

qualities that follow :

- O bedience
- B ravery
- E ndurance
- D etermination
- I nterest
- E nergy
- N obility
- C ourtesy
- E agerness

*Lesson Thought*—We should “endure hardness” (Golden Text) for Jesus’ sake.

*A Good Soldier*—Mrs. Ewing’s beautiful “Story of a Short Life” tells of a little boy whose great desire was to be a soldier. He meets with an accident that prevents him from ever again walking. He is very unhappy, for he did so much want to become a soldier. An old soldier friend tells him that he may still be a soldier *by having the qualities of a soldier* and bearing the pain and disappointment bravely. Paul wrote our Golden Text to Timothy, a young man who had joined Jesus’ army after hearing Paul preach at Lystra (See ch. 16 : 1, 2).

*Lesson*—Print “PAULSTONED.” Recall the stoning of Stephen, Acts 7. Describe Paul and Barnabas driven from Iconium

(Map), coming to Lystra, healing the lame man. Then tell how the foolish priests and people thought that Paul and Barnabas were gods come down out of heaven, and made preparations to worship them. How shocked Paul and Barnabas were! Their only wish was to tell the people to turn away from their false gods and worship the only living and true god, who made all things and has power over all things.

*Paul Stoned*—vs. 19-22. Mischief-makers came along. (What mischief even foolish people can stir up.) The fickle crowd turn upon Paul, stone him, drag him through the streets, and leave him, dead, as they thought, outside the city gate.

*Good Soldiers*—What made Paul a good soldier? Love for Jesus, his Captain. And he wanted to enlist everybody in Jesus’ army. We can be soldiers, too. It requires a hard fight every day to be good and self-denying and patient, and we need all the qualities of a soldier. That is what “enduring” means. Let us stand again and repeat our Golden Text, and let us “clench our fists” when we say “endure hardness,” so that we shall remember that we have to fight our selfishness to be good soldiers.

#### BLACKBOARD REVIEW

By The Editor

**F**ight **CHRIST** **T**hy might  
**a**int not **T**hy all in all

Good marching music gives new strength to weary feet and new courage to sinking hearts, and so Hymns 250, 252, 256, 260, 263 from the Book of Praise have been chosen as the Lesson Hymns. No. 262 might have been added, and No. 251, from which the “Blackboard” is taken. With the Golden Text as a starting point, the superintendent can point out how large a part of a soldier’s outfit are courage and endurance, and how necessary these qualities to the Christian who will “fight the good fight of faith” and “lay hold on eternal life.” (1 Tim. 6 : 12.) The blackboard will then explain itself. “Fight and Faint not”; for CHRIST, the Omnipotent, is “Thy Might” now, “Thy All in All” both now and forever : so

“Fight the good fight with all thy might  
 Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
 Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
 Thy fight and crown eternally.

Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near,  
 He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
 Only believe, and thou shalt see  
 That Christ is all in all to thee.