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If your class is supplied with the new INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY after the New Year, instead of the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY, you must not think you are being "put back". That is not at all the meaning of it. It means that we are making two steps instead of one, as heretofore, between the PRIMARY QUARTERLY and the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY, and you are just the age for the first step. A year or two more, and you will be ready for the second; for the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY will, after the New Year, be made for advanced scholars only; what belongs to the younger scholars will be taken out, and will be contained in the new Quarterly. This will make room in the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY for additional important features specially suited to the older scholars and the Home Department.

## *Dr. Fraser* Conquering

Anything short of victory is defeat; and enlisted, as Christ's soldiers are, under a victorious Captain who has all power in heaven and in earth, the blame of defeat will be ours, not our Leader's.

Defeat, in most cases, especially with ardent, eager boys and girls, comes from over-confidence. It was a very wise message that a father gave his young son of fourteen, who was away from home when he came out on Christ's side, and wrote to tell the news:—"Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." It seemed like a dash of cold water to the boy; but it served him many a time afterwards as a much needed check and reminder, when his feet were likely to run into dangerous paths.

To be on the alert, is more than half the battle; and the other half is absolute trust in the great Captain and obedience to His commands. He never orders a retreat; He makes no mistakes; and, above all, with every summons to battle He gives the strength to overcome.

## Is a Boy of Any Use in the Church?

*By Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D.*

Certainly he is, if he desires to make himself useful. Here are a few of the things the boys can do:

Let a Boys' Club be formed in connection with the Sunday School. Call it a Messenger Service, or put any other kind of name on it you may see fit. Have a good live superintendent, or president from among the older workers. When the teachers get down to work on the Sunday, let them first make a note of all scholars absent from the class. Then let the secretary of the Messenger Service come round and collect the names of the absentees, take them to a desk, and have a letter written directly to the parents, while the Sunday School is in session. When the school is dismissed, call the club together, and distribute the letters among the boys, entering in a book the names of the boys entrusted with the letters and the names of the persons to whom the letters are sent. The following Sunday, have every boy report to the president, while he in turn lays the matter before the superintendent of the school. By this means, the boys are brought right into the work of the church.

Not only should the Boys' Club work for the Sunday School, but it should be a sort of hands and feet and eyes for the minister.