LESSON XII.

PARABLE OF THE POUNDS

five cities.

rounds.)

mine own with usury?

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19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over

20 And another came, saying. Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin. 2: For I fearred thee, because thou art an austern man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I I was an auster man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, 13 that at my coming I might have required

24 And he said unto them that stood by, 14 Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath 15 ten pounds.

25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten

26 if For I say unto you. That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

27 17 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay

Luke 19: 11-27. Commit to memory vs. 26, 27. Read Matt. 25: 14-30. Il And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jeru'sulem, and because they 1 thought that the kingdom of God

2 He said therefore, A certain nolleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom,

and to return.

18 And he called his ten servants, and 3 delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them 4 Occupy till

I come. 14 But his citizens bated him, and sent a message after him, saying. We will not b have this man to

reign over us.

15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money that he might know 6 how much every man had gained by trading.

13 7 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath agained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him, 9 Well, thou good servant: because thou 10 hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath 11 gained five pounds.

them before me. Revised Version—Suffered; 2 Was immediately to appear; 3 Gave; 4 Trade ye herewith; 5 An ambassage; 6 What they; 7 And the first came before him; 8 Made ten pounds more; 9 Well done; 10 Wast found; 11 Made; 12 Am; 12 Am 1 at nny coming should have required it with interest; 14 Take away; 15 The ten pounds; 16 Omit for; 17 Howbeit these.

GOLDEN TEXT
Every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom.
14:12.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Luke 19: 11-27. Parable of the Pounds.

T.—Matt. 25: 14-30. W.—Gen. 41: 33-43. The talents. Joseph's pro-

motion. Th.-Luke 12: 41-48. Responsibility.

F.-1 Cor. 12: 1-11. Diversity of

gifts. S.—2 Peter 3: 9-14. Be diligent. S.—Luke 22: 24-30. Reward of stedfastness.

TIME AND PLACE

On His last journey to Jerusalem, A. D., 30, not many days before A. D., 30, not many days before His crucifixion. He was about to go into "a far country, to receive for Himself a kingdom."

CATECHISM

Q. 55 What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment for-

biddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God maketh himself known.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise - 16 (Ps. Sel.); 252; 237; 245; 239; 591.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Nobleman, the Servants and the Citizens, 11-14.

The nobleman leaving home to obtain a kingdom, his servants accept a charge from him, his citizens send a treasonable message after him.

II. The Faithful and Their Reward, 15-19.

Each rewarded according to his diligence.

III. The Unfaithful and Their Fate, 20-27.

The unfaithful servant deprived Nof his trust, the rebels slain.

EXPOSITION

of the Ten Talents (Matt. 25:14-30), but it is (vs. 12-27.) sufficiently unlike it to have been spoken on a different occasion and with a different purpose.

I. The Nobleman, the Servants, and the Citizens, 11-14.

words about salvation just spoken to Zacchaus. Because he was nigh to Jerusalem. About eighteen or twenty miles away was the city where the crowds thought the Son a far country . . . and to return. He would of man would show Himself with power to have to be away for some length of time. be the Messiah, their King. The kingdom of

Connecting Links-The occasion for the from heaven, Josus exercising His superparable is clearly stated in "Time and natural powers. To dispel this illusion, and Place" above, and in the exposition of v. 11 to further instruct them as to the true nature below. It has some features like the parable of the kingdom, the parable was spoken.

V. 12. A certain nobleman. "Herod the Great and his son Archelaus had actually gone from Jericho on this errand, and Archelaus had had the experience described in v. 14." (Bruce.) Not that Jesus compares Him-V. 11. And as they heard these things; the self with the wicked Herods, but as in the case of the Unjust Steward (ch. 16:1-13), He uses the incident to bring vividly before His hearers the lesson He wishes to teach. Into

V. 13. He called ten servants of his (Rev. God should immediately appear; suddenly and | Ver.). He had evidently an extensive