2—14, ST. JOHN. 549   
   
 man with the clay, 7 and said unto him, Go wash ‘in ‘Neb-itios.   
 the pool of Siloam, (which bis by interpretation, Sent.)   
   
 He went his way therefore, and washed, and came sceing.   
 8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had   
 seen him that he was i ddind, said, Is not this he that   
   
 K sat and begged? % Some said, This is he: others said,   
 Ile is like him: [!dué] he said, Iam he. 1 Therefore   
 said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? 1 He   
 answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, ¢ ver.¢,7.   
 and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool   
 of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I re-   
   
   
 ceived sight. 22 Then said ‘they unto him, Where is he?   
 He said, I know not. 13 They brought to the Pharisees   
 him that aforetime was blind. 14 And it was the sabbath   
   
 day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.   
   
 h vender, is interpreted. i read, & beggar.   
 E render, sitteth and beggeth. omit,   
   
 water to be denoted, as symbolical of Him   
 No rule can be laid down which our Lord who was sent, and whose mission it was to   
 may seem to have observed, as to using, give the healing water of life. came,   
 or dispensing with, the ordinary human i.e. came back;—apparently to his own   
 means of healing. He Himself determined, house, by the next verse. 8.) had   
 by considerations which are hidden from beheld, rather than “had seen.” The   
 us. Whatever the means used, the healing choice of the word implies attention and   
 was not in them, but in Him alone. The habit. \_11.] The word rendered received   
 ‘conductor’ of the miraculous power was sight is literally, recovered sight. Sight   
 generally the faith of the recipient : if being natural to men, the deprivation of it   
 such means served to awaken that faith, is regarded as a Joss, and the reception of   
 their use would be accounted for. 43 it, though never enjoyed before, as a re-   
 The reason of his being sent to Siloam is covery. 13.] The neighbours appear   
 uncertain. It may have been as part of to have brought him to the Pharzsees,   
 the cure,—or merely to wash off the clay. out of hostility to Jesus (see ver. 12):   
 The former is most probable. A beg- and ver. 14 alleges the reason of this :—   
 gar blind from his birth would know the or perhaps from fear of the sentence   
 localities sufficiently be able to find his alluded to in ver. 22. The “ Pharisees”   
 way; so that there is no necessity to sup- here may have been the court presiding   
 pose a partial restoration of sight before over the synagogue, or one of the lesser   
 his going. The situation of the foun- local courts of Sanhedrim. Liicke inclines   
 tain and pool of Siloam is very doubtful. to think they were an assembly of the   
 On the subject of a recent suggestion re- great Sanhedrim, whom St. John some-   
 specting the identity of Siloam and Bethes- times names the Pharisees:—sce ch. vii.   
 da, see note on ch. v. 1. which is xi. 46 : Meyer regards them as some formal   
 interpreted] The reason of this derivation section of the Pharisees, as a body: but   
 being stated has been much doubted. Some were there such sections? —\_14.]   
 consider the words to have been inserted cites from a Rabbinical treatise on the Sab-   
 as an early gloss of some allegorical inter- bath, thaté¢was forbidden evento put saliva   
 preter. But there is no external authority on the eyelids. But the making the clay,   
 for this supposition, Euthymius says, “I as a servile work, seems to be here pro-   
 suppose, on account of the blind man being minently mentioned. Meyer notices,—   
 then sent thither :” and Meyer takes this and it is interesting, a minute mark of   
 view. But it would be a violent transfer, accuracy,—that the man, in verses 11 and   
 —of the name of the fountain, to the man 15, only relates what he himself, as being   
 who was sent thither. I should rather blind, had felt: he says esting of the   
 regard the healing virtue imparted to the °   
 on. I.