

The Rich Man and Lazarus.

LUKE 16:19-31.

GOLDEN TEXT:—"The wicked is driven away in his wickedness; but the righteous hath hope in his death."

Central Truth:—The use made of this life will determine our character and condition in the next.

So far as appears, this parable is a continuation of the same discourse as that of the last chapter and the last two lessons.

In the parable of the unjust steward, with which this chapter opens, our Saviour had spoken to his disciples concerning the right use of money.

Our Saviour replied that God looks upon the heart rather than the outward appearance; and, after some other words of rebuke, proceeded to this parable.

The story is told to meet their sneer, and is full of warning against pride and satisfaction in earthly things.

It should be distinctly noticed that the rich man was not sent to the place of torment because he was rich; nor yet for the one case of heartlessness brought before us in the story.

There is something very startling in this. The teacher and scholar will do well to fix it in thought.

Nor was Lazarus taken to the companionship of the blest because he was poor. His name gives a clue to his character.

It is the heart at which God looks. And every condition of life, whether of wealth or poverty, puts this to the test and reveals character.

The scene on the other side of death is a study from which the earnest and thoughtful will not shrink.

The word "remember" is an emphatic one in the story. Reflection is a chief source of the rich man's misery.

It is noticeable that the rich man, in his conversation with Abraham, shows no signs of repentance.

A most impressive and practical truth is brought out in the closing verses of the parable.

1. In the study of such a lesson as this it is not wise to attempt to go beyond that which is written.

2. Note the fresh evidence which this parable affords of the mixture of tender compassion with strict justice in all God's dealings with men.

PERILOUS REACTION.

From the New York Times.

During the administration of Mr. Hayes, one department, and one only, at Washington was conducted in accordance with the principles laid down by the President with reference to the civil service.

There are about a score of papers in this country that are published and conducted by colored men, most of them at the South.

It is noteworthy that this result was due to the zeal and good sense of the then secretary of the interior, and though it was welcomed and approved and supported by the President, it was not required or obtained by him.

Mr. Garfield, entering on his work with a professedly less elevated standard, bids fair to fall even further below that standard that Mr. Hayes did below his.

The Huntsville (Ala.) Herald, also conducted by colored men, and "devoted to the elevation of the colored people," says: "Every day the colored people are throwing off the yoke of Radicalism and assuming an independence of thought and action."

A Great French Railway Scheme.

From the New York Herald.

The French contemplate building a railroad across the Desert of Sahara. Three years ago they employed Depouchel, the celebrated engineer, to study the ground.

How this change will affect the public mind it is not difficult to foresee. Mr. Garfield owes his election to the confidence felt in him by a class in the community who will be shocked and indignant at such a result of their support of him.

Republican party has a right, however, to ask him whether ordinary political sagacity does not condemn a policy that disappoints and alienates the very element whose support was absolutely necessary to his and its success in the late election.

GENERAL JOSEPH LANE.

A MAN OF MARK IN A PAST GENERATION. From the New York Times.

The brief dispatch announcing the death of Joseph Lane, which came from Oregon a day or two since, can have had but very little significance for the great majority of the people who read it.

The following incident of the battle of Fredericksburg is well authenticated. It may prove that, though the North and South were at war, a spirit of chivalry did exist among the Southern soldiers.

An Act of Heroism.

THE CONFEDERATE SHARPSHOOTERS CHEERING A BRAVE FEDERAL AT FREDERICKSBURG. Frank H. Foot in Philadelphia Weekly Times.

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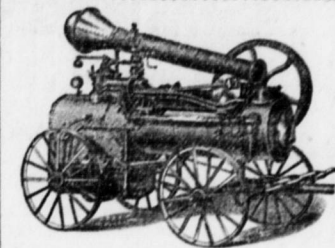
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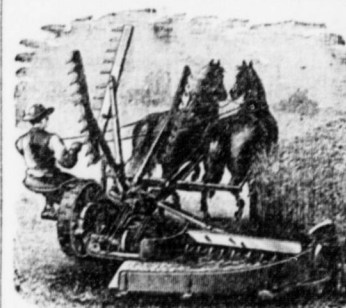
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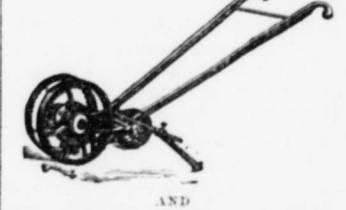


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