

said, "We have no might against this great company that cometh against us, neither know we what to do, but our eyes are upon Thee"—the Spirit of the Lord replying, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's." . . . "I sincerely believe that prayer was the cause of that division."—*The Still Hour*.

4. VICTORY, ver. 13. (1) *Overthrow of the Wicked*. DISCOMFITED. Routed, scattered. Egypt's dead line the sea-shore; and Amalek's the passes of the mountains. Victory always on the Lord's side. Psa. xciii. 1. (2) *The heaven-guided sword*. Amalek had resolved to exterminate God's people. Psa. lxxxiii. 4, 7. God has many instruments for mercy or for vengeance. Against Egypt he chose the SEA; now he uses the EDGE OF THE SWORD among the defiles of Horeb. Joshua's hand is nerved by the strength of heaven through the prayers of Moses. Faith is victor again. 1 John v. 4.

At a celebrated battle there was one position from which the enemy, after suffering defeat in every other part of the field, kept up an unabated fire. There a huge twenty-four pounder vomited forth galling and continuous charges; nor could our artillery, nor musketry, nor riflemen silence it. "That gun," said the commanding officer, addressing the men of two regiments, "must be taken by the bayonet. I must have it," adding, as he placed himself at their head, "no firing, and recollect that I am with you." There needed no more. They advanced, and in a short time they had taken the gun and the position. Let the Church go forth at the command of her glorious Head, and there is no position and weapon of the enemy but shall yield before their united assaults.—*Guthrie*.

5. MEMORIAL, vers. 14-16. (1) *Inspiration*. WRITE. This record of Israel's first battle, registered by the pen of inspiration, shall ascribe victory to Him who answers prayer. 2 Tim. iii. 16. Every triumph of trust is of God. Psa. iii. 8; lxxv. 6, 7; lxxvi. 3, 8, 9; Prov. viii. 15. (2) *Promulgation*. BOOK. Probably a parchment roll; possibly a thin tablet of stone. REHEARSE IT. Remember God's goodness and tell it. Read of his grace and tell it. JOSHUA. Let him have high honor before all Israel; but let him remember who guided his arm with strength. Judges vii. 18, 20. (3) *The divine decree*. PUT OUT. Fulfilled about four hundred years later. Num. xxiv. 20; Deut. xxv. 19; 1 Sam. xv. 3, 18; xxx. 1, 17; 1 Chron. iv. 43. (4) *The grateful sacrifice*. BUILT AN ALTAR.

Devotion will find an altar or build one on which to sacrifice to God. JEHOVAH-NISSI. The Lord my banner. This banner waves over the altars of the Church, the family, and the closet, before which God's children recount their victories gained in the strength of the Lord of hosts.

Courage, my brother! The father does not give to his son at school enough money to last him several years, but, as the bills for tuition, and board, and clothing, and books come in, pays them. So God will not give you grace all at once for the future, but will meet all your exigencies as they come. Through earnest prayer, trust him. People ascribe the success of the Cunard line of steamers to business skill, and know not the fact that when that line of steamers first started, Mrs. Cunard, the wife of the prop. etor, passed the whole of each day when a steamer sailed in prayer to God for its safety and the success of the line. Put everything in God's hands and leave it there. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."—*Talmage*.

English Teacher's Notes.

In the successive pictures of spiritual truths and experiences which the story of the Exodus has exhibited to us, we have seen the sinner (1) delivered from God's just wrath, (2) started on a new life, (3) rescued from tyrant habits of sin, (4) supplied with a sweetener of life's disappointments, and (5) fed with the Bread of Life. The first half of chapter xvii. (not taken in this course,) shows us in figures the Christian (6) refreshed and invigorated with living water, that is, the Holy Spirit, (John vii. 37-39;) and in the second half, now before us, we see the Christian (7) in conflict with bitter foes, and victorious over them.

Israel's battles with the Amalekites may be taken as illustrating all spiritual warfare with sin, the world, and the devil. But if it be desired to avoid a repetition of what has been already said in the lesson on "The Red Sea," the besetting sins of bygone unconverted life must in this lesson not be prominently referred to. There are new enemies that assail the Christian when actually on the homeward road, which, with more strict appropriateness may be regarded as typified by Amalek.

For instance, Satan plies the young Christian with new temptations altogether—temptations to pride, (as being "not as other men are,") self-righteousness, undue confidence, hypocrisy, and deceit, (as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira.) These are the faults to which "good" boys are