

with sin, better fight with weapons which we have proved to be effective—the blessed Word of God, prayer, a steadfast trust in God.

Which is "the better man"? On a slate or pad of paper, or the back of a card or envelope, make a list of the "points" of each of the two contestants. The scholars will be keen to help out in this. V. 45 carries the key to the situation. Ps. 118 : 6 ; 121 : 1 ; 144 : 1 ; Isa. 26 : 4 ; 2 Cor. 12 : 9 ; Phil. 4 : 13 ; are passages to be turned up. God,

and one man, are always a majority.

How the deed was done. Young David, dauntless because He trusted in God ; a single smooth stone slung in the steadiness of assured faith in God ; that is the story. A sure recipe for victory, 2 Cor. 2 : 14.

David finds a friend. Ch. 18 : 1-4 gives the first instalment of a most interesting story.

New duties well done, v. 5. The shepherd-boy prince is making good headway in his training for kingship.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



Have the scholars follow the route of the Philistine army from their own country up to the scene of the encounter between David and Goliath. Entering the Valley of Elah, the most southerly of the valleys cutting through the Shephelah or foothills of Palestine, and proceeding along its winding course up from the Philistine plain into the heart of Judah, the distance of an hour's ride, they would reach the point of meeting with two other valleys, one turning south to Hebron and the other northwest to Bethlehem. At the meeting place of the three valleys is a level plain, a quarter of a mile broad, cut by two streams which unite lower down. Here the famous battle between the two champions took place. The armies of Israel and the Philistines were camped over against each other on two opposite slopes. The natural strength of both positions was thus very great, since, if either army attacked, it must not only cross the ravine, but also climb the opposite slope, and so place itself at a great disadvantage ; the long delay of the two armies in face of each other was probably due to this fact.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Some Test Questions

1. How was David able to drive the evil spirit out of King Saul ?
2. With what people was Saul at war all his life? Describe the relative positions of the Israelite and Philistine armies, in the Lesson.
3. What giant defied the army of Israel? What request did David make ?

4. How did Saul seek to prepare David for battle? Why did David put aside the king's armor ?

5. With what weapons did he go forward to meet the giant ?

6. Describe Goliath's appearance as he advanced to battle. By whom was he accompanied ?

7. Upon whom did he call to curse David? To whom did David make his appeal ?

8. How did he kill Goliath ?