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We are sole Agents for RICHMOND STORE COMPANY'S COOK STOVES and HEATING STOVES. We will receive another Full Carload of these goods on October 16th. We have an assortment now in Stock, but will have, after that date, a Stock unequalled and unsurpassed. SEE OUR COOK STOVES at \$8.00, 10.00, 12.00, 15.00 and 20.00. See Our AIRTIGHT HEATERS at \$1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 4.00, 5.00 and 7.50.

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Remember that we sell the real good Wheat Flour---perfectly satisfactory goods---"ROB ROY"---Finest Michigan Patent. "OBELISK," the famous Kentucky Flour. Our Grocery Department will not disappoint you.

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Farmers, get your next Wagon from us, we sell "THE GREGORY" two-horse wagons and "OUR KING" one-horse wagon, both made by the Chase City Manufacturing Co. EVERY PIECE OF EVERY WAGON GUARANTEED. Don't forget our ANCHOR BRAND LIME---said to be the best made, and OUR PORTLAND CEMENT.

We can only call attention at random, to a few of the Splendid Articles of Our Stock, but as we have said before, we rarely fail to Please a Customer.

Please come to see us, or rather to see and inspect our Goods. Our goods cover the most of requirements of human needs. We begin with Baby Cradles and end with Burial Caskets. Again we say COME. With thanks for present liberal patronage, we remain,

Caldwell & Carlyle,

LUMBERTON,

N. CAROLINA.

THE PRODIGAL SON.

Sermon by Rev. Z. Paris, at Methodist Church, Sunday Night, 4th.

It was doubtless on a beautiful spring afternoon, when a Jewish maiden fair, caught the eyes of a sturdy Jew; enthroned her affections about his heart, enthroned herself in his life, and became his bosom companion. This young couple were destined to become the ancestors of a progeny that was to fill no small vacuum in the world's history. In due time, God gave them an offspring. Perchance it was at the early dawn of an eventful day, when the little stranger first saw the light, and greeted the wakeful eyes of his fond parents. As they looked into his bright face, they enjoyed the sweet anticipations of every young husband and wife and their fond hopes for his future career, were strengthened by the predictions of the synagogic villagers as they crowded in the following day to congratulate them on the arrival of their first born son. This babe made no other than the elder brother in the parable of the prodigal son who, some children as worse than the prodigal. However, the church, has always recognized the merit of his life.

A young man who remained at home; obeyed his parents; supported them in their old age, and lived a virtuous life, did not but require a place in the heart of every ardent admirer of a good life. But, God deposited the son into the laps of the prodigal, who was the prodigal's brother, and the boy caused the prodigal to be a prodigal.

The prodigal's father had two sons, one a quiet boy, the other was a prodigal. The father had a large number of negroes and a large estate. He never taught his younger boy to work. Thier-

mother would take Ceasar's horse and carry his row, that Ceasar might go and play with Billy. When the war came on, the old gentlemen lost his negroes and most of his other property. In the meantime the boys grew up and wanted their share of the property. The property was sold and the money divided. The older boy married and led a quiet life, and while he never made a financier, he left enough to bury him and a small amount to his widow. The younger boy spent his in riotous living. He bought the most costly apparel, smoked the best cigars, drank the best wines and liquors, and made the most expensive journeys. When his money gave out, he did not know how to work and make more, and hence he became a beggar and finally died a pauper. My brother ministered to him in his last hours and with a few others laid him to rest at their own expense. My brethren, you know my position on the industrial question. I honestly believe every boy and girl ought to be taught to work. There is no more important question before the American people than the industrial question. One time was when the professional man was the man of the day, but that is past. A professional man told me the other day, that he had advised his boys not to be professional men, but to take an industrial course. The man who knows how to work, is no object to him, is the man this country needs now. And you ladies have been getting your servants from the negroes, but you can do that no longer. At least 50 per cent. of the negroes do not care to work for the white people, if they can avoid it and by 1875 you will hardly be able to hire a negro to do anything. Who will do your work? You and your daughters. Hence the man who rears

his boy in idleness is doing him an injustice, and the woman who rears her daughter without a practical knowledge of domestic affairs, is doing her a gross injustice. But, perhaps it was the fortune the old man gave him that wrecked his life. It ruins a child to leave him property. It is said, that 90 per cent. of the property left to children prove a curse instead of a blessing.

