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BIBLE LESSONS. Lesson 9.-Feb. 27.

Luke 5: 12-26.

CHRIST HEALING THE SICK.

GOLDEN TEXT.

power of the Lord was present to head -Luke 5: 17.

PIC.-The Son of Man bestowing grace.

ILY READINGS .- Monday, Feb. 21: Luke 226. Tuesday, 2 Kings 5: 1-14. Wednes lsa 1: 10-18. Thursday, Isa. 38: 4-20y, Mark 2: 3-12. Saturday, Acts 9: 10-22. lay, Isa. 61: 1-11.

NOTES BY A. C. KENDRICK, D.D. L.L. D.

12 .-- WHILE HE WAS IN ONE OF THE CITIES fnite as to time and place; in Matthew the ent follows closely the Sermon on the nt (Matt. 8: 2-4). FULL OF LEPROSY: Markhe virulence of his disease. FALLING ON ACE: In token of humility and earnest-IF THOU WILT, THOU CANST. He was not of Jesus' willingness, but he was sure, from he had heard and seen, of his power to

13.-STREECHING OUT, TOUCHED, The ical acts had no efficacy; they simply markthe eye and the sense the connection bethe healer and the healing. Even the was equally unessential; the volition alone equired. He not only "spake and it was he "willed and it was done;" the word nterpreted the volition.

4.-AND HE. With emphasis, "He on nt." COMMANDED HIM TO TELL NO ONE. o, etc. An elegent transition from indi-'he commanded") to direct(go)disconrse. THYSELF TO THE PRIEST, AND MAKE OF-6. See at Leviticus 14: 2, the law relatthe healing of the leper. Our Lord heals prosy miraculously, but does not, thereneglect the legal injunction. He requirs observance of the Mosaic ritual. For A MONY TO THEM, namely, the people; or, priests, that they might have proper eviof his soundness, and he be thus regulartored to his place among the people.

15,-WENT ABROAD: Miracles like this spread it rapidly. Multitudes flocked to both to hear his instructions and be hear their sicknesses. His fame as miracleer, and his fame as teacher, went hand in

16.-BUT HE HIMSELF (in contradistincfom his fame, or from the crowds that BY REV. GEORGE E. POST, M.D., BEIRUT, SYRIA. thim) WAS IN RETIREMENT, sought seclu-OLITARY PLACES. AND WAS PRAY-Gave himself to solitary prayer. He thus, munion with heaven, kept up the fullhis spiriual influence. Luke emphaises 29, etc. It was pre-eminently a life of Pure, our Saviour needed no sanctifyuiltless, he needed no pardon. But dent, he needed divine support; finite, he enlarging and enriching grace; and cut is very moral perfection from perfectly ial human society. he found his highest angelic and divine communion. In prayer the spirit of the Son reascended home of his Father. LAN & DECLMAN 17-26.—Pardoning'and healing a paralytic, pelling of the charge of blasphemy.

None but God can forgive sins, and none but one divinely authorized can declare sins forgiven. HEELP golden chance is offere thereby all ways keeping poverty from your door-

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by their looks and gestures; still more by his divine intution. He read their hearts. An-SWERING to their thoughts as if they were words, to their unuttered questions. WHAT (or WHY) REASON YE? Emphatic implied affirmation of the erroneousness of their reasonings, introducing the demonstration which was to follow. Vs. 23.-WHICH IS EASIER? Argument from the greater to the less. It is easier to say thy sins

are forgiven, then to say, Arise and walk. My doing, then, the latter, will prove me able to do the former. But way is it easier to say the former of these than the latter? Some (with Trench) lay the emphasis on "say," as if the argument were that it is easier to say that which cannot be put to any human test, (and may therefore, be said with entire safety), than say that, which if false, can be instantly discredited. This view is plausible, but I think, foreign to the spirit of the passage. Rather here the SAYING is equivalent to the doing, and the question is which is easier, to forgive sins or heal a marked bodily infirmity? Strictly speaking, the one is as easy as the other, and, so far as we recognize a difference, we regard the forgiving of sin as the higher and diviner act. But the question turns upon a popular use of the word "easier." It is used not with reference to the intrinsic but the apparent difficulty; with reference to the effect on the spectators. The physical healing strikes the eyes; it impreses the senses; it is an obvious and outward display of power; it breaks startingly the continuity of our experience, and thus may be called the more difficult of the two. Thus the removing of mountains would seem the product of a higher faith than the removal of some human

infirmity. Vs. 24.-BUT THAT YE MAY KNOW. The physical stands subordinated to the moral healing. Christ's physical miracles, though by no means unimportant, are chiefly important as demonstrating his power to FORGIVE SINS. ARISE, TARE UP THY COUCH. The paralytic was by these acts to make the most signal display of the fact of the healing.

