Lesson XII.

THE GREAT REFUSAL

June 21, 1914

LESSON SETTING-The events of to-day's Lesson, like those of last day's Lesson, took place during our Lord's journeyings through Peres.

GOLDEN TEXT-Ye cannot serve God and mammon.-Luke 16: 13.

Memorize vs. 25-27. THE LESSON PASSAGE—Mark 10:17-31. Read Matt. 19:16-30.

17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Je'sus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God.
19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not *commit adultery, Do not *kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, *Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

20 And be 7 answered and said unto him, Master, all these \$ have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Je'sus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go ie thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, "I take up

shatt have treasure in neaven: and come, water up the cross, and follow me.

22 ¹² And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he ¹³ had great possessions.

23 And Je sus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches

enter into the kingdom of God!

24 And the disciples were a stonished at his words.

But Je'sus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through 13 the eye

of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they were astonished 16 out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? 27 17 And Je'sus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for 18 with God all things are possible.

28 19 Then Pe'ter began to say unto him, Lo, we

28 19 Then Pe'ter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

29 20 And Je'sus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or 21 father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and 22 the gospel's, 30 But he shall receive 22 an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

31 But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

last first.

Bevised Version—1 as he was going forth; *ran one to him; *none is good save one, even God; *kill; *commit adultery; *Do not defraud; *70mit answered and; *things; *And Jesus looking upon him; *100mit thy way; *110mit take up the cross and; *12 But his countenance fell at the saying, and he went away sorrowful, *12 was one that had; *14 amazed; *13 a needle's eye; *15 exceedingly, saying unto him, Then who can be saved; *150mit And; *15 all things are possible with God; *150mit then; *25 Jesus said; *21 mother, or father, or children; *25 for the gospel's sake; *25 a

Daily Beadings-(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S. C. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, 56 Old Bailey London, England.)-M.-The great refusal, Mark 10:17-22. T.-The great refusal, Mark 10:23-31. W.-The Commandments, Ex. 20 . 8-17 Th.-Wisdom better than gold, Prov. 16 : 8-16. F -The danger of riches, 1 Tim. 6:1-11. S.-"Which?" Matt. 6:19-24. S.-Rich in good works, 1 Tim 6:12-21.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. A GREAT TEST .- 17. As he was going forth (Rev. Ver.); from the house where He had blessed the little children, vs. 15, 16. Ran (Rev. Ver.) :

eager and breathless. One: a "young man" (Matt. 19: 22) and a "ruler" (Luke 18: 18) either the chief official of a synagogue in some town or a member of the great Jewish council called the Sanhedrin. Kneeled : as was customary before an honored teacher. Good master (literally "Teacher"); a title of great courtesy and respect used quite sincerely. What shall I do. The questioner did not know that the first step in pleasing God is not trying but trusting herit eternal life; the life of blessedness, regarded as endless, to which the

Jews looked forward at the Messiah's coming.

18-20. Why . . good? none . . good save . . God (Rev. Ver.). Jesus' meaning is: "God alone is good, that is perfect. You call Me good. Are you willing to call Me God?" The commandments. Those named are from the second table (see Ex. 32:



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15-19: 31:1), which are all included in the great command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," Matt. 19:19. Jesus thus tests the young ruler's

> earnestness in seeking eternal life. All these . . observed from my youth. He had tried that way, and yet was not satisfied

21, 22. Jesus looking upon him (Rev. Ver :: with a searching gaze, seeing into his very soul and discerning the hero he might become if only he would pay the price him: for the noble and beautiful character shown in his reply. One thing thou lackest; to prove your willingness to do whatever might be required. Sell . . give; and thus prove that you love God supremely and your neighbor

as yourself. Take up the cross (live a self-denying life), and follow me; giving up all for Christ's sake and thus proving himself to be really in carnest about eternal life. His countenance fell (Rev. Ver.) The gloom in his heart cast its shadow on his face. Went away; because Jesus' demands were too great.