatoupes, Can, bkt.
Cucumbers, bkt. Potatoes; bag ... Watermelous ... Lawton berries Grapes, 6 qut. .

SUGAR MARKET. Do., Redpath's..... 

ging this morning in everything except choice butcher cattle, common and poor quality being in very poor demand. Hogs are unchanged. Receipts are 60 ears, comprising 800 cattle, 1,900 sheep, 800 hogs and 175 calves. Latest quo-

Export cattle, choice, \$6.10 to \$6.45: do., medium, \$5.75 to \$6; do., bulls, \$4.75 to \$5.40; butcher cattle, choice, \$5.75 to \$6.15; do., medium, \$5.50 to \$5.70; do.

llogs Fed and watered, \$8; do., f.o.b., 7.70 to \$7.75. \$7.70 to \$7.75.

er in the west and lower option prices vearlings, \$4 to \$5.10; lambs, native, \$4 influenced a fractional decline in wheat to \$6.70; western \$4.75 to \$6.80.

and oats this morning. Latest quota-Ontario wheat—No. 2 winter wheat, 3c to 84c outside; new wheat 82c to

Manitoba wheat-No. 1 Northern, \$1.05 3-4; No 3 Northern, \$1,03 1-2. Oats - Canada western, No. 2, 43 1-4; No. 3 Canada western, 42 1-2, at lake ports; Ontario, No. 2 white, 39c to 40c outside and 42c to 43c on track at To

Corn-American No. 2 yellow, 67 1-2c, c. i. f. Midland.

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Peus.—No. 2, 87c to 88c.
Pye.—No. 2, 70c to 72c. outside.
Barley.—65c to 67c outside for malting and 55c to 57c for feed. Buck wheat - 50c to 52c outside.

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OTHER MARKETS

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK. East Buffalo.-Cattle-Receipts. slow and steady. Veals-Receipts, 50; active and steady; \$5.50 to \$9.50. Hogs
---Receipts, 1,600; fairly active at 5 to 10c lower; heavy and mixed, \$7.70 to \$7.90; Yorkers, \$7.75 to \$7.95; pigs, \$7.50; roughs, \$6.65 to \$6.85; stags, \$5 to \$6; dairies, \$7.40 to \$7.85. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 1.600; active and steady; lambs, 4 to \$7; yearlings, \$4.50 to \$5; wethers, \$4 to \$4.25; ewes, \$3.25

to \$3.75; sheep, mixed, \$1.50 to \$3.85. NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET. New York.—Beeves—Receipts, 2,256 and. Steers, steady to a shade higher. Bulls and cows, slow to 15c lower. Steers, \$4.25 to \$7.75; bulls, \$3 to \$4.85;

cows, \$1.25 to \$4.75.

Calves--Receipts, 2.318 head; veals, strong; other calves, firm to 15c higher. Veals, \$7 to \$10; culls, \$5 to \$6; grassers and buttermilks, \$4.25 to \$5.25; southsern and western calves, \$4.50 to

Sheep and lambs-Receipts, 6,314 head. Sheep, steady; good and prime lambs, fi:m; others steady. Sheep, \$2 to \$3.75; culls, \$1 to \$1.50; lambs, \$4.75 to \$7.25; Hogs-Receipts, 3.988 head; market.

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CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.
Chirago despatch: Cattle—Receipts at 22,000; market steady to 10c lower;

Sheep Heavy ewes, \$2.50 to \$3.25; \$6.80 to \$7.60; roughs \$6.85 to \$7.10; do., light, \$3.50 to \$4; lambs, \$6 to good to choice heavy \$7.10 to \$7.60; \$6.55; bucks and culls, \$3 to \$3.25. pigs, \$5 to \$7.60; bulk of sales \$7.10 to

Sheep-Receipts estimated at 40,000; GRAIN MARKET.

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