

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 13.

SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1894.

3rd QUARTER.

Daniel's Abstinence. Dan. 1: 8-20.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." Dan. 1: 8.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 8, 9. CHILDREN'S HYMNAL 121, 117, 114, 122.

PROVE THAT—Intemperance excludes from Heaven. 1 Cor. 6: 10.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 95. To whom is baptism to be administered?

DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Dan. 1: 8-20	Dan. 1: 1-7	Jer. 35: 1-10	Jer. 35: 12-19	1 Thess. 5: 14-23	Rom. 14: 13-21	1 Cor. 10: 16-23

To the Teacher.—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—Daniel was a Hebrew youth of noble lineage, who had been selected with others to be trained for service about the person of the king of Babylon. In thus entering the royal service his foot was placed on the first rung of the ladder of political advancement. All the rewards of ambition were placed within his grasp. He had every inducement to conform to the customs of the court and king. By flattery and cleverness he could have risen as others were rising. But he believed it was better to be right than to be prime minister. He started out with the determination to refuse to do what conscience forbade. No life can fall that begins in this way.

Daniel. He would be about 14 years of age at this time (B. C. 605-3) and died about B. C. 536. So he lived to be at least 85 years old. He was carried away captive by Nebuchadnezzar and saw the exiles under Zerubbabel set out on their return. Give some of the incidents of his eventful life.

LESSON PLAN. I. Temperance Purposed. vs. 8-10. II. Temperance Tested. vs. 11-16. III. Temperance Rewarded. vs. 17-20.

I. TEMPERANCE PURPOSED. 8. Daniel purposed in his heart—This does not mean that he made a secret resolve, but that it was a heart-purpose a firm and fixed resolution. He was a boy that could say "No," and stick to it when laughed at. **Defile himself**—Did you every think what an expressive word this is? The king's "meat" was not dirty, but doing wrong ~~soiled~~ the heart, and water won't wash it clean again. What alone can? (Ps. 51: 2, 7; 1 John 1: 7; Rev. 1: 5). It would have been wrong for Daniel to eat this food because (1) some kinds of meat used by the king were forbidden in the law (Lev. 11: 33); (2) it was customary for the heathen to offer a part to the gods before bringing it to the table and this was regarded

as consecrating all to the idols (Deut. 32: 37, 38), to eat would have been to deny their religion, (1 Cor. 8: 7, 10; 10: 27, 28). Compare Ezek. 4: 13; Hos. 9: 3; and (3) luxurious living enervates the body, dulls the mind and stimulates the passions. **(Requested—He is not ashamed to confess his religious scruples to a heathen, but he does it in a kind and winning way. If he had been refused, he would still have done his duty, but as gently as on another occasion afterwards (Dan. 6: 10). B. Favor and compassion (R. V.)—God did the same thing for Joseph (Gen. 39: 21; see 1 Kings 3: 50; Prov. 21: 1), but he will not bring anyone into favor who is rude, selfish, badmannered, deceitful or disobliging. 10. The eunuch was acting under orders and**

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