

sons are battling for home and father land. To men fighting against these "principalities and powers" that marshall under the leadership of Satan the assurance of victory may be given at the very outset. To fight the good right is to gain the crown of righteousness. To enlist in this warfare is to claim for one's self the promise "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me on my throne." Clothed with the proper armour, and going forth in the name of Christ we shall escape defeat, we shall come out "more than conquerors," only thus however. Man's weapons, methods, and leadership we must eschew. "My kingdom is not of this world," said Christ. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual." And as such they are mighty for defence, and to the "pulling down of strongholds." There is an alternating method in the practice of nations in building up their naval armament. They clothe a vessel with armor that seems impenetrable, and then prepare a gun the force of whose projectile no plate of steel can resist.

The texture of the Christian's defensive armour is such that no weapon formed against the warrior clad can prosper; and such the type

and material of his own weapons that he easily makes of every enemy his prey.

The secret of victory is faith in Christ. "Fight the good fight of faith." The first epistle of John shows how the world is vanquished. "Who is he that overcometh the world but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" That to the Ephesians shows that by the shield of faith one may quench all the fiery darts of Satan. Inquire how the tendencies of our nature to evil are to be resisted and Paul answers? "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live I live BY FAITH on the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." We are justified by faith. We live by faith. We wage war by faith. We triumph through faith. Would we but remember that as we received Christ Jesus the Lord so should we walk in Him, fewer would be the disappointments and reverses in life.

Suppose we stand alone before our antagonists the contest is unequal. Already in man's fallen estate, and in many a fall in the life of the individual is there evidence of Satan's power. We are not alone. As with the Hebrew children in the furnace,