

THE BATTLES OF THE BIBLE.

It is a peculiarity of the battles recorded in the Bible, that the result is represented as depending upon the will of God, and not merely on the numbers of the soldiers, or the skill and experience of the commanders. The sovereignty of God is, in almost every instance, particularly asserted and acknowledged.

In the first series of conflicts mentioned in the Scriptures, which was closed by the feat of the kings and the rescue of Lot by Abraham and his servants, Melchizedek blesses the most high God, "which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand." When Moses led Israel against Og, king of Bashan, the Lord said, "I have delivered him into thy hand." It is especially mentioned as one of the consequences of obedience to the Lord by the children of Israel that "the Lord shall cause thine enemies to be smitten before thy face." In confirmation of this the walls of Jericho fell, miraculously fell, as the result of simple obedience, and the Israelites strangely fled before the people of Ai, simply for disobedience.

We might quote like purposes all the battles of Joshua and the Judges, and of Saul and David, and of the rest of the kings. The chronicle of each is in almost the same words. Israel sinned, and the Lord delivered them into the hands of their enemies round about them; or, the people repented of their sins, and cried unto the Lord; and the Lord raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them. And in doing this, the Lord showed respect to the strongest battalions. This Napoleonian doctrine finds support in the Bible. We never read of the will of God being frustrated because his people were outnumbered and out-fought. Take the case of Gideon and the Midianites. Here three hundred men, armed with none of the usual implements of warfare, but merely with trumpets, and pitchers and lamps in their hands, put to flight an army that came grasshoppers for multitude. So Benhadad, king of Syria, in three separate attacks on Samaria, was defeated with great slaughter by very small bands, and the third time "the Lord made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host;" and "they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their camps, even their camp as it was, and fled for their life." Likewise, when Sennacherib came with a great army, and wrote to Hezekiah, saying "Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee;" and Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, "save thou out of his hand;" and it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camps of the Assyrians a hundred four-score and five thousand.

Now the Almighty has resigned none of his power, and abandoned none of his principles. He is as much the God of battle as ever, and is influenced by the same motives. He may not display his power, as being the immediate cause of events, so prominently as formerly, but still it is the same proceeding cross of all things that it ever was, and is guided by the same principles. Now, as ever, the people that honor him he will honor, and those that sin against him he will deliver into the hands of their enemies.

The application of these principles each one can make for himself. We have written with special reference to the present aspect of affairs in our own country. To all other sins have we not added that of depending upon the number of our soldiers, and the skill and experience of our commanders? And is not God punishing us by leaving our generals to such petty and contemptible jousts and rivalries as would be ridiculous in a set of schoolboys, but deserve the severest punishment in men in their position? And is it not time to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God?

All histories have their crises, and it seems to us the crises in our nation's history have come. The demand of the hour is that every one be faithful to God and his country. Notwithstanding the darkness of the present, we hope. We can not believe that God has led us thus far to destroy us now. But every one must do his duty.

Some contemporary, who seems to know all about the component parts of an editor, says he must possess the constitution of a horse, obstinacy of a mule, independence of a wood-sawyer, pertinacity of a dun, endurance of a beggar, entire resignation to the most confounded of all earthly tread mills; and another adds that he must be a moving target for everybody, and not grumble at anything.

Another Whiskey Insurrection—Some ignorant Hoggshies in Saltlick and Bullskin townships, Fayette Co., Pa., resist the military draft, as their foolish daddies did the tax on whiskey in Washington's day. "Coercion" had to be used, then—perhaps will have to be, again. What a wretched set are the demagogues who thus drape well-enough disposed people by misrepresentations, to defy the law!

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"STAR & CHRONICLE" CALENDAR

Calendar table showing dates for November and December 1862, with corresponding days and months.

Union County Official Record. A list of names and addresses for various townships in Union County, including Adams, Adamsburg, and Adamsport.

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