Vs. 25, 26.-GLORIFYING GOD. Here, as below, rendering honor and glory to God. AMAZE-MENT. A transport of astonishment. SEIZED THEM ALL: With emphasis, THE WHOLE OF THEM. GLORIFIED GOD, to whom they unanimously ascribed this act of beneficent power. MARVELOUS. Unexpected, unlooked for, extraordinary.

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1.-IN ONE OF THE DAYS. Indefiniteness e; but it was after his return from across te (Matt. 9: 1). TEACHING: In Caper-Mait. 9: 1).-PHARISEES, DOCTOBS OF AW, SITTING: Drawn by the fame of his and teaching: THE POWER OF THE LORD. Lord" is here God not Jesus.

8.-BEHOLD. Marks a striking event. NO HIM IN: Into the house in which he TO PLACE him BEFORE HIM: Under his d as object of his attention.

-THROUGH THE TILES, with which the is covered, and which they removed in propriate place, and thus accomplished rpose.

-THEIR FAITH. Alike that of those e and him that was borne. Their comith inspired a common zeal. THY SINS DEGIVEN THEE. From this address of ord we can by no means infer that the ac's infirmity was the immediate and to take the occasion of the presence of ligh skeptical magnates to make a fuller stration of his divine power. He begins, to, by that which he knew would proshock their prejudices, and which, as d appear in no outward sign, could not etly tested, and would leave it open to indulge their unbelief. He could then and confound their skepticism by an ace whose equally lofty claim they could tion, being followed by the instantanetward confirmation. Thus the scene is re dramatic, and the result much more than if he had reversed the order, ist healed the paralytic, and then prohim forgiven. As it is, the first destands suspended waiting to find its ly and sanction in the result of the sewhich thus throws its shield over both. the paralytic's sin MAY still have been ial cause of his infirmity, but there is evidence of it than in the case of the (John 9; 23). The faith which preparfor healing made him a fit subject for and the Saviour's grace grants afinitely higher boon than that which asked. We may, I think, assume that al those whom the Lord healed physical. also healed spiritually, even when HE declare it. i modew ola

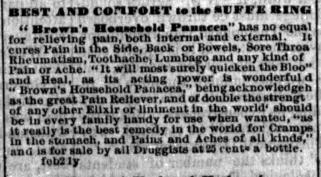
-The scribes and Pharisees were af Jesus' language precisely as he had

cised the healing office with a certain measure of reserve. The multitudes thronged him (v. 15) seeking healing, but he appears to have reature of our Saviour's life, in 3; 21; 6; 12; tired from the pressure (v. 16) this peculiarity emerges in many places, and is to be explained by the desire he had to economise his time and strength for the direct work of teaching. He did not come to remove all siekness and suffering from the world, but only to heal as far as the immediate pressure of humanity and the interest of his religious work might demand. His withdraw al for prayer was a rebuke to the formal Pharisaical usage in devotion.

UPON THE HOUSETOP .- The fact that tiles, or bricks (v. 19) were used in Roman times and in houses in Palestine may be admitted. In the account in Mark they are represented as break. ing up the roof, while here they are spoken of as uncovering the tiling. We may harmonize the two accounts in the following way. Going up on the roof implies that it was flat, as in all the houses in the East, except those lately built on semi-European models. Digging through (break ing up) the roof also indicates the earth-covered terrace so universal in Western Asia. Now these roofs consist of beams over which are laid boards, reeds, branches, or flat stones, and on top of these a layer of five or six inches of clay, which is rolled by a stone roller. This roof, if properly rolled, sheds rain and may be walked upon; in fact it is used as a place of gathering for families on summer evenings. Now if we suppose that the covering of the beams was bricks or tiles, instead of boards or flat stones,

the apparent discrepancy of the two accounts is explained, The friends at first dug through the earthy terrace, and then broke up the til. ing and let him down to where Jesus was. offspring of his sins. Our Lord might That they broke through an ordinary tiled roof is improbable in a high degree.

THAT WHERON HE LAY (v. 25) was probably a palanquin without legs or cover, and the thin bed on which an oriental reposes. Such is the means most genearly used to transport the sick at this day in Syria. The apparatus could not be too heavy for a sound man to carry. It might be compared to a military stretcher of rather uncouth pattern and heavy make.

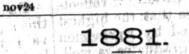


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