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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL **LESSON**

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bable Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR MARCH 17.

THE PARALYTIC HEALED.

LESSON TEXT-Mark 2:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT-"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine inequities; who healeth all thy diseases."-Ps. 103:2-3.

Events tread upon the heels of events in the life of Jesus, especially during his early Galilean ministry, and none depict these events more graphically than St. Mark, who is presenting us a picture of him as a servant.

Jesus had been upon a preaching tour and now returns to the town of Capernaum. As soon as it was noised about that he was at his home a crowd quickly gathered about the door. So great was the crowd that there was no longer any room in the house nor about the door, that is the crowd was so dense that late comers could not look in to see and hear the prophet.

That many of these were attracted by his popularity there is no doubt, but it gave Jesus an opportunity to speak and preach the word which he was quick to seize upon. "He preached the Word unto them." Is this not a suggestion for teachers? especially of fome of the adult classes.

If your class is a Bible class stick to your text or else change your name. The apostles followed his example in this respect; so have all the mighty men of God.

The result of this teaching and freaching is manifest in this record and should be an encouragement to Preachers and Christian workers, viz., that it not only attracts the crowd, But that it reveals sin also.

Sickness Result of Sin.

While all sickness may not be the result of sin, yet remove sin from the Forld and an overwhelming propertion, perhaps all, suffering would cease. We are promised that in his newer and better kingdom there is to be no more pain nor sorrow. Jesus therefore said first of all, "Child, thy sins are forgiven." How his voice must have thrilled with tenderness and pathos as he uttered these words.

But the critics were there; they ever have been wherever a good deed is being performed. Note they were sitting idly by (v. 6). Showing no such anxiety as the four that the needy might come into the presence o' Jesus.

"Who can forgive sin but one, even Ood? Their reasoning was correct and their conclusion was logical; the trouble was that unbelief and prejudice had so blinded their eyes that they could not and would not recognize the power of God working through his Son. Yes, they went farther and made the fatal blunder of ascribing to Beelzebub this work of God (Jnc. 10:33).

It would seem as though their smug. self-esteem would at least have been startled when this young teacher showed them that he was reading the thoughts of their hearts. "Why reason ye these things in your hearts?"

Human reasoning can disprove God, but the deductions of the intellect cannot satisfy the cry of human hearts after God (Job. 23:3, 4).

The greatest lesson for us to learn at this point is that the forgiveness of sin is greater in the estimation of God than the relief of human sufferings.

Turning to the one sick of the palsy he said, "Arise!" "What? Why such a thing is a physical impossibility. Surely this young prophet has gone mad; was not this boy let down a few moments ago through that hole in yonder ceiling, so helpless that it took four of his friends to bring him to this place?" In seeming reply to such a query Jesus tells the man to take up his bed and walk.

Jesus Could Make Men See.

Small wonder that the man's new power and this use of that power should amaze those present so that they should exclaim: "We never saw it on this fashion." Let us beware that our eyes be not blind to behold similar miracles in this the twentieth century. (Read, "Twice-Born Men").

It is very doubtful if the "all" of verse 12 includes the "certain" of verse 6. We must be careful that even as believers we do not crowd away some needy, palsied one. Beware also of loveless censoriousness.

What is meant by glorifying God (v. 12)? The answer is suggested by the spiritual seer, St. John. God's glory is wrapped up in the Son who delighted to do God's will. God's power is shown over all flesh in the Son, and through the Son he is giving

life-eternal life. Let us glorify God over the fact and hasten to bring others to the feet of Jesus. Let us co-operate as did the forc. Let us demonstrate as did the sick one by our walk. Thus shall we stop the mouth of every critic, silence the tongue of every skeptic, and glerify the Son who came to give us strength, life, peace, salvation and everlasting life.

A suggested outline of the lesson would be:

1-Jesus teaching, v. 1, 2. 2-Jesus forgiving, v. 3-5.

3-Jesus rebuking, v. 6-10. 4-Jesus commanding, v. 11-12.

"A NATION ONCE AGAIN!"



Ireland's Hope of Home Rule Nearing Realization at Last

NATURE GRACE AND TRAINING FITTED ST. PATRICK TO

So Well Accomplished, Ireland Was Known for Centuries as the "Land of Saints"

HIS TASK

T. PATRICK says of himself in his confession that he was born at "Bannaven Taberniae," which is ex-tremely hard to identify. Some, however, claim that Kirk-Patrick, near Glasgow, in Scot-

land, took its name from St. Patrick. The saint was born about 372; was a captive and a slave of the king of Dalaradia, in Ireland, from 388 to 395; went to Gaul and was there ordained priest; was consecrated bishop and sent to Ireland as missionary in 432, and died at Saul, near Strangford Lough, County Down, Ulster, where many years before he had founded his church, March 17, 465, the day now sacred to his memory.

Ireland was then occupied by a great number of petty tribes, most of whom were evangelized by Patrick. So well was the work accomplished that Ireland was known in subsequent centuries as the "island of saints and scholars."

