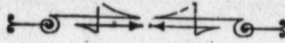
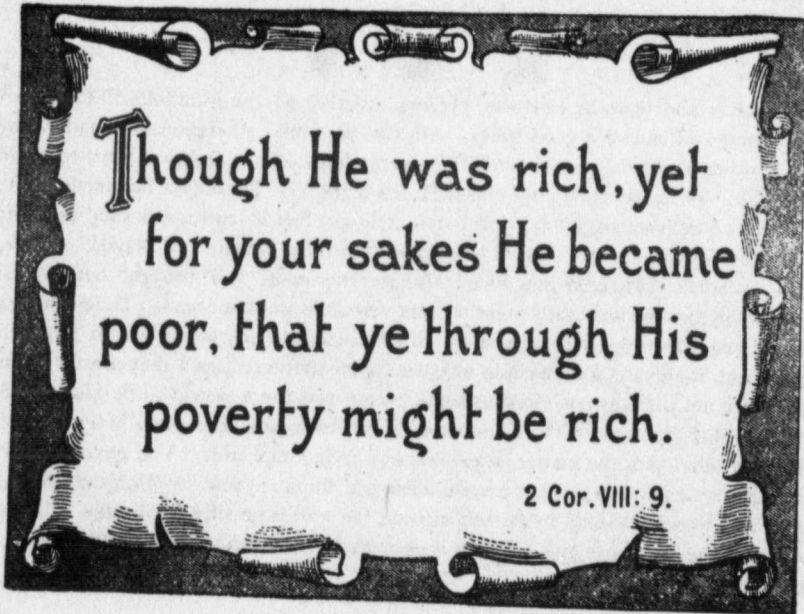


LESSON X—September 5th, 1897.

Gentiles Giving for Jewish Christians. 2 COR. 9: 1-II.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8: 9.



1. For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2. For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Mac'e-do'ni-a, that A-cha'ia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

3. Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

4. Lest haply if they of Mac'e-do'ni-a, come with me and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

5. Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up before hand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

6. But this I say, He which soweth

sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8. And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in *all things*, may abound to every good work;

9. (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; He hath given to the poor: His righteousness remaineth forever.)

10. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

11. Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.