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PREFACE.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

Here is Jack the Giant-Killer !
And I think you will like him ; for he is
brave, and wise, and good.

The five giants he fights with are all
hideous monsters, most worthy of being
killed. And he takes to good ways of
killing them.

At the first one, "HEATHENISM," he
slings stones—the sharp stones of Truth.
The second, "SELFISHNESS," he starves to
death by self-denial. The third, "COVET-
OUSNESS," is made to burst with rage at

the sight of deeds in charity and love, consistently and constantly done in spite of his teeth—ugly and close-set though they be. The fourth, "ILL-TEMPER," dies of shame, drooping and pining away, among those who learn to be like the meek and lowly Jesus. The last, but not the least, "INTEMPERANCE," is drowned—drowned dead—in cold water; not "plain cold water" though, but "water with a blessing in it;" that is, not "holy water," made with a pinch of salt and a priest's Latin jargon, but water which gets the blessing of God Himself, given in answer to humble, earnest, constant, believing prayer.

Now, little boys and girls can be taught to fight all these great giants quite well; and don't need to wait till they be men and women. Indeed, for their own sakes, it is never too soon for them to begin; in-

asmuch as these doleful creatures happen to be fond of delicate feeding now and then, and would just as soon gulp down a tender child, as chew a tough old man.

There is none of you too young for this work ; and the sooner you learn your drill, the sooner will you be fit to take the field as good soldiers. Young men at academies and colleges, and even little boys at school, are all busy now-a-days in training for "Volunteers," in case they should be wanted, by and by, to drive back an invading enemy from our shores. They are preparing for a chance. Be you ready for a certainty ! Their enemy is not come yet, and may not come at all. Your foes are here, in the midst of you, making great havoc. "Up, and at them !"

Happily your drill is simple, and may be soon learnt. Distrust yourselves, yet be