THE SAVIOR'S TEACHINGS
BROOKLYN TABERNACLE
BIBLE STUDIES

HE HEALETH THEIR DISEASES.

Mark i, 29-45—March 10.

"Himself took our infirmities, and bore our sicknesses."—Matthew viii, 17.

TODAY'S STUDY follows closely the one of a week ago. When Jesus left the Capernaum synagogue He went to St. Peter's home. There St. Peter's mother-in-law lay sick of a fever. It was the work of but a moment for the Savior to take her by the hand and to raise her up to health. Meantime the fame of Jesus had spread and by evening there were crowds importuning His healing words and touch: "And He healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many demons, and suffered not the demons to speak, because they knew Him."

Nothing is more attractive to the human mind than the miraculous power of healing disease. No one enjoys disease, pain and suffering. People would be glad to be healed of disease, even if they were assured that the cures were performed by the power of Satan himself. It should not surprise us today that many false doctrines, wholly out of harmony with God's Word, commend themselves to the poor, groaning creation by promises of relief from physical ailments.



The true healer restoring St. Peter's mother.

But since these healers hold various and antagonistic doctrines, it is manifest that all are not of God, if any of them are. To our understanding, the Bible teaches that no miraculous healing at the present time is authorized by God's Word. St. Paul declared by inspiration that the gifts granted to the early Church, and exercised by Jesus and the Apostles and those to whom they personally communicated them, would pass away. The miracles were merely with a view to the establishment of the early Church.

Neither the Lord Nor the Apostles Healed Believers.

It is quite true that under the Law Covenant which God made with Israel He agreed that sickness would be a penalty for violation of the Law, and health a reward for the obedient. The statement of the Prophet, "Who healeth all thy diseases," was applicable physically to the Israelites under the Law Covenant. It has also a spiritual application to the Church, the New Creation.

But the healing of the New Creature and the healing of his flesh are different things. The New Creature's soul sickness and heart troubles are all cured by the Good Physician—even though his flesh may suffer pain and go down into death. We are to remember that the condition upon which we were begotten of the Holy Spirit to be new creatures was a full surrender of the flesh and its interests, as living sacrifices.—Romans xii, 1.

Nor is this any change from the Lord's dealings with the Church from the very beginning. So far as the records show, all, or nearly all, who were healed by Jesus and the Apostles, were "sinners." Surely there is no record of a single instance in which any of the Apostles were healed of any disease. Although St. Paul healed many sick, yet when Epaphroditus was sick and "nigh unto death" we have no mention of any attempt to miraculously recover him.



The counterfeit healer.

Similarly, in the case of Timothy, we find that St. Paul neither sent him napkins nor handkerchiefs for his healing, nor advised him to pray for his own healing. On the contrary, he advised certain medicines, "for thy stomach's sake." Indeed, we believe that for God's consecrated people to ask for physical healing would be to attempt to take back again what they have specifically consecrated to the Lord.

A Cleansed Leper Thankful.

Today's lesson mentions another case of healing. Leprosy was regarded by the Jews as an incurable disease, and as a type of sin. The leper of this study had faith in the power of Jesus, and came and kneeled before Him and entreated healing, cleansing. His prayer was answered.

Jesus admonished the leper not to make known so great a miracle; but in his thankfulness he could not restrain himself; he told it everywhere. The result was that Jesus could not thereafter visit the large cities because He would be overwhelmed with the number brought to Him for healing.

But alas! they were more appreciative of the restitution blessings than the great privilege which our Lord specially offered them of becoming His followers and joint-heirs in His Kingdom, which, by and by, will dispense restitution blessings and healing far and near to every member of Adam's race, condemned through the fall of Adam, and redeemed by the precious blood of Calvary.

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Conducted by Charles M. Gardner, Editor of the National Grange, Westfield, Mass.

FUTURE OF ORDER BRIGHT

Change of Officers and Policies Insures Harmony and Prosperity, and Larger Results Sure.

