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International Sunday School Lesson.

SECOND QUARTER, 1882. LESSON VIII—MAY 12th.

BY REV. A. C. DIXON, Asheville, N. C.

SEEING AND CONFESSING CHRIST.

23. And he cometh to Bethsaida; and calling a blind man unto him, and he brought him to touch him.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Son of the Living God."—Matt. 16: 16.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

M. The Lesson, Mark 8: 23-28. T. Parable in Matthew, Matt. 16: 13-28.

OUTLINE.

HEALING THE BLIND MAN. HEARING OF CONFESIONS. TEACHING THE DISCIPLES. REBUKING PETER.

COMMENTS.

I. Christ Healing the Blind Man. V. 23. Cometh to Bethsaida. Bethsaida means "the house of fish."

cast his eyes upon the ground, when he found that he could not see clearly.

1. OF THE PEOPLE. Whom do men say that I am? This question of the Master does not touch us as to what man may think of us.

2. OF THE DISCIPLES. Peter spoke for all. Thou art the Christ. Here a few words, which the many were saying.

III. Christ Teaching the Disciples. V. 31. They said to him: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

IV. Christ Rebuking Peter. V. 33. Speaks that saying openly. To the people also, as they needed to understand it.

"MY CHURCH." A SERMON BY REV. ALEXANDER BLACKBURN, Pastor of the Second Baptist Church Fayette, Indiana.

So far as the words of our Savior are recorded, we find that He uses the word Church only on two occasions.

and our translators in both the old and new versions here use the word "Assembly."

(a) By preserving a standard of discipline in the members. Hence, we covenant together to exercise watchcare over each other.

(b) By bearing each other's burdens, in fulfillment of the law of Christ. We do not find any command or example for a community of goods.

(c) By preserving the ordinances. Christ has only two ordinances, and those so beautiful and so simple.

(d) By preaching the Gospel to the world, "beginning at Jerusalem," the Church, who have taken vows of loyalty.

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the institute was a Hard Shell, and the patron a Missionary Baptist.

It further helps us to glance at some of the figures used for the Church. It is called an army.

What, then, is the Church? An organization bearing the name of Christ, composed of regenerate souls, who have taken vows of loyalty.

AN OPEN LETTER. To the Honorable President of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College.

Dear Sir and Bro.: Pardon me for addressing you over an assumed name.

When your Board, soon to meet at Wake Forest, shall come together, please ask them to consider at least the subject as presented in this communication.

At ten o'clock Bro. John E. Ray, who had been appointed to conduct the meeting, opened the exercises by reading Scripture, and after singing, he read as the first question for discussion.

The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Wm. Royal, from Heb. 13: 17. He preached a very impressive sermon, as is characteristic of him.

There was then an intermission of an hour for us to partake of the refreshments, which were prepared in great profusion.

Howard College (Ala.) charges a mere nominal sum for ministers' sons, and she, without dollar's endorsement, is educating an average of 14 young ministers a year free of charge.

Should not Wake Forest stand abreast of these institutions? I know that most of them have some endowment, and Wake Forest needs an endowment to give her more strength.

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God designed that a certain body of believers should have a house wherein to worship Him, it seems to your humble writer that he would do this, on the earth, as a demonstration to work that the house would soon be built by themselves.

But it is not always essential that God should be worshipped by a believing body in a house made for that special purpose. In ancient days, he was worshipped in groves, in caves, in houses, on the earth, everywhere.

HEARING GOD'S WORD. God's speaking to us will be always within the lines traced out by Holy Scripture. God is always conversing.

Those who walk with God, abide under his control in every one of their faculties, of their time, of their money.

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