

THE ELDER BROTHER OF THE BIBLE PARABLE

Talmage Says He Is Typical of the Self-Righteous Man of To-Day--Beware of Perfect People.

Washington report. In this discourse Dr. Talmage pleads for a hearty reception to all those who have done wrong and want to get back, while the unscrupulous and self-righteous are excommunicated. Text: "And he was angry and would not go in."—Luke xv, 28.

Many times he has been asked to preach a sermon about the elder brother of the parable. I received a letter from Canada, saying: "As the elder son of the parable so unscrupulous and so cold that he is not worthy of recognition." The fact is that we ministers pursue the younger son, you can hear the flapping of his rags in many a sermon, and the cringing of the body for which he is so unscrupulous and so cold that he is not worthy of recognition. I confess, I am an unsuccessful confessor. I confess, I am an unsuccessful confessor. I confess, I am an unsuccessful confessor.

From all the windows of the old homestead bursts the minstrelsy. The floor quakes with the feet of the rustic, whose dance is always vigorous and resounding. The neighbors have heard of the return of the younger son from his wanderings, and they have gathered together. The house is full of congratulatory. I suppose the tables are loaded with luxuries. Not only the kind of meat mentioned, but its accompaniments. "Clap," go the cymbals, "thump," go the harps, "click," go the shawls, up and down the feet on the side, while outside is a most sorry spectacle.

preached the gospel, that man had broken the bread of the holy communion for the people. From a height to what a depth! Oh, I was glad there was no scolding in the room when the man was taken out, his poor wife following him with her handkerchief and his coat on his arm. It was as solemn to me as two funerals—the funeral of the body and the funeral of the soul. Beware, lest thou also be tempted!

BOERS AND YANKEES.

The Characteristic That is Common to Both.

A CONNECTICUT FARMER.

(Abridged From the "Spectator.")

The Boers are not nice people in many respects, but one charge is pressed against them which is a very unbecoming, born, we strongly suspect, of surprise. It is considered quite unbecoming that a population so rough, so unrefined, and so uneducated should be so unscrupulous as to violate the rights of others. It is considered quite unbecoming that a population so rough, so unrefined, and so uneducated should be so unscrupulous as to violate the rights of others.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. IX. MAY 27, 1900.

Parables of the Kingdom.—Matt. 13: 24-33.

Supt.—What is the Golden Text? School.—The field is the world. Matt. 13: 38.

What is the central truth? There is power in the gospel to overcome all hindrances and fill the whole earth with truth.

What is the topic? Christ's spiritual kingdom.

What is the outline?—I. Parable of the wheat and tares. II. Parable of the mustard seed. III. Parable of the leaven.

When was the time?—September, A. D. 28.

Where was the place?—On the shore of the sea of Galilee, near Capernaum.

Who were the persons?—Jesus. The disciples. The multitude.

What are the parallel accounts?—Mark iv, 26-34; Luke xiii, 18-21.

Commentary.—The parables of this lesson were spoken at the same time and place as the parables of the sower was spoken. See last lesson.

24. Another parable.—In all there are fifty-three parables spoken by Jesus in the gospels. This parable signifies "real religion," but here has reference to the visible church of Christ. Which sowed good seed.

25. But while men slept.—In the night when evil-disposed persons would try to injure the property of their neighbors. His enemy came.—The enemy that sowed them is the devil. Y. 30. Notice that Jesus refers to his enemies as "the enemy of the good seed" and "the children of the kingdom."

26. And brought forth fruit.—Their real difference was seen when the harvest appeared. Compare Matt. 13: 23. "There is a great deal of secret wickedness in the hearts of men, which is long hid under a cloak of a profession, but breaks out into the open when the harvest comes."

27. The servants of the householder.—The faithful and vigilant ministers.—They are the servants of the householder. They are the servants of the householder. They are the servants of the householder.

28. An enemy hath done this.—A plain answer to the great question concerning the origin of evil. God made man, and he did not create evil creatures, and consequently free, either to choose good or evil. But he implanted no evil in the human soul. An enemy, with man's concurrence, hath done this.

