

now they were in a heathen country where the people all worshiped idols.

These Jewish boys had never drunk wine nor strong drink. "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." This is our Golden Text. So he asked the prince who had charge of the king's household to please allow the four Jewish boys to eat the food which they had always used. "The king will be angry," he said, "when he sees that you do not look as fat and as fair as the other boys. He will blame me and will cause me to be put to death."

Then Daniel spoke to the steward who had charge of them. "Just let us try for ten days on pulse (something like our beans and peas) to eat and water to drink, and then judge between us and those who eat the food and wine from the king's table," Daniel said. At last the steward consented, and at the end of ten days, these four boys were fairer and fatter than all the others who had been fed from the king's table. So the steward took away the dainties and the wine that the others drank and gave the four boys pulse to eat and water to drink.

God gave these boys great knowledge and skill in all wisdom, and Daniel was able to tell the meaning of dreams and visions.

At the end of three years, all the boys were brought before the king. He talked with them all, but none of them could compare with the four Jewish boys. They were wiser and better looking than all the rest, so they were chosen to high positions in the kingdom. The king soon found that they were wiser than all his wise men and able to answer all his questions.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What boys do we learn about in the lesson? 2. Where were they living? 3. Where had they come from? 4. What did the king do with them? 5. What kind of food and drink did they get? 6. Why did they not like it? 7. What did the king change? 8. What had they been taught in their old home? 9. What did the people of Babylon worship? 10. What did Daniel ask? 11. What did the prince say? 12. What did the steward allow them to do?

13. How did they look after ten days? 14. What did they eat after that? 15. How did God help them? 16. How did the king treat them? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Standing by a purpose true.

Heeding God's command,

Honor them, the faithful few!

All hail to Daniel's band! Amen.

—Hymn 533, Book of Praise

The Catechism

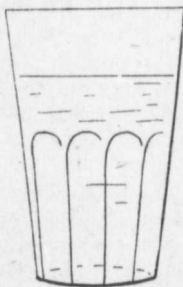
PRIMARY CATECHISM—45. How did Jesus die for us? Jesus was nailed on the cross by wicked men.

The Question on Missions

11. Tell about the beginning of hospital work at Wakaw. Dr. Arthur, our first missionary doctor at Wakaw, used to take sick people into his house, and Mrs. Arthur nursed them. When the scholars of West Church, Toronto, Sunday School heard of this, they gave money to build a small hospital, which was named the Anna Turnbull Hospital after the wife of their minister who had died.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Strong drink keeps people from being strong and well and happy. We should



never use it, but be satisfied with the pure, clear water which God has given to us. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD NEVER USE STRONG DRINK