

How to Fight.

WE can learn many spiritual lessons from military tactics. Let me give one illustration of what I mean.

We remember that the system of tactics of the great Frederick was essentially *offensive*; but later on the Duke of Wellington combined the two, the *defensive and offensive*. His celebrated battles were begun on the defensive, and ended with the offensive; begun with the volley, but won with the bayonet charge. At the earliest opportunity he assumed the offensive.

We must stand always on the defensive, but ready to be aggressive. Look at the enthusiasm of a soldier in 1 Sam. xiv. He assumed the offensive, he made a real attack on the enemy. Great difficulties in the way, great numbers against him; but he took hold of God's strength. "The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people." (Ps. lxxviii. 35.) Jonathan said, "Come let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or

by few." (v. 6.) It was real hard work. (See v. 13.) He and his armour-bearer had to climb up upon their hands and feet; but his brave attack was well rewarded, the Lord gave them victory, and Jonathan gave the praise to Him. (v. 12.)

—Capt. Dawson.

Which way does your Example point?

WE find the following in one of our daily papers:—

A little boy, for a trick, pointed his finger to the wrong road when a man asked him which way the doctor went. As a result, the man

missed the doctor and the little boy died, because the doctor came too late to take a fish-bone from his throat. At the funeral, the minister said that "the boy was killed by a lie, which another boy told with his finger." I suppose that the boy did not know the mischief he did. Of course nobody thinks he meant to kill a little boy when he pointed the wrong way. He only wanted to have a little fun, but it was fun that cost somebody a great deal; and, if he ever heard of the results of it, he must have felt guilty of doing a mean and wicked thing.

Christian, which way does your example point?

You may not say anything contrary to Christ, or his gospel; you may speak no word contrary to his teachings, but be sure that your silent example does not point men into the wrong road—*Selected*.

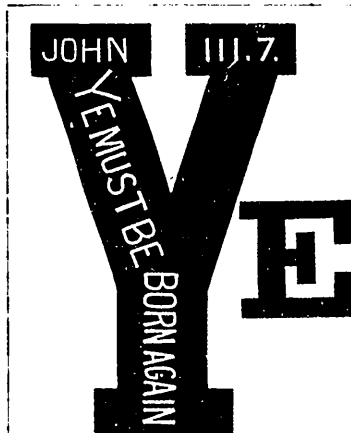
The Great Change.

SOME years ago there was a black woman gave an account of her conversion. It took place in the kitchen of the house where she was a servant at the time. The change was so real, and she was so sure her sins were gone and her heart was white, that she ran up into the drawing-room to see whether the colour

of her face had not altered too. She was disappointed. It was still black, but she could not doubt but that her heart was whiter than the snow. What matters, then, the colour of the skin? God could change *it* if he chose, but there would be no gain in having a white skin, even as there no loss in having a black one. He does the greater work, and changes the black heart. All praise be to His name!

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET. No. 25.

Ye **M**ust be born again.—John iii. 7.
The Son of man **M**ust be lifted up.—John iii. 14.
None other name whereby we **M**ust be saved.—Acts iv. 12.



A ruler once came to Jesus by night,
To ask Him the way of salvation and
light :

The Master made answer in words true
and plain :

"Ye must be born again!"

Ye children of men, attend to the word,
So solemnly uttered by Jesus the Lord;
And let not this message to you be in
vain :

"Ye must be born again!"

He that cometh **M**ust believe.—Hebrews xi. 6.

We **M**ust all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

He **M**ust reign.—1 Cor. xv. 25.

[2 Cor. v. 10.]

NEVER stop to do or say anything that is beneath the dignity of the character you aspire to.