**Chap. II. 1—18.] HEALING OF A PARALYTIC**

**AT CAPERNAUM.** Matt. ix.2—8,  
where see notes. Luke v. 17—26. — The  
three are evidently independent accounts;  
St. Mark’s, as usual, the most precise in de-  
tails; e.g. ‘*borne of four:*’ St. Luke’s also  
bearing marks of an eye-witness (see ver. 19,  
end); St. Matthew’s apparently at second  
hand.

**2.]** In this verse we have again  
the peculiar minute depicting of Mark. A  
recent learned Commentator believes “these  
minute notices... to be recorded by the  
Evangelist with a studied design, lest it  
should be supposed that, because he

incorporates so much which is in St. Matthew’s  
gospel, he was only a copyist: and in order  
to shew that he did so because he knew from  
ocular testimony that St. Matthew’s

narrative was adequate and accurate.” I  
mention this, to shew to what shifts the  
advocates of the theory of the “inter-  
dependence” of the Evangelists are now  
reduced.

Literally, **So that not even  
the parts towards the door** (much less the  
house) **would any longer hold them** (they  
once sufficed to hold them).

**preached]**in the original it is in the strict imperfect  
sense: **He speaking to them the word,**  
when that which is about to be related happened.

**3, 4.]** {4}It would appear  
that Jesus was speaking to the crowd  
from the upper story of the house, they  
being assembled in the court, or perhaps  
(but less probably) in the street. Those  
who bore the paralytic ascended the stairs  
which led direct from the street to the  
flat roof of the house, and let him down  
through the tiles (Luke). See the extract  
from Dr. Robinson, describing the Jewish  
house, in note on Matt. xxvi.69.

**7. this man thus]** the first word depreciates;  
the second exaggerates.

**8.]** The  
knowledge was *immediate* and *supernatural*,

as is most carefully and precisely  
here signified.

**11. I say unto thee]**  
The stress is on thee.

The words are *precisely those used*,

as so often in Mark, — and  
denote the turning to the paralytic and