Jesus Christ." Here is a splendid recitation for your meeting:

- There is an unseen battlefield In every human breast, Where two opposing forces meet,
- And where they seldom rest.
- That field is hid from mortal sight, 'Tis only seen by One, Who knows alone where victory lies
- When each day's fight is done.
- One army clusters strong and fierce, Their chief of demon form; His brow is like the thunder-cloud,
- His voice the bursting storm.
- captains, Pride and Lust and Hate, Whose troops watch night and day; Swift to detect the weakest point,
- And thirsting for the fray.
- Contending with this mighty force Is but a little band; Yet there, with an unqualling front,
- Those warriors firmly stand.
- Their leader is of God-like form.
- Of countenance serene; And glowing on His naked breast A single cross is seen.
- His captains, Faith and Hope and Love, Point to that wondrous sign, And, gazing on it, all receive
- Strength from a source divine.
- They feel it speaks a glorious truth,
- A truth as great, as sure, That, to be victors, they must learn To love, confide, endure.
- That faith sublime, in wildest strife Imparts a holy calm; For every deadly blow a shield,
- For every wound a balm.

- And when they win that battlefield, Past toil is quite forgot; The place where carnage once had reigned
- Becomes a hallowed spot.

 I.—What a soldier must have.
I. He must have a cause to fight for.
An army stands for something. The cause for which it exists and fights may be good or bad; but something has made somebody form the army. Armies have been formed for patrictic reasons, and sometimes for personal pride and ambi-tion. Sometimes they have fought for tion. Sometimes they have lought lob homes and country, for liberty and for religion, and sometimes for greed and lust of power. Soldlers are not always proud of their cause, but simply serve for pay. But these "mercenaries" are not the herces. The bravest are those whose whole hearts are devoted to the object they have enlisted to serve. What is the Christian's cause? "Soldiers of the Cross." The "cross" stands for salvation. It is the emblem of the kingdom of God

2. The soldier must have a commander. Z. The soldier must have a commander. I knew an old veteran once who was proud of having servet under Lord Wel-lington in the Peninsular War a hundred years ago. His cheek would fush with pride, his eye brighten and glow, and he would strengthen himself with youthful vigor, as he told of the battles that led up to Waterloo. Others have boasted of Roberts, or Wolseley, of Kitchener or Macdonald, of Grant or Sherman, as their

Macdonnid, of Grant or Snerman, as their generais. How much more should we rejoice in the Captain of orr salvation. 3. The solider needs an outfit. What boy has not wanted to explore a solider's Kampanak, to weigh his "life, to examine his "kit" throughout? I am sure you all have. The Christian's outfit is given have Ephesians 6. 10. Read it up and see how

much of it you have. It is all for use. "Faith," "Sword of Spirit," "righteous-ness," "salvation," "peace," and all the rest of it, we are to use.

rest of it, we are to use. II.—What a solder must be. 1. He must be loyal to the cause. (Whom does Paul name as a deserter?) No meaner man ever lived than the traitor. (Who is known in N. T. history as "the traitor"?) The bravest deeds ever done have been by truly loyal sol-diers of Jesus Christ. They have dared to acknowledge him when face to face with prison and death, and, as we have the same spirit, are we herees? Be loyal (true to Christ's cause everywhere loyal (true) to Christ's cause everywhere and always.

and always. 2. A soldier must be brave. Enemies wait to harm him, and he must not be afraid. A coward runs away. Never make a quarrel; but never be afraid of fighting for Christ's sake and in his cause

3. A soldier must be alert (watchful) He must not sleep on duty; but keep vigilant eye on the foe. (Read 1 Peter 5.7.) Jesus said, "Watch." If we do not, Satan will take us unawares and do us injury, and so the cause of Christ will suffer harm.

4. A soldier must be obedient. His 4. A solution must be orders. He obeys. Christ tells us what to do. It is our duty to do it every time. "Whatso-

obeys. Christ tells us what to do. It is our duty to do it every time. "Whatso-ever he saith unto you, do it." 5. A soldier must be willing to suffer, to "endure hardness." A "good soldier" dees not grumble. He makes the best of everything, and keeps ready to fight when the time comes. It is not always an easy thing to be a soldier in any army. Certainly it is sometimes hard to do what a Christian soldier should. But if we "endure" we sholl win if we "endure" we shall win.

Feb. 14 .- " Learning of Jesus." Matt. 11. 29.

