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Subject: The Parable of the Talents Matt. xxv., 14-30-Golden Text, Prov. xxviii., 20-Memory Verse, 21—Topic: Fidelity to Duty.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COM-MENTS FOR OCTOBER 21.

The servants receive the takents (vs. 14-18). 14. "A man." Christ represents Himself as a man going into another country, or heaven. "Called his own servants." The outward framework of the parable lies in the Eastern way of dealing with property in the absence of the owner; the more primitive way being for the absentee to make his slaves his agents. The apostles, ministers, all true Christians, are the servants of Christ. "His goods." The "goods" are the Lord's; all we

have belongs to God. 15. "Five talents." The Interna tional Bible gives the value of a talent of silver in the Old Testamen period at \$1920, and in the Nev Testament period at \$1146. The talents represent all of those peculiar | dren. gifts which God has given us in this slaves of the Greeks and Romans were often men of great attainments

trust committed to them.

19-23). But while this no doubt refers to His second coming, yet there are many comings - in the great crises of life, in times of trouble, and especially in the hour of death. 19. "A long time" Time enough was given for improvement. "Cometh." Christ is certain to come. The time may seem long, but let us not be deceived—He is coming again.

gives his full and hearty approval. are to enter into His joy.

22. "Two talents." This servant, et. One of the cows had strayed

29. "Shall be given." The one here and there. Midnight came and who really has powers and abilities, they were discouraged. and makes good use of them, to Then they heard a noise in the of the wicked will be terrible and

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"His several ability." The

"Then." "Straightway." R We are here taught a lesson in "Went and traded." We now see the use that the servants made of their master's goods. Two out of the three improved upon the five." He who receives much from must make an improvement upon the whole, while of the one who receives little but little is re-

18. "Digged in the earth." This is the peculiar temptation of the man who has little ability, and he sullenly retires from a service in which he cannot shine and play a conspicuous part. "Hid his lord's money." He did not embezzle or squander it, but the hid it. How sad to bury one's

II. Faithful service rewarded (vs.

20. "Brought other five." 1 good servant was ready. 2. There was nothing hid; he rendered a full account. 3. He came joyfully. 4. Quickly. 5. Without fear; there Noble John S. Allen, thirty-second | was no confusion. He knew he was right and he came with confidence "Thou deliveredst unto me." ognizing that all he had belonged to ' his master. "I have gained." He had put forth an effort. Those people who fold their arms and talk about trusting God will find, sooner or later, that God does not help the

"Well done." The master "Thou good." It is possible to be Noble A. A. Watts, thirty-third "good" even in this sinful world, to in Knowlton Township, under the lean's from 950 120. ful." Faithfulness rather than success was rewarded. "Over a few bring in the cows for milking and Noble G. A. Howard, thirty-third things." At best we can do but lit- got lost, writes the Washington (N. tle for the Lord here. "Ruler over J.) correspondent of the New York many things." The faithful one is World. made ruler over a larger sphere. The woods leading up to the foot "Joy of thy lord." We are not only of the mountains are almost impeneto have the joy of the Lord in us, but 'trable. Yet the children wandered

we are to enter into His joy. thinks Him a hard master. "An away, and they trudged on picking hard man." This servant entertains berries and oblivious to the danger Noble H. C. Harris, thirty-third hard thoughts of his lord. "Gatherdegree, of Birmingham, Ala., Impe- ing where thou didst not scatter" are ing where thou didst not scatter" are erally rewards all who serve Him. 'Wicked and slothful." His master was not to be trifled with. "Thou knewest." Out of thine own mouth

shalt thou be judged. 27. "Thou oughtest." The fact that he knew what his master required was a reason why he should have used the talent. God appeals wondered what had become of the to us as "reasonable" beings and two girls as hour after hour went by. "Exchangers." "Bankers." R. V. called, but 10 o'clock p. m. came and Literally, "To those who stand at ta- the little girls were not home. because the bankers had tables before them. "With interest" (R. V.) His master had a right to expect a reasonable profit from the They would have liked to have had labors of his servant. 28. 'The tal- | Shep, the farm dog and playmate of ent from him." The unfaithful serv- the children, with them, but Shep ant is not only reproached by his was nowhere to be found. The men master, but he is actually punished. beat their way through the brush,

