

wall was the only remaining portion of the original Solomon's temple. It was a place of resort for the people, and of teaching by the scribes.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing. Isa. 35, 6.

OUTLINE.

1. *The Beautiful Gate*, v. 1-5.

2. *The Blessed Gift*, v. 6-11.

Time.—A.D. 30, a few days after the events of the last lesson, no events being named between them.

Place.—The Temple at Jerusalem.

Explanations.—*Went up together*—These two disciples were friends, and generally went together. *The hour of prayer*—This was at the hour when the sacrifice was offered in the afternoon. *The ninth hour*—About three o'clock, the first hour being at sunrise, and the twelfth at sunset. *Lame from his mother's womb*—One who had been born a cripple. *They laid daily*—He was brought by his friends, as he could not walk. *Gate of the temple*—A gate between two of the courts of the temple. *Called Beautiful*—It is not known which gate this was. *Alms*—Gifts of money. *Them that entered in*—People who worship God are generally more willing to give than others. *Who, seeing*—This man was like the sinner in helplessness, need, and the fact that he was outside the house of God, for no cripple was allowed to enter within. *Pastening his eyes*—Looking on him intently. *Look on us*—In order to obtain the man's fixed attention. *Silver and gold . . . none*—The apostles were poor men, but rich in the power of Jesus. *Such as I have*—The power given from God. *In the name of Jesus*—He did not speak by his own power, but as the messenger of his Lord. *Rise up and walk*—The command was to do what seemed impossible, but, in obeying, power was given from on high. *Lifted him up*—As an encouragement and help. *Entered . . . into the temple*—Now healed, he had a right to go into the house of God. *Praising God*—He knew that the work was from God and not from men. *People saw him*—It was a time of day when great crowds were worshipping in the temple. *Saw him walking*—A person who had never walked could not do it at once without long practice, except by divine power. *Knew that it was he*—Because he was well known as a beggar. *Held Peter and John*—He clung to them in grateful love. *Porch . . . called Solomon's*—A covered colonnade on the east side of the temple. Perhaps Peter led the crowd toward it as a good place for preaching to them.

HOME READINGS.

M. The healing power. Acts 3. 1-11.

Tu. The paralytic healed. Mark 2. 1-12.

W. The people healed. Num. 21. 1-9.

Th. The cripple at Lystra healed. Acts 14. 5-20.

F. The cripple at Bethesda healed. John 5. 1-15.

S. The leper healed. 2 Kings 5. 1-14.

S. The mighty Healer. Mark 1. 29-39.

LESSON HYMNS.

The Lord forgives thy sins, S. M.
Prolongs thy feeble breath;
He healeth thine infirmities,
And ransoms thee from death.

He clothes thee with his love,
Upholds thee with his truth;
And like the eagle he renews
The vigour of thy youth.

Then bless his holy name
Whose grace hath made thee whole;
Whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

No. 238, *New Hymn Book*. C. M.

While, full of anguish and disease,
My weak distempered soul
Thy love compassionately sees,
O let it make me whole!

To Jesus' Name if all things now
A trembling homage pay,
O let my stubborn spirit bow,
My stiff-necked will obey!

Impotent, deaf, and dumb, and blind,
And sick, and poor, I am;
But sure a remedy to find
For all in Jesus' Name.

No. 328, *New Hymn Book*. L. M.

O thou, whom once they flocked to hear,
Thy words to hear, thy power to feel;
Suffer the sinners to draw near,
And graciously receive us still.

They that be whole, thyself hath said,
No need of a physician have;
But I am sick, and want thine aid,
And want thine utmost power to save.

Thy power, and truth, and love divine,
The same from age to age endure;
A word, a gracious word of thine,
The most inveterate plague can cure.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. *The Beautiful Gate*, v. 1-5. Where was this gate, and to where did it lead? Who were one day passing through this gate? For what purpose were they going? What good rule is given in Psa. 55. 17? At what hour was this? Whom did they meet at the gate? For what purpose was he there? Wherein did this man resemble a sinner? What help did he expect from the apostles? What did Peter tell the man to do?

2. *The Blessed Gift*, v. 6-11. What was Peter unable to give? What better gift did he give? In whose name did he give it? How did he help the man? What followed Peter's words? How did this show the fulfilment of Christ's promise in Mark 16. 17, 18? How did the man show that he was cured? How did he fulfil the words of the GOLDEN TEXT? For what greater blessing may we praise God? What was the effect of this upon the people? What change takes place in those who believe in Christ? 2 Cor. 5. 17.