MISSION TO THE GENTILES

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CONNECTING LEGES.—The incident from Mark follows immediately on the last Lesson. The incident taken from Matthew follows the Sermon on the Mount. We turn from Jesus in contact with Jewish prejudice to Jesus in contact with Gentile faith.

GOLDEN TEXT-Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.- John 6: 37.

Memorize vs. 27, 28. THE LESSON PASSAGE-Mark 7:24-30; Matthew 8:5-13. Read Matthew 15: 21-24.

24 And from thence he arcse, and went into the borders of Tyre and Si'don, and intered into into the borders, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid.

25 i For a certain woman, whose i young daughter had an unclean spirit, i heard of him, and came and fell is this feet:

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26 *The woman was a Greek, a 10 Syrophenic'ian by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 "But Je'sus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and '20 cast it "unto the dogs.

23 "And she answered and "said unto him.

18 Yes, Lord: " yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And '18 when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

Matt. 8: 5 And when 19 Je'sus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth 20 at home

sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
7 And ² Je'sus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 2 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but 2 speak the word only, and my servant shall be

healed.

9 For I 24 am a man under authority, having 25 soldiers under me: and I say to this 26 man, Go, and he goeth: and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 27 When Je'sus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed. Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Is'rael.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and 25 west, and shall sit down with A'braham and Veace and I wook in the kinedom of

ham, and I'saac, and Ja'cob, in the kingdom of

12 But the ²³ children of the kingdom shall be cast ¹³ out into ²⁵ outer darkness: there shall be ²³ weoping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jo'sus soid unto the centurion. Go thy way: ²¹ and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And ²³ his servant was healed in ²³ the selfsame hour.

Revised Version—laway into; ²he; ³a; ⁴and; ⁵But straightway a woman: ⁶little; ⁷having heard of him, came; ⁸down: ⁹Now the; ¹⁹Syrophenician by race; ¹¹And he said; ¹²Omit to; ¹³ to; ¹³But she; ¹³saith; ¹⁵Yea; ¹¹ even the, ¹³she went away unto her house, and found the child laid upon the bed, and the devil gone out; ¹⁹he was entered; ²⁰in the house sick; ²¹he saith; ²²And the; ²³only say the word; ²³ also; ²³ under myself soldiers; ²³one; ²³And when; ²³the; ²³sons; ³⁰forth; ²¹Omit and; ²²the servant; ²³that hour.

Daily Readings-(Courtesy, I.B.R.A.)-M.-Mission to the Gentiles, Mark 7: 24-30. T.-Mission to the Gentiles, Matt. 8: 5-13. W .- The Gentiles' hopes, Matt. 12: 14-21. Th.-No longer strangers, Eph. 2: 4-13. F .- Paul's Mission to Gentiles, Acts 18: 4-8. S .- Gentiles hear gladly, Acts 13: 44-50. S .- "No Respector of persons", Acts 10: 34-48.

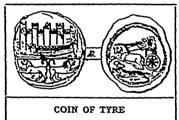
THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. THE FAITH OF A GEN-TILE WOMAN.-24, 25. From thence; from eastern Galilee. Went; not to preach, but for quiet and rest. Into the borders; probably crossed into Gentile territory. Matt. 15:21 has "into the coasts of." Tyre; the word means, "the rock." Sidon; the word means, "fish town." Both were great commercial cities on the shore of the Mediterranean. Would have no

man know it .. could not be hid. Again Christ's desire for privacy is baffled. The people even here have heard of His fame. A.. woman. Rev. Ver. says, "straightway." Love and need urge her.

25. Greek ; in religion, a Gentile. Syrophenician; by nationality-"Syro", to distinguish from Phenicia of Carthage. Matthew says, "a woman of Canaan", the ancient race dispossessed by Israel. History, nationality, religion all against her. Besought. Matthew tells how she adjured Him by the title. "Son of David."

27. The children first. The Jews had not the only claim, but the first claim. This was the Master's principle-Jews, then Gentiles. Mest; right or



proper.. Dogs. The Jews regarded the dog with contempt. "Dog" was the Jewish name for the Gentile. The word used by Jesus is, however, not the name for street dog, that fed on offal, but for the little house dog that might be about the table. This dog gets at least the crumbs.

28. Answered. The woman saw hope in the word, and in Christ's tone. She claims the portion of the dog, not of the

children. Crumbs from the Master will do.

29, 30. For this saying; revealing as it did her deep carnestness and profound faith. Davil; demon. In gone out. What a test of her faith. But she stood the test and found even as Jesus had said.

II. THE FAITH OF A GENTILE SOLDIER .-Matt. 8:5,6. Centurion : Roman officer in army of Herod Antipas, captain over a hundred men, sixth part of a legion. Lord; Sir, word of respect. Servant; or boy. Luke (ch. 7:2) adds that he was dear unto his master. Lieth; a long sickness. Grievously tormented; a very severe case.

7-9. I will come; Gentile though he was. Answered. Wehave here an amazing instance of faith. 8.