Lesson I.

CHRIST'S TABLE TALK

April 5, 1914

BETWEEN THE LESSONS-The Lesson returns to the feast in the Pharisce's house already referred to in Lesson XI., March 22 (see vs. 1-6).

GOLDEN TEXT—Every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.—Luke 14:11 (Rev. Ver.).

*Memorize vs. 13, 14. THE LESSON PASSAGE—Luke 17:7-24. Read Luke 14: 1-6.

ready.

7 And he 1 put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief 2 rooms; saying unto them,

8 When thou art bidden of any man to a 2 wedding, sit not down in the 4 highest room; lest 2 a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;

honourable man than thou be bidden of him;
9 And he that bade thee and him 'come and say
to thee, Give this man place; and 'thou begin with
shame to take the lowest 'room.
10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in
the lowest 'room; that when he that 'bade thee
cometh, he may say 'unto thee, Friend, go up higher:
then shalt thou have '1 worship in the presence of
'them that sit at meat with thee.
11 For '1 whosoever exalteth himself shall be
'4 sbased; and he that humbleth himself shall be
exalted.

exalted

12 15 Then said he also to him that bade him thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, 16 neither thy kinsmen, nor 17 thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.

13 But when thou makest a feast, 18 call the poor,

13 But when thou makest a teast, "can the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

14 And thou shalt be blessed; "for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed "at the resurrection of the just.

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed 18

Revised Version—spake a parable unto; 2 seats; 4 marriage feast; 4 chief seat; 5 haply; 5 shall come; 7 then thou shalt begin; 5 place; 6 hath bidden; 10 to; 11 glory; 12 all that; 12 every one that; 14 humbled; 13 And he said to him also that had bidden him; 15 nor; 17 Omit thy; 12 bid; 19 because they have not wherewith to; 12 in; 12 But he said unto; 12 he; 13 forth; 12 field; 13 out and; 13 And the servant; 17 told; 13 Omit the; 13 what thou didst command is done; 10 constrain.

he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and "bade many:
17 And "sent" his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and

21 ¹⁸ So that servant came, and ¹⁷ shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and ¹⁸ the maimed, and ¹⁸ the halt, and ¹⁸ the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, to it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lard said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and ** compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

Daily Readings-(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S C. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, 56 Old Bailey, London, England.)—M.—Christ's table talk, Luke 14:7-14. T.—Christ's table talk, Luke 14:15-24. W.— The wise man's counsel, Prov. 25: 1-7. Th.—The Golden Rule. Luke 6: 27-38. F.—Humility exalted, Matt. 23:1-12. S.-Marriage supper of the Lamb, Rev. 19:4-10. S.-A gracious invitation. Isa. 55:1-7.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED



HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS IN A CITY

I. Choosing the Low-EST SEATS.-7-9. Parable. Here the meaning is a word picture with a lesson. Those . . bidden; that is, to the Pharisees's house (see Between the Lessons). Chose (literally, "were choosing") ...chief seats (Rev. Ver.). On a couch holding three, the middle place was the best, that on the right second, that on the left third. couches, too, were more honorable than others, as being nearer the host and chief guests or placed on a raised dais. A marriage feast (Rev. Ver.); a specially cere-

monious feast, at which notice

would have to be taken of the rank of guests.

10, 11. The lowest place; not with the thought of being called up higher: that would be the "pride

that apes humility." Go up higher. A better translation is "come up higher:" the host calls the modest but honored guest towards himself Glory in the presence of all (Rev. Ver.). The guests will see who it is that the host deems worthyof special honor. Exalteth . . humbled (Rev. Ver.) . . humbleth . . exalted. The desire for a high place in Christ's kingdom is right, and to humble one's self in order to win that place is to do what Christ Himself did (see Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 12:2).

II. INVITING LOWLY GUESTS,-12-14. A din-

ner; the meal taken by the Jews at midday. A supper; the chief meal of the day, taken about eight o'clock in the evening. Call not; "do not be continually

^{*}The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.