

man's gate. There were no hospitals then; they are a product of Christianity. [In older classes say a word for organized charity. Giving alms at the door may not be a test of one's true charity now; but it was then.]

By and by they both died. I suppose the rich man had a big funeral. Where did they go? Both went to "hell," or Hades, the place of departed spirits, good and bad; Dives was in the place of torment, on the other side of the great gulf or chasm. The Jews called heaven "Abraham's bosom." [Go over the dialogue to end of lesson.]

Now, what was Dives—that means the rich man—sent into torment for? Not for being rich; we saw that before. Not for being happy, any more than Lazarus was rewarded for being miserable. He went there because he received his good things and kept them for himself. What should he have done? But perhaps he knew no better—what does Abraham say about that? Who is our great Prophet? Where does he tell us those will go who "did it not unto the least of these?" Does that warning apply to us? Yes; that is the lesson of this parable: You cannot be a Christian and be selfish too.

What can we do with our money to show that we have taken the warning? Who needs to be helped? How about the heathen—are they worse off than Lazarus was? What shall we do this week?

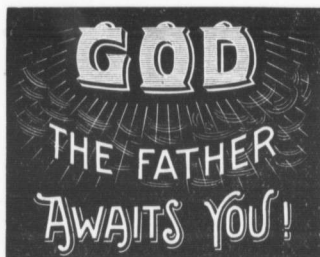
The Teachers' Meeting.

State the purpose of this parable....A word-picture of the scene on earth: The rich man's mansion; Lazarus at the doorstep....Then two other word-pictures: Lazarus in the eternal state; the rich man in his eternal state....Show what was his condition; why it was his condition....How we may escape hell and enter heaven....What inference concerning the future life we may draw from this story....What it teaches to be our personal duty: (1) Love to man; (2) Use of opportunity; (3) Thought of the future; (4) Belief in Scripture; (5) Obedience to God's word....Special application on the use of all privileges and opportunities....Additional Practical Lessons: (1) The decisions of eternity are irreversible; (2) Our present life determines the character and surroundings of our eternal life; (3) Souls preserve their individuality in the world to come; (4) To every man is given sufficient light to guide him in the way of salvation.

References.

FREEMAN. Ver. 22: Disposition of crumbs, 782. Vers. 22, 23: Position at table, 814. Ver. 29: "Moses and the prophets," 834.

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OUR LIFE

IN THE
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INTERRELATED.

EARTHLY SERVICE

OF

MAMMON

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BRINGS

RICHES,
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Future Torment.

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PREPARATION FOR HEAVEN.

THEY HAD

MOSES,
PROPHETS.

WE HAVE

MOSES,
PROPHETS,
CHRIST.

HEAR THEM AND BE PREPARED.

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

No. 1.

Weeping will not save me.
My Jesus, as thou wilt,
He leadeth me.
Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Lord, I care not for riches.

No. 2.

Whenever trials press my soul,
The Lord be to my strength,
Go tell it to Jesus.
Jesus all my grief is sharing,
I am safe in the Rock.