

jumping bravely up and obeying orders. And some morning when everything goes wrong, and your hair is all tangles, and your shoe-strings get into hard knots, and you have something for break ast that you don't like at all, you may never think that you have a chance for very brave fighting by just calling on your Captain for help, and being pleasant and patient in spite of all.

"And when you have hard lessons to learn that you don't feel very much interested in, and can't really see the use of, you may not think that if you try to shirk them, instead of faithfully doing your best, you have lost a chance for a good fight.

"And when you are tempted to break a rule of school, or play some funny trick, or take a mean advantage in a game, or cheat a little in play, or neglect work that you ought to do, or say a teasing thing to make some one else angry, or say an unkind thing, or repeat an evil story, or tell an untruth—you may not think it, but these are all battles to be fought and won in the name of Jesus, and He is just as ready to help us win them as He was to help Paul or Stephen.

Hugh and Alice and Jenny looked very thoughtful, but the twins began to wiggle about, and Lonny, who sat next the end, had been silly dangling a string over the old cat's head for some time. So Aunt Ruth closed her sermon, and dismissed the congregation; but Alice leaned upon her shoulder to whisper.

"Auntie, if a girl tried not to be so careless about tearing her clothes, and leaving things out of place, would that be fighting?"

"Certainly it would," said auntie. "And would Jesus help us about such things as that?"

"Indeed He will, my darling." "Then I know one way for me to fight," said Alice kissing her auntie. —*The Scholar's Magazine.*

"SUSYS SIX TEACHERS."

"Susy, you were a very good girl at church, this morning." "How could I be naughty mamma?"

"O in a great many ways. One child could disturb fifty people."

"What could it do?" "It could keep getting up and down on its seat. It could keep asking if service was almost done. It could turn over the leaves of a hymn book and rattle them. It could gape, and yawn, and fidget. Or it might turn round and look right into other peoples' faces in a rude way."

Susy had seen children do all these things. Mr. Ought whispered that he had done some of them herself.

"Mamma," said she, "it is hard to sit still."

"I know it is, and that is one reason why it is good to go to church. You know you must sit still, and try to learn to do it. And it is well to learn to do hard things."

"What for do little children go to church?" asked Susy. "They don't know what the minister says."

"No, I know they don't understand much. But there are a good many reasons why they should go to church, even then. I cannot explain them all to such a little girl as you are. But one reason is this: If they always go when they are children, they will be always likely to go when grown up. Besides, nobody goes just to hear what the minister says. We go to worship God. Even little Susy can please and honor him by just sitting still in the house, and making no noise. And some of the blessings he has for the grown people he showers down on the little ones who are brought there to get it."

Susy smiled.

"I'll sit still, and may be he'll shower some on me," said she.

"You needn't say maybe," said Faith. "You may say, he certainly will." —*Mrs. Prentiss.*

EVERYBODY is troubled with persons whom they do not and cannot like. What shall we do about them? A suggestive new book says: "It is a temptation strongest in the strongest characters. In one sense all men are to be loved equally, but there must be preferences—our Lord's love for John, Martha, Mary and Lazarus are instances of this. We are certainly not required to love the faults of others, but are forbidden to judge others, and to consider our own. 'When in company with a person you dislike, or when something brings him back to your mind, make an effort secretly to think of the esteem which God has for him and the account which he makes of him.'"

WHITE ANTS.

"Now, just look here at what these vile creatures have done!" exclaimed Mat, bursting into the room in which his father, brother and sister were seated at breakfast. The boy's face was flushed with anger, as he held out to view a bundle of copy books and some papers that seemed ready to fall to pieces. "All my journals, my letters, the essay from which I hoped for a prize, those hateful white ants have been making a feast on them all!"

"You should have kept them in tin," observed Amy.

"What nonsense you talk!" cried the angry boy, "as if I could look up in tin the very essay which I was writing, or the very copy-books which I use every day! My papers lay on a shelf which the lazy bearer never dusts, and all up the wall this morning I saw the horrid brown marks which showed where the little brutes had tunelled their way up to the place. 'It is always so,' added Mat, flinging down the papers on the floor and himself on a chair, 'everything goes wrong, unless one is perpetually spying about to see what mischief is brewing. India is a horrible country, with its cockroaches, flies, mosquitoes and scorpions, and white ants—the worst of them all!' Down came Mat's clenched fist on the table with a violence that set plates and saucers jingling.

"Take things more easily," said Bill, Mat's younger brother, whose eyes were fixed on his plate of bread and butter, "do the best you can and don't fuss."

Weshall never take the comforts of religion till we become thoroughly religious and follow God with all our hearts. A half religion must always be a joyless thing. It hath just so much sin as renders religion unpleasant, and just so much religion as renders sin bitter.—*Rev. Robert Walker.*

MARRIED.

SNARE SQUIRES.—At the Church of St. John, Cornwallis, N.S., on Wednesday Feb. 12th inst, by the pastor, Rev. F. J. H. Axford, Charles Havelock Snare, to Leah, eldest daughter of Richard Arch Squires, of Broad Cove, St. John's Nfld.

CRAWFORD MILNER.—On Feb. 10th, at St. John's, by Rev. D. C. Moore, Jas. Adw. Crawford to Mary Miller.

DIED.

RINES.—Died at Sea, on the voyage from Calcutta to New York, on board ship "Esther Roy," of Asiatic cholera, Henry George, only son of 1 anter and Marlon Rines, of Maitland, in the 22nd year of his age. 41-2

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