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Chapter 10: Oliver Twist
(Questions and Answers)

A. Answer these questions.

1. What did the members of the board decide about Oliver's future?

Ans. The members of the board had come to a decision regarding Oliver the very day he had arrived, that would exercise the most material influence over all his future fortunes.

2. Describe the scene at the dining room.

Ans. The workhouse hall in which the boys were fed was a large stone hall. A copper pot was kept at one end of the hall. The master, dressed in an apron, was assisted by one or two women while ladling the gruel at mealtimes.

3. What decision did the boys take? Why?

Ans. The boys held a council and took the decision that one boy would walk up to the master and ask for more gruel. They did this as they got voracious and wild with hunger. They had only one porringer each. Oliver and his companions suffered the tortures of slow starvation.

4. Why were the board members shocked when they were informed about the incident?

Ans. The board members were shocked because Oliver went against the rules and asked for more gruel.

5. What action did they decide to take against Oliver?

Ans. Oliver was ordered into instant confinement and a bill was pasted on the outside of the gate which offered five pounds to anybody who would take Oliver Twist off the hands of the parish.

B. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. *Oho! We must be the fellows to set it right! We'll stop it all in no time.*

a. Who said these words and what had they discovered?

Ans. One of the board members said these words. They discovered that the poor people liked the tavern as there it was all play and no work.

b. What did they decide to stop and why?

Ans. They decided to stop the happy life of the people residing in that tavern.

2. *The bowls never wanted washing.*

a. Why did the bowls not require washing?

Ans. The bowls never required washing as the boys polished them with their spoons till they shone again.

b. What does this tell you about the condition of the boys living there?

Ans. This tells us that the boys were kept on a diet that was not sufficient for them and they had to face the tortures of starvation. These boys lived in a pitiful condition.