

and now used exclusively because henceforth his work lay among gentiles. It means "little" and is perhaps referred to in 1 Cor. 15: 9 and Eph. 3: 8. A sudden inspiration seized the apostle and Elymas must have quailed beneath that penetrating eye.

10. And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, (all guile and all villany) thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?—He was not self-deceived. He was bad at heart and willingly so. The "right" ways, are the "straight" ways. The falsehoods of Elymas were truths distorted. He sought to frustrate God's plan for saving men.

11. And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand—The punishment was temporary. Perhaps Paul remembered the wholesome results of his own blindness and desired to drive Elymas to repentance (ch. 9: 8, 9).

12. Then the deputy (R. V. proconsul), when he saw what was done believed, being astonished at the doctrine (R. V. teaching) of the Lord—i. e. the teaching which had Jesus for its theme (Mark 1: 27). It was more wonderful than the miracle which attested its truth (Matt. 7: 28, 29; Luke 4: 22; John 7: 46; 2 Cor. 10: 4, 5).

13. Now when Paul and his company loosed from Pa'phos, they came to Perga in Pamphyl'ia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem—We do not know why he went home, but he was blameworthy (15: 37-39).

ORIENTALISMS.

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Laid their hands on them.—For a mere popular preacher no ordination was required by the Rabbis, but a teacher must have authority and for him there was a regular ordination. The full ordination included the three offices

of Rabbi, Elder and Judge. We have no records of the earliest ordinations, but the word implies the laying on of hands. Three ordained persons were required to make ordination valid. (The same rule holds still in our church). The formula for full orders was: "Let him teach, let him teach, let him judge, let him decide on questions of first born, let him decide, let him judge." From this passage and Acts 14: 23 comes the rubric of the Westminster Divines. "Every minister of the Word is to be ordained by imposition of hands and prayer *with fasting*." This last part is to be done by all parties concerned, congregation, presbytery, and candidate.

They sailed to Cyprus. Cyprus, the Chittim of the O. T., was very fertile and famous for its fruits and flowers. Metals, especially copper, were found in its mountains. It was never thoroughly Greek, but in religion and rites half-semitic. It has always been closely connected with Syria from the first dawn of history. From the omen tablets of Sargon I the great king of Accad in Babylonia who reigned about 3750 B. C. we gather that he visited the island, and over 3000 years later we find another Sargon connected with Cyprus. Lately a beautiful bas-relief was found in a garden in Cyprus, it contains a long cuneiform inscription which tells us that it was presented in 707 B. C. to the Cyprian princes by Sargon King of Assyria. This is the Sargon who completed the siege of Samaria and carried captive the ten tribes. He is also mentioned by Isaiah. In the 16th century B. C. Cyprus sent copper, lead and ivory as tribute to Thothmes III of Egypt. Cyprus became a Roman province in 58. B. C. by means not very creditable to Rome.

Son of the Devil. This is a very common Jewish idiom. When a man possesses certain qualities, he is said to be a son of them. A worthless fellow is a son of worthlessness (son of Belial). A brave man, a son of bravery. A man's age is always expressed by saying he is the son of so many years. A very common name among the pharisees for heretics, apostles and persecutors was "Children of Gehenna."

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

1. Notice the mixed nationalities in this verse.
2. The old name for temple service is now applied to christian worship. (Ex. 28: 41;