29. But he said, Nay.—God's thoughts are not our thoughts; we oftentimes think which we do not do, and we do not do what we think. The visible church will include in it until the first harvest, and it is not true members. To separate them is the part of man, but of the Judge.

30. Let both grow together.—Both good and bad, and it is God only who knows the hearts of men. He would be able to separate the righteous; and yet it is the duty of the church to try and expel unworthy members.—Those who are openly wicked, and not suffer them to build up a false hope by allowing them to remain within its pale. Until the harvest, let both grow together. The judgment day will separate them. The judgment day will separate them.

31. A grain of mustard seed.—One of the smallest of all seeds. This parable signifies that the progress which this gospel would make.

32. The least of all seeds.—The kingdom of the Messiah made but a small appearance. Christ and His Apostles, compared with the great and mighty of the world, were like a grain of mustard seed. They were despised and rejected of men. When it is grown.—There is life and power in the gospel to sustain itself and make rapid advancement. The stone that David says is destined to fill the whole earth. And become a tree.—In that country the mustard grows much larger than in this, and sometimes springs up to the dimensions of a small tree.

33. Another parable.—With a view still further to illustrate the progress of the gospel in the world and the grace of God in the soul. Light unto heaven.—Leaven is all pervading and powerful. Though silent and hidden, it soon affects the whole mass. So good living, which is its influence on individuals and communities. Three measures.—Intended to denote the large quantity which he has sown here to the fact that the gospel has power to transform the whole man—body, soul and spirit. Of meal.—The corn had been ground and prepared so that it could be mixed to its own nature that with which it was mixed. In the same way that there is a preparation for the gospel to be sown. Thoughtful.—If God people were fully awake, spiritually, the enemy would not have so good a chance to sow tares in the church of Christ.

34. The kingdom of heaven is here.—The kingdom of heaven is here disclosed from various symbols and with various shades of meaning.

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Five rings, including diamonds, emeralds and one containing a highly prized chrysoptase. The jewels, according to the plaintiff, are really worth more than \$15,000, but she is willing to call her claim even for that amount.

She also asserted that Capt. Smilgley resorted to an artful subterfuge in order to regain possession of the jewels. In March last, she says, he fled to Europe, as he called it. His idea was that they should tour the continent on foot, bicycle, or on horseback, according to circumstances, but ever shunning railroads and other conventional modes of travel. They were to live on the best of the countries of the world, but must adapt themselves to the various modes of life they would encounter.

TOOK MEAN ADVANTAGE.—Miss Leslie says she was delighted. Of course, she would not need her jewels, but she could not, according to the complaint, and a day or so later he presented himself with an elaborate ox-y jewel case, gathered in all the presents, and said he'd put them in his safe deposit vault for safe keeping.

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Market Reports

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing prices at important wheat centers to-day:

Table with columns for location (Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Toledo, Detroit, Duluth, Minneapolis) and price per bushel. Includes sub-sections for Toronto Farmers' Market and Dressed Hogs.

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THE WITNESS' PUZZLE.

He Thought It Must Have Been on Another Occasion.

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HELDS TO GREAT WEALTH.

John D. Rockefeller, Jun., is heir to more millions than any other young man in the country to-day. He is not yet 25 and his whole life has been a preparation for the enormous task of caring for the estate, Theodore A. Havemeyer, Jun., is the heir of the Havemeyer millions and will be worth close upon \$50,000,000. In spite of this he works every day at his office in Wall street and has received a million dollars in the past year. He is not a member of several of the smart clubs. During the present century the Gould fortune will be pretty well worn up, for there are many heirs of the richest of whom will be Kingdom Gould, George Gould's eldest. At present George Gould's rating is \$70,000,000. Kingdom Gould, though a mere child, speaks German and French and knows considerable about yachting.

Senator Clark of Montana has announced his resignation from U. S. Senate.