"Learn of Me." We are all learners. "Learn of Me." We are all learners. Young and old though we are, every day finds us learning something. Whether good or bad depends upon ourselves. Christ has his school. So has Satan. The pupils in each are numerous. To which do we belong ? . . . Let us what we can learn about it. 1. The school! Where is it ? It is in the human soul. It is everywhere where wen and women. boys and girls. live.

the numan sont. It is everywhere where men and women, boys and girls, live. It includes the whole of our spiritual life from the cradle to the tomb. It is not a local school, limited to one place or to a few people, but it is throughout all the world.

to a rew people, but it is choughed are the world. 2. The scholars! Who are they? Whence do they come? They comprise all Christians—all who desire to belong to Jesus and to serve him. The child, the youth, the man, the grandsire-from anywhere or everywhere where people live-of all nations, colors, sects among men, they come to Christ's school. He

men, they come to Chirst's school. He accepts any. He refuses none. It is in-deed a public school. . 3. The course! What is it? How long? How are the terms measured? The course in this school of Christ takes in the whole extent and period of human life. There is only one term. It begins with the dawn of reason in the affant and ends only at death. It is a life-long term. There are no vacatary punctual, regular faithful public the one who learns the most, and most enjoys attend-ing this school. The completed ing this school. The completed if we want to graduate into heaven at that.

last. 4. The curriculum ! What are the studies ? What are we taught ? Every-thing that belongs to godliness. It

It is a school of applied Christianity. teaches us not only about things; but how to do things of God. We learn not only facts that increase our knowledge; but racts that increase our Anometege, our how to use what we know, and so be wise. And these things of divine wisdom cannot be learned anywhere else. One may study about the Bible, and be no pupil of Christ's. But when we learn pupil of Christ's. But when we learn such great qualities as humility, patience, fortinde, faith or love from Christ, our Teacher, we become like him in them all. The studies we have daily should not only be about him, but from him himself and every lesson we learn should make us more like him, and help us to do this will and work in the world. 5. The teacher 1 "Learn of me," he said. Christ himself teaches us. He enderstands his publis. adapts his

understands his pupils, adapts his methods to them, helps them all to grow methods to them, neips them all to grow wise, sympathizes with all their efforts to learn, and is in every way a fitting master. "Never man spake like this man." The source of wisdom is he. And

to learn, and is in every way a failure master. "Never man spake like thin man." The source of wisdom is he. And yet, though so infinitely wise, he is and derfully kind, and in him every student finds not only a teacher, but a friend. So Jesus helps us learn by personal spiritual converse with him (lu prayer); but he also has a Book for us to study. "A "The textbook! This is the Bitlion in rightcounsess." We musi study ("search") the Scriptures, for no Chris-tian can become scholarly or cultured if it is neglected. Nothing can take its place. Books about the Bible may help us; but only the Bible itself can make study if you would be a pupil of Jesus. "The discipline! Has the school is necessary. Christ's true pupils are declie, not stubbors; heedidin, not care-less; persevering, not slothful; tract-able, not subbors; and only being so can they please him and become wike. We must not think that we can go to school when we like, or do as we pleas supreme, the discipline of the school when we like or an set please him and become wike. We must not think that we can go to school when we like, or do as we please supreme, the discipline of the school must be enforced, and if we lovingly re-spect and obey him, we shall indeed grow in knowledge of the truth.

must be enforced, and if we lovingly re-spect and obey him, we shall indeed grow in knowledge of the truth. 8. The graduation ! Is such a grand time coming for us ? Yes ! We cannot tell when; but if we are faithful daily, we shall certainly be promoted from the earthly to the heavenly, and what loy and honor shall be ours when we fold in the giorious exercises with those who have come from East and West, and North and South, to receive, not fading diploma of parchment, but "a crown of life." If we are to be thus crowned inst, we must " study to show" ourselves "approvel unto God." Let us all seek to be apt, willing, obedi.

Let us all seek to be apt, willing, obedi-ent, progressive pupils in Christ's school of life, and so learn how to live here and enjoy eternal life hereafter.

Bible Study for Juniors.

Rev. R. J. Elliott, of Simcoe, is conduct-ing a unique course of Bible study for the ing a unique course of Bible study for the juniors of his church, and the young folks "are going at it with a will." We are not surprised to hear this. The juniors will always respond to any work of this kind. The pity is that more of it is not done done

done. Mr Elliott has prepared a programme in the form of a large card to be hung on the wall at home, and the work to be done is arranged in the form of steps. He will be glad to send a sample to any-one, postpaid for 25c. By the way, what are our junior superintendents going to do about the "Junior Studies in the Life of Christ." So far we have not heard from many of them. from many of them.

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