So much has been said during the past two years concerning the controversy in the National grange, including a great deal that was wholly without foundation, that all will be interested to know that in the choice of new officers and the adoption of considerably changed policies for the future, the difficulty has been very largely adjusted and the outlook for the future of the order is very bright.

In this connection a recent editorial in the National Grange Monthly, the official publication of the grange, and whose utterances must therefore be considered of importance, gave a most illuminating summary of the present changed situation in the National grange, that is worth the reading by all who desire to know the facts about the National grange. It said in part as follows:

"With all its other noteworthy achievements, the recent session of the National grange at Columbus was more than all else remarkable for the advance step taken in the adjustment of its own affairs and for the departure upon a new era of National grange prosperity and promise. With positive truth can this assurance be sent forth to every patron in the country, with all the courage and hope for the future that such an assurance conveys.

"No one can read the outline of the new policy adopted without realizing that the grange position of today is all that can be demanded—strong, broad and energetic; while no one can fail to read in it a more progressive and vital note than has ever been seen before. The grange is waking up, new forces are at work, new blood has been infused, new thought is in control, new and larger results are sure.

"In its leadership the change wrought by the Columbus session is clear-cut and distinct. Some who have long been in control have stepped down, former forces of influence no longer prevail, the old alignments have been broken, new hands are at the helm. Especially is this true of the two men, who more than any others, will shape the destinies of the National grange—its master and its lecturer. Holding to a marked degree the confidence of the patrons everywhere, free from every entanglement that could embarrass their administration, representing specifically two of the greatest agricultural states in the Union and yet leading the thousands of members from all the states—Messrs. Wilson and Hull assume the administration of these two supremely important offices in the National grange under circumstances that may well inspire courage and hopeful expectancy in the heart of every member of the order everywhere.

"It is true that the Columbus session failed to bring every voting member to exactly the same line of thinking, and there were as spirited contests the last day of the session as the first. But no thinking person could expect that such unanimity could ever prevail—it would not be creditable to the organization that it should. Truer words were never spoken than these: 'We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime and hold that progress towards truth is made by differences of opinion, while the fault lies in the bitterness of controversy'—a truism from the Declaration of Purposes of the grange itself. Bitterness was not present in the Columbus session, many concessions were made on all sides, some misunderstandings were cleared away, fairness eminently prevailed, there was no iron-clad alignment of votes—it was truly a session of progress."

State Masters Re-Elected.

It is a decided tribute to the leadership of the past year and years, in many grange states, to know that in nearly every state where a grange election was held this year the state master was re-elected for another term, while associate officers, in the state grange lists, were also very largely continued for another term.

Some of the state masters who have just been re-elected for another two years term are as follows: In California, E. T. Petit; in Iowa, A. B. Judson; in Illinois, Robert Eaton; in Minnesota, Mrs. Sarah G. Baird; in New Hampshire, Richard Pattee; in Massachusetts, Charles M. Gardner; in Indiana, Aaron Jones; in Maine, C. S. Stetson; in Connecticut, O. B. Peck, a former overseer of the state grange, was elevated to the master's chair, succeeding L. H. Healey. The annual session and election of officers in the New York state grange is to come later.

Free Scholarships.

Granges all over the country are taking up the idea of offering free scholarships, in various higher institutions of learning, for ambitious young members of the order who are willing to work to win. In some states the number of such scholarships is large, while others are just starting the plan. Altogether it is a distinctly educational phase of grange work that is coming rapidly to the front.

Two Exceptions.

The music master says very affably: "Now, you see, children, in a march we always have four beats to a measure, to accommodate the step; for I don't know anything that has three feet, except, perhaps, a milking stool." "Or a yard stick," adds a bright girl in the back row.

More Attention Paid to It.

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Snake Had Lived on Eggs.

On his morning round for eggs recently, Michael Heiseman of Custice, O., reached into a hen's nest and touched an object that made him jump back quickly. A closer examination showed a big spotted snake coiled in the nest. Beating a hasty retreat, Heiseman secured a shotgun and on reaching the nest noticed that the snake had swallowed a china nest egg and was gradually working it down its throat. It was but the work of a moment to blow off the head of the reptile. Heiseman then recalled the fact that his egg supply had declined recently, and he thinks that the snake, with perhaps its mate, had been making forays on the roost for some time.