A man who represented Haywood county in the legislature of North Carolina told me last summer, that he was apposed to life insurance, because he had known five of the best families of that county to be ruined by it. Some of the most industrious and sober boys had become dissipated by insurance money they got at their father's death. Educate your children and prepare them for life and let them work for what they get and then they will appreciate it. But, let us quit abusing the old folks, they intended no wrong. Every thing they did, was intended for his good, and he misappropriated it.

And God intends every good and a perfect gift for man's good, but he misappropriates it and turns it into a curse. In the consumption of the gift, we lose sight of the giver and the goodness of God which St. Paul says, should lead us to repentance, estrange us from God. The abundant harvest gathered by the rich fool to feed the poor and glorify God and develop himself into a philanthropist, he hoarded up as a snare to his soul. Have you ever heard a poor man, who gave liberally to the church, say he was going to do better when he got rich? I have, and when he got rich he did not do as well as he did when he was poor. His riches were a curse instead of a blessing to him, because he misappropriated them as the prodigal did.

ed his boys, he had rules in his home and required his boys to keep them. And the reason why this boy left home, was because he was tired of home restraint. He wanted to get out where he could do as he pleased. Thirst for liberty has been a greater curse to man than anything I know of.

We want to be free and do as we please, and yet God never intended for anyone to do as he pleased. He intended for nations to obey their ruler, children to obey their parents, and servants to obey their masters. Romans 13:1-7. Eph. 6:1-9. If slavery was wrong, why did God lay down rules by which servants or slaves should be governed. If it had been wrong God would have abolished it altogether, but He endorsed it by legislating laws for its government. One of the greatest mistakes the U. S. government has ever made was to free the negroes. I am speaking from a religious stand point. I never bring politics into the pulpit. But, I take the ground that the majority of the negro race are incapable of taking care of themselves. I saw a scene in this county, last year, rarely ever witnessed in the days of slavery, about 250 of the raggedest negroes that ever lived, got off at Pembroke, with their boxes and bags of old clothes that would have subjected any slave owner to the severest criticism. They were tossed into a box car like bags of cotton and sent to Chadburn to pick strawberries. They have been free 40 years and as a race they have nothing. They started with nothing is true; but the Southern white people started with a very little more at the close of the war.

I know they had more religious advantages. The average slave went to church when there was a young man heard an intelligent gos-

pel. Four years ago, I told the colored annual conference at Mt. Airy, N. C., of the religious advantages of the colored people before the war, and many ex-slaves came up and said every word was true. Bishop Walden, who was presiding, arose and said, he was glad I had reminded them of these facts; and that he wanted to confess a piece of ignorance. He thought when the war closed that they had to begin at the bottom as they did in China and Africa. But, to his surprise, he found at Charleston 17 colored preachers who had been trained and ordained, and were sent out on circuits by Bishop Scott. The negroes, as a race, are not fed and clothed as well as the slaves. Their morals are not as good as the morals of the slaves. There is at least 50 per cent. more crime committed by the negroes today than was committed by the slaves. Instead of freeing them, the government should have forced the slave owner to have taken good care of them.

But we want to be free. A man was making good wages and accumulating some property said, he was going to quit and go to his little farm. I asked why he did it, and he said I want my liberty. I can do as I please on my little farm, but if I stay here, I must do as he says. And the reason why every sinner is not a christian is because he wants to do as he pleases. If he is a christian he must do as God says.

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