

he did—suppose he had hesitated or delayed—he would never have had his eye-sight, for Jesus never came to Jericho again. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near."

For Senior Scholars.

I. THEMES FOR BIBLE READINGS.

1. BLINDNESS.—Matt. vi. 23; John i. 5; iii. 19, 20; 1 Cor. ii. 14; 2 Cor. iv. 3, 4; Eph. iv. 18.

2. POVERTY.—Isa. lxvi. 2; Matt. v. 3; James ii. 5; 1 Cor. i. 26-29.

3. CRY FOR MERCY.—Num. vi. 25; Ps. vi. 2, 4; xli. 4; li. 1; Matt. xv. 22; Luke xvii. 13; 2 Tim. i. 18.

4. INVITATION OF JESUS.—Isa. lv. 1; Matt. xi. 28; John xi. 28; Rev. iii. 20.

5. HINDERANCES LAID ASIDE.—Gen. xxiv. 56; Acts. viii. 36; Col. iii. 8; Heb. xii. 2; 1 Pet. ii. 1.

6. THE HEART'S DESIRE.—Ps. v. 3; li. 7-12; cxlv. 19; Rom. x. 1; Heb. xi. 16.

7. FOLLOWING JESUS.—Matt. iv. 19; Mark x. 28-30; Luke ix. 23; John x. 27.

II. SEED-THOUGHTS.

1. In what respects does this blind man resemble sinners?

2. Why did they rebuke him?

3. How did opposition affect him?

4. How should opposition affect seekers of salvation?

5. What lesson is taught sinners, who would be saved, by his being by the way-side?

6. What so suddenly changed the opposers?

7. Why did the beggar cast away his garment?

8. What does this teach the penitent sinner?

9. Does God bestow his greatest blessings unasked?

10. If prayer was a prerequisite of his cure, what was its condition?

11. How does that illustrate conversion?

12. How is the young convert here instructed?

Blackboard

The following exercise will be found useful. At the close of the lesson erase all except the first letters, leaving "*Bartimeus had faith in Jesus.*"

BARTIMEUS HAD
 Full F
 A Saving A
 Instant I
 True T
 Healing H
IN JESUS.

The Primary Class.

The one great lesson of this incident is the earnestness and determination of this blind man. 1. He heard of Jesus. 2. He believed in Jesus. 3. He called upon Jesus. 4. He kept calling until he was healed. When he first heard of him we are not told, but no doubt he made up his mind when he heard of the wonderful cures wrought by Jesus that the very first time he came where he was he would ask him to heal him also. Represent his pitiable condition. He was blind and poor, so poor that he had to beg. Notice also the fact that there were those who were disturbed by his noise, and tried to stop him; but he would not be stopped: "He cried the more a great deal." Jesus did not want him to stop. He never wants any one who is in trouble to stop calling on him until he gets them out of trouble. He sent for the man and gave him his sight. Let the class tell every minute incident of the record. It will help fix the facts more firmly in their minds. Do not forget to notice that he became a follower of Jesus from the moment of his cure.

Impress this lesson: Never give up what you undertake to do, always understanding that you are trying to do right. Especially never give up asking Jesus to help you.

Whisper-Song.

JESUS!
 We are dying!
 JESUS!
 Hear us crying:
 SAVE US NOW!
 While we bow,
 Dying,
 Crying,
 SAVE US NOW!

Miscellaneous.

FREEMAN: Garment, 205. PRAYER MEETING TOPIC: "Be of good comfort, he calleth thee." TEXTS: Ps. xxxvi. 9; 2 Cor. iv. 6; Gen. i. 3.

Review Reading for the Month.

Going through the midst of the — of —, there was brought unto Jesus one who was — and had an — in his —. Jesus put his — into the man's — and — and touched his —, and looking up to —, he —, and said, Be —. His — were opened, and the — of his — was —, and he spake —. The people were beyond measure —. At another time a man brought to Jesus his —, who had a — spirit. The spirit — him and he fell on the — and — foaming. Jesus took him by the — and — him up; and he —.