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to greater advantage, than Paul. He spoke like an experienced warrior when he said to the Ephesians: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high Wherefore take unto you the places. whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked [one], and take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." The Lord had taught his hands to war and his fingers to fight, and he knew, therefore, how to advise and encourage his comrades in the

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