Quite by Chance.

The magistrate took a very serious view of the matter. Looking over the desk he fixed the culprit in the dock with a glance warranted to quell. "Prisoner," he said pompously, "you stand there charged with begging." The prisoner looked very sorry for himself, but ventured to offer a protest. "Your worship," he whined, "I have never begged." His worshipful worship grew fiercer and fiercer, like the bear in the fairy story, and words failed him. "Never, your honor," continued the prisoner. "It was not my fault if, while holding out my hand, to feel if it were raining, a lady dropped a penny into it." "A month!" snapped the magistrate. And it was so.—Answers.

Had Policeman Stumped.

The plan whereby Chicago streets shall be numbered as streets or avenues is one of importance, says the Chicago Evening Post. If it needs further advocacy, listen to Irvin S. Cobb: "A policeman," says Irvin, "was traveling his beat with new resolution and a notebook when he came across a dead horse. Out came the notebook and in went this notation: 'Found at 9:30 o'clock this morning a dead horse at ——' He glanced up at the lamp post which bore the names of two intersecting streets, Magnolia avenue and Terpsichore place. And do you know, the poor copper had to put his notebook away and haul the horse by his tail to First and Main streets."

Hugged by a Devil Fish.

While Japanese abalone divers were at work near Monterey, Cal., a giant octopus caught T. Yamagachi in its tentacles and nearly squeezed his life out. The diver struggled with the devil fish, which held him so tight he could not be hauled up into the boat. His diving suit was the only thing that saved him. After an hour and a half Yamagachi was brought to the surface. The devil fish had wrapped its tentacles about him, and by one they had to be cut away. The octopus weighed 275 pounds, and is the largest one ever caught on the California coast.

As It Is in Society.

When a young society man is introduced to a woman at a high social function and immediately proceeds to go through unnamable gyrations with her to the music of the "turkey trot" he is "delightfully up-to-date." When the same young man is introduced to the same young woman at another high social function and immediately proceeds to put his arm around her waist as they stroll into the conservatory he is an impudent ruffian, an abandoned car rowdy, and is likely to be kicked out of the house by the butler.—New York Evening Sun.

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MARY ELIZABETH ECKER,
late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated to the subscriber on or before the 23rd day of September, 1912; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.
Given under my hand this 23rd day of February, 1912.
MARTHA JANE ECKER,
feb 23 4t Executrix

Co-Partnership Notice to Creditors.

The undersigned, surviving partner of the firm of Martha Jane Ecker and Mary Elizabeth Ecker, late co-partners, hereby gives notice to all the creditors of said co-portnership, to file their claims, duly authenticated, with her on or before the 23rd day of September 1912, preparatory to a closing up of the business of said co-partnership.
Given under my hand this 23rd day of February, 1912.
MARTHA JANE ECKER,
Surviving partner of the firm of Martha Jane and Mary Elizabeth Ecker.
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WEDNESDAY MARCH 27, 1912.

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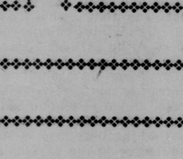
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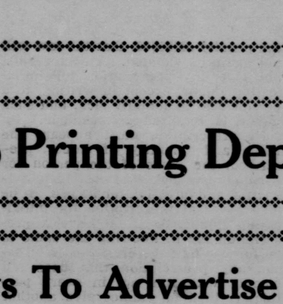


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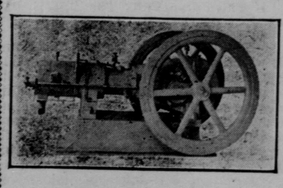
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Cogent Reasoning.

The unwillingness to do honor to a prophet in his own country is illustrated by the following anecdote. It was remarked to a Scotchman that a certain individual was very clever. "Him clever. Why, I gaed tae schule wi' him," was the response.

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