

adequate from a worldly point of view. Defenceless men and women in the heart of heathen countries hope to overthrow the false faith of centuries and bring whole races out into the sunlight of Christianity and civilization. Sunday school workers hope to elevate the moral destiny of educated and progressive nations. Youthful Endeavorers undertake to stay bribery and political corruption. Yet all these agencies, and many more like them, can go forward in the same quiet confidence as possessed David. "The battle is the Lord's and he will give it into our hands."

ADDED POINTS.

1. We know not each morning what may be in store for us, of duty and danger, before the day closes.

2. It is right to be indignant at the defiant attitude of the upholders of wickedness.

3. We should set to work to defeat them, no matter how formidable the task appears.

4. Faithfulness in humble duties is the best preparation for doing great deeds.

5. The Christian cannot fight with the world's weapons. He will be defeated if he tries.

6. We should consecrate our best talents to God's service.

7. Our courage should be sustained in God's help.

8. The weapons of evil are often the instruments of its destruction.

TEST QUESTIONS.

What malady afflicted Saul? Was this supernatural? How did he find relief? What evidence that David had already distinguished himself by his bravery? Of what brave acts does he himself afterwards make mention? If he had performed exploits previously in battle is it likely he would not have mentioned them, or that they would not have been referred to? What rank was conferred upon David? How do you reconcile this with Saul's apparent ignorance of David after his battle with Goliath? Who was the Philistine champion? Describe his weapon and armor? What were the terms of his challenge? What brought David to the camp? What enquiries of his aroused the scorn of his brother? How did he reply? What brave words did he speak to Saul? What induced Saul to entrust such a grave issue to the hands of such a youth? Shew what soldierly qualities David manifested in the whole affair.

THE BLACKBOARD.

Five stones of character by which David overcame:

MEEKNESS

WISDOM

FAITH

HUMILITY

COURAGE.

"More than conquerors through him that loved us."

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David and Jonathan. 1 SAM. 20: 32-42.

(Commit to memory verses 41 and 42).

GOLDEN TEXT: "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Prov. 18: 24.

PROVE THAT—A greater than David calls us friends. John 15: 14.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Review Quests. 33-35.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 155, 144, 39, 40.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* David and Jonathan. 1 Sam. 20: 32-42. *Tuesday.* The friendship began. 1 Sam. 18: 1-5. *Wednesday.* Jonathan's care for David. 1 Sam. 19: 1-7. *Thursday.* David in danger. 1 Sam. 20: 1-10. *Friday.* The covenant. 1 Sam. 20: 11-23. *Saturday.* Saul's anger against David. 1 Sam. 20: 24-31. *Sabbath.* David's lament for Jonathan. 2 Sam. 1: 17-27. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).