

In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Isaiah xxvi. 4.

DO YOUR BEST.

DO your best, your very best,
And do it every day,
Little boys and little girls;
That is the wisest way.

Whatever work comes to your hand,
At home, or at your school,
Do your best with right good will;
It is a golden rule.

For he who always does his best,
His best will better grow;
But he who shirks or slights his task,
Lets all the better go.

What if your lessons should be hard?
You need not yield to sorrow,
For he who bravely works to-day,
His tasks grow bright to-morrow.

THE CAPTAIN OF OUR SALVATION.

NOW, boys, who is called "the Captain of our Salvation?" Read Hebrews ii. 9, 10, and you will see that this title is applied to our Lord Jesus.

What is a captain? A leader and commander.

Of what? Of a company of soldiers.

If Jesus is a captain, who are His soldiers? All Christians; all who are trying to follow His commands.

Are you a soldier in the army of Christ?

What do soldiers do? They *fight*.

If Christians are soldiers, then they fight. The warfare in which we are engaged is called "the good fight of faith."

What is the enemy against which all Christians are fighting? *Sin*.

Where do we find any sin to fight? Do you find any in your own hearts? Do you find there wrong feelings, wrong wishes, and wrong thoughts that lead, sometimes to wrong *deeds*? Answer honestly, and your reply will be, plenty of them.

Do you fight against these sins? Do

you try to overcome them and drive them away from you? A Christian, my boys, is a person who is *fighting against sin*. All are sinners; but the Christian is not a willing sinner, but is fighting against and gradually overcoming the sin in his own heart.

Who is the leader of the armies of sin? Satan.

Can we overcome sin? Is not the foe stronger than we are? Yes, stronger than we are alone. We have not the power ourselves; but Jesus, our Captain, has all power, and He will fight for us, and will so direct us and help us that we shall triumph in His strength if we faithfully follow His commands.

Will He help us to fight? Read John i. 12, and Hebrews ii. 18.

No foe, however strong, can triumph against our glorious Commander, who will lead His soldiers to certain and complete victory. He has all wisdom, and we may always follow His directions, knowing that His commands are always best, for our Captain never makes a mistake.

How must we be prepared for this great battle? Read Ephesians vi. 10-18.

If we follow His lead and obey His commands as faithful soldiers Jesus will lead us to victory. We shall triumph over sin and over death, and gain the salvation of our souls—a life of eternal happiness. Read Revelation iii. 21.

Will you, boys, enlist in the army of the Lord Jesus Christ, and fight faithfully in the service of the "Captain of our Salvation"? He wants you all to be his soldiers. Will you not enlist at once?

REMEMBER

THAT A

BOY'S MEETING

IS HELD

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING,

At 8 o'clock in Parlor "B" Shastebury Hall.
ALL BOYS INTITED.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John xiv. 27.