5—16. ST. LUKE. 411   
   
 twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I f possess.   
 18 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so   
 much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast,   
 saying, God be merciful tome €a sinner. 1\*I tell you, this   
 man went down to his house justified rather than the   
 other: ‘for every one that exalteth himself shall be to sum   
 job   
 abased ; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. ‘Matt,   
 15 And they brought unto him also } infants, that he vive'\*\*   
 iwould touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they   
 rebuked them. 1¢But Jesus called ¥ ¢hem unto him, and   
 said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid   
   
   
 f render, acquire. & literally, the sinner.   
 } better, the (or, their) infants. i render, might.   
 K render, Sor perspicuity, infants. 1 render, the little children.   
   
 Mondays and Thursdays; the only pre- with others, but intense self-abasement   
 scribed fast in the year being the t “sinner that Iam.” Nor are we to find   
 day of atonement, see xvi. 29: Num. any doctrinal meanings in the word be   
 xxix. 7. So that he is boasting of his merciful (or, be propitiated). Wr know   
 works of supererogation. I give tithes of one only way, in which the prayer   
 of all] Here again, the law perhaps could be accomplished : the w: here   
 compare Abraham’s practice, Gen. 20; have no reference to that, could they   
 and Jacob’s, Gen. xxviii. only required have. 14.] The sense is, One re-   
 tithe of the of the field the pro- turned home in the sight of God with   
 duce of the cattle: see on Matt. 23. his prayer answered, and that prayer hed   
 Not all that possess, which is in- rasped the true object of prayer,—the   
 correct rendering: but of all that I ac- forgiveness of sins (s0 justified in   
 quire ;—of all my increase; see xiv. the usual sense the Epistles of Paul,   
 22. His speech shews admirably what his justified before reff.), other   
 trusting in himself 18.} afar off prayed not for it, and obtained it not.   
 —far from the arigee contrast in Therefore he who would seek justification   
 spirit to the other’s that he was before God must seek it by humility and   
 not as other men, is by the poor not by self-righteousness. every one   
 Publican in his humility acknowledging that exalteth himself has been illustrated   
 this by an act. would not lift 80 in the demeanour of the Pharisee   
 much as his eyes unto heaven—another be abased, in his to obtain   
 contrast,—for we must here suppose that tion from God:—he that humbleth him-   
 the Pharisee prayed with all significance self, that of the Publican ;—shall be   
 of gesture, with eyes and hands uplifted exalted, in his the answer to his   
 (see Matt. vi. 5). There is a slight but prayer, which was this Thus   
 true difference also the original, the the particular instance is up with   
 word rendered ster (ah the Pharisee— the general truth.   
 \* being put position’ (answering ‘ bei 16—117.] Lirttz CHILDREN BROUGHT   
 seated’ of the other usual posture) an: to CuEist. Here the narrative St. Luke   
 standing of the publican,—coming in again falls with those of Matthew and   
 merely and remaining, in studied place St. Mark, after a of nearly nine   
 or posture. smote upon his breast chapters, see note on ch. ix. 51.—Matt.   
 See ch. xxiii. 48, “for sorrow of mind. xix. 183—15: Mark x. 18-16. The sar-   
 Where the pain is, there is the hand.” rative part of our text is distinct from   
 . The original to me the sinner. the two; the words of our Lord are ver-   
 But probably the article only generic, batim as Mark; see notes on Matthew.   
 pointing him out as one a class. seems The place and time indicated here are   
 to me that any emphatic comparieon here same as before, ch. xvii.   
 would somewhat detract from the solem- 15.) also their infants; not the le   
 nity and simplicity the prayer. The de- came only, but brought their children.   
 finite article implies, not comparison Or, the article may be merely generic, as