

scales;" probably of leather with metal scales fastened upon it as a protection. *Girded his sword*—Saul's sword. *Assayed*—Undertook, began. *Not proved it*—Was not accustomed to the armor and weapons. *Took his staff*—His shepherd's staff, used to guide the sheep. *Out of the brook*—The little stream which runs through the valley of Elah. *Scip*—A small bag used for carrying provisions. *Sling*—The weapon with which he was most familiar. *The Philistine*—The giant, nine feet high, named Goliath. *Man that bare the shield*—This was a large shield covering most of the body, and carried by an attendant. *Disdained him*—Held him in contempt. *By his gods*—The idols of the Philistines. *In the name of the Lord*—David's faith was not in his weapons, but in his God. *I will give*—By the power of God. *The battle is the Lord's*—Under the Lord's control. *David hastened*—He ran near enough to take aim with his sling. *In his forehead*—The only part of his body that was uncovered. *Fell upon his face*—Stunned, but not yet killed. *Took his sword*—The Philistine's sword. *Champion*—The one who stood to represent them in the fight. *They fled*—A sudden terror fell upon them.

#### LESSON HYMNS.

No. 103, *New D. H.*

Am I a soldier of the cross.

No. 102, *New D. H.*

Only an armour-bearer, firmly I stand.

No. 107, *New D. H.*

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!

#### QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

[Read the verses before the lesson, and notice what had already taken place].

1. **The Weapons**, v. 38-40. Whose weapons are here named? To whom were they given, and for what purpose? How did David show wisdom in regard to them? How did David prepare for the fight? What were the weapons of his enemy? ver. 5-7. Who is the enemy against whom we must fight? 1 Pet. 5:8. Find six weapons which we need in Eph. 6:14-17.

2. **The Meeting**, v. 41-48. What did the Philistine say when he saw David? How did David answer his words? In whom did David trust for victory? What did he say in the GOLDEN TEXT? How did David show his boldness? ver. 48. How did David illustrate Eph. 6:10?

3. **The Victory**, v. 49-51. With what, and how, was the victory won? How did David show courage after his enemy fell? What was the effect of the victory on the Philistines? What was its effect upon the Israelites? How did it illustrate 1 Cor. 1:27, 28?

#### TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson do we find—

1. That faith in God gives wisdom?

2. That faith in God inspires courage?  
3. That faith in God gives success?

**The Lesson Catechism.**—(For the entire school). 1. Who dared the Israelites to fight him in war? Goliath, a Philistine giant. 2. Who offered to fight the giant? David. 3. In whose name did David go to fight with Goliath? In the name of the Lord? 4. What spirit did David show? Courage and faith. 5. With what did he slay the giant? With a sling and stone. 6. What was the result of the battle? A great victory for Israel.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The special providence of God.

#### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **The Weapons**, v. 38-40. How did Saul prepare David for the fight? Why did David object to this preparation? What preparation did he make for himself? Why did he choose these?

2. **The Meeting**, v. 41-48. How did David's opponent regard him? What was his challenge to the Hebrew youth? What difference between them did David define? What did he prophesy as to the issue of the battle? How did David know this? chap. 17:13. What lesson would the people learn from this battle? How did David meet the advance of the giant?

3. **The Victory**, v. 49-51. How did David stop the advance of the giant? What was the result of the conflict? How did David complete the victory? What was the effect of this act upon the Philistines?

#### PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson are we shown—

1. That trust in God gives boldness for duty?  
2. That God honours humble trust in him?  
3. That confidence in human strength brings failure and defeat?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

With whom were the Israelites now at war? With the Philistines. What bold man was among the Philistines? Goliath, a giant. What did Goliath do? He dared any one of the Israelites to fight him. What did David say? "I will go and kill him, with God's help." Was David a soldier in the army? No, he was a keeper of sheep. How did he happen to be on the field of battle? He came to bring a message to his brothers in the army. How did Saul try to help David? He put his own armour upon David. What did David tell Saul? "I am not used to these things." What did David take with him? His staff and sling and some smooth stones. How was Goliath armed? With a sword and shield and spear. To whom did David look for help? To God. Whom will God always help? Those who trust him. How did David attack Goliath? He put a stone in his sling and threw it. What followed? Goliath was struck to the ground. What did David then do? He cut off