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> ... of snakes, with which the woods her terribly. Finally she was able 25. "I was afraid." All sinners to go no further, and her older comare afraid. "Thou hast thine own" panion took off her shoes and stock-He seems to boast of his ings and gave them to Pearl. They stopped from exhaustion many times calling for help, but no one heard them. Finally they were too week to go further and they fell asleep on the

yard, and Lindaberry and his wife s us what we "ought" to do. They blew horns, fired guns and Lindaberry and several neighbors

set out with lanterns and torches.

sions. "Shall be taken away." From thicket and were overjoyed to see him that hath not, even that which the old dog running toward them. he seemeth to have (Luke 8:18) | He sprang upon Lindaberry, barked itable." He was cast into outer to follow. They walked for half an darkness, merely because he was un- hour, when Shep dashed ahead of profitable and idle and buried his them through the brush, and with talent. "Outer darkness." Those shrill happy barks called them to his who fail to obey Christ will be cast side. They found him standing over the two sleeping children. So exa hausted were the girls that the dog had not awakened them. Shep had started a search of his own for the children, and finding them had gone! to call the men.

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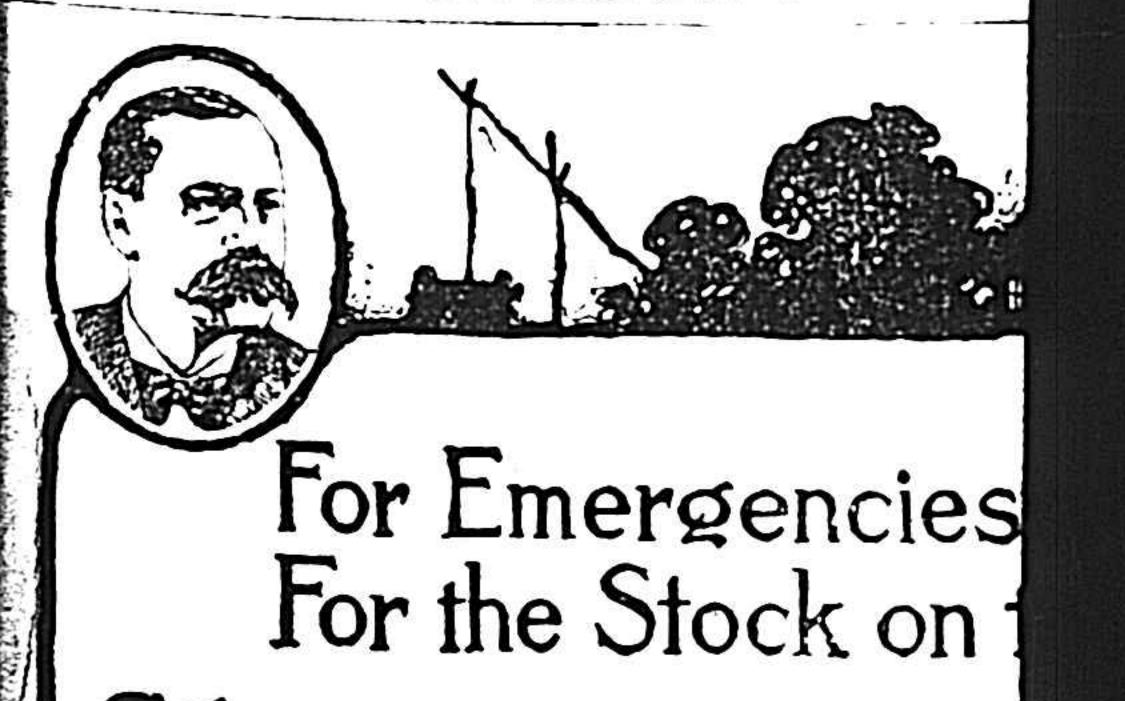
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