The method employed was that of dealing cautiously and gently with the old paganism of the people. The chieftains were first won over and then through them their clans

Of St. Patrick himself much that has been related is fabulous, but his autobiographical confession and his epistle to Coroticus, both of which are unquestionably genuine, reveal a devout, simple minded man, and a most discreet and energetic missionary.

In his epistle he states that he was of noble birth and that his father, Calphurnicus, was a Roman decuiro. His Mother, Conchessa, or Conceis, was the sister of St. Martin of Tours

The family of the saint is affirmed by the earliest authorities to have belonged to Britain, but whether the term refers to Great Britain or Brittany or other parts of France is not ascertained.

Some of the quaint stories told in Ireland about St. Patrick would make the traveler imagine that the saint visited the island for the benefit of witty guides, or to promote mirth in wet weather. It is not remarkable that the subject of these stories for 16 centuries, at countless hearths, has been regarded and is today honored as the greatest man and the greatest benefactor that ever trod the Irish soil, and considering the versatility of the Irish character, it is not strange that there remains respecting the saint a rast cycle of legends-serious, pathetc and profound.

It could not be otherwise. Such a people could not have forgotten the hetoic figure who led them forth in the exodus from the bondage of pagan farkness. In many instances doubtless has the tale become a tradition, the foliage of an ever active popular imagination, gathered around the central stem of fact; but the fact re-

A large tract of Irish history is dark; but the time of St. Patrick and the three centuries which succeeded It is clearly, as depicted by history, a time of joy. The chronicle is a song of gratitude and of hope, as befits the story of a nation's conversion to Christianity.

The higher legends, which, however, do not profess to keep close to the original sources, except as relives of St. Patrick, the most value as an injury to God. able of which is the "Tripartite Life," ascribed by Colgen to the century after the saint's death. The work was lost for many centuries, but two copies of it were rediscovered, one of an eminent Irish scholar, Mr. Hen-

The miracles, however, recorded in ing portion of that life.

nessy.

the picture which it delineates of he convicting.

man nature in the period of critical transition and the dawning of the religion of peace upon a race barbaric, but far, indeed, from savage

That warlike race regarded it doubtless as a notable cruelty when the new faith discouraged an amusement so popular as battle. But in many respects they were in sympathy with the faith. That race was one of which the affections as well as the passions retained an unblunted ardor, and when nature is stronger and less corrupted it must feel the need of something higher than itself, its interpreter and its supplement. It prized the family ties, like the Germans recorded by Tacitus, and it could but have been drawn to Christianity.

Warlike as it was, it was unbounded also in loyalty, generosity, and self-sacrifice; it was not, therefore, untouched by the records of martyrs, the principles of self-sacrifice, or the doctrine of a great sacrifice. It loved the children and the poor, and St. Patrick made the former the exempliers of the faith and the latter the eminent inheritors of the kingdom.

In the main, institutions and traditions of Ireland were favorable to Christianity, and the people received the gospel gladly. It appealed to them and prompted ardent natures to find their rest in spiritual things. It had created among them an excellent appreciation of the beautiful, the esthetic and the pure.

The rapid growth of learning, as well as plety, in the three centuries succeeding the conversion of Ireland proved that the country had not been until then without a preparation for the gift.

Perhaps nothing human had so large an influence in the conversion of the Irish as the personal character



St. Patrick.

of our apostle. By nature, by grace, and by providential training he had been especially fitted for his task.

Everywhere we can trace the might and sweetness that belonged to his character: the versatile mind, vet the simple heart; the varying tact, yet the fixed resolve; the large desire taking counsel from all, yet the minute solicitude for each; the flery zeal, yet the gentle temper; the skill in using means, yet the rellance in God alone; the readiness in action, with a willingness to wait; the habitual self-possession, yet the outburst of an inspiration, which raised him above himself-the abiding consciousness of an authority-an authority in him, but not of him, and yet the ever present humility. Above all, there burned in him that boundless love which seems the main constituent of apostolic character. It was love for God; but it was love for man also, an impassioned gards their spirit and the manners of love, a parental compassion. Wrong the time, are found in some ancient and injustice to the poor he resented

A just man, indeed, was St. Patrick: with purity of nature like the patriarchs; a true pilgrim like Abraham; gentle and forgiving of heart like Moses; a praiseworthy psalmist like which has been recently translated by David; an emulator of wisdom like Solomon; a chosen vessel for proclaiming truth like the Apostle Paul; a man of grace and of knowledge of the "Tripartite Life" are neither the the Holy Chost like the beloved John; most marvelous nor the most interest- a lion in strength and power; a dove in gentleness and humility; a servant Whether regarded from the religious of labor in the service of Christ; a or philosophic point of view, few king in dignity and might, for bindthings can be more instructive than ing and loosening, for liberating and

Acme of Laziness.

A story is told of a man who held the Kansas record for laziness. As he was too lazy to do anything at all, his neighbors finally decided to bury him alive. They laid him in the bottom of the wagon and started for the cemetery. On the way they were met by a man who asked what they were doing with that men.

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