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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

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THE SON REJECTED.

MATTHEW 13: 35-43.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He came into his own, and his own received him not.—John 1: 11.

INTRODUCTION.—The triumphal entry, in all probability, took place on Sunday. On the evening of that day, Jesus went out to Bethany and spent the night with his disciples. Next day he returned to the temple, and the temple, as we saw in the last lesson, it is probable, also, that it was on the same day—Monday of the Passion week—that he entered the temple.

THE LESSON.

33. Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a foreign country.

34. And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to see the fruit of his vineyard.

35. And the husbandmen took his servants and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36. Again, he sent other servants more than the first; and they did unto them likewise.

37. But last of all he sent them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that we may inherit his fatherly estate.

39. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

40. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

41. They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen.

42. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

43. Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation which will bring forth the fruits thereof.

44. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

45. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of themselves.

46. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they knew that he said of himself, I am the Christ, the Son of God.

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It is presumed that every minister of the gospel of this day appreciates the necessity of a good library. Unfortunately many who try to preach the gospel are poorly equipped in this respect. The preacher, to succeed in his cherished calling, must be a student. He must study for his work. A workman approved—needeth not to be ashamed. This he can do unless he has opportunities and helps for mental training and the attainment of knowledge in his sacred calling is extensive. Literature and science, as well as theology, may be tributary to it. As his means are quite limited usually, and his time must be economized and employed with a view to the greater effectiveness of his ministry, books must not be selected and studied at random.

What has Been Done.

On the 11th of May, the Southern Baptist Convention will assemble in the First Baptist church, Richmond, Va., and the record of another year's work of Southern Baptists for God and man will close. As the work of the past year has been a grand opportunity for God and man, it is a pleasure to review the same.

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REV. A. SYDNEY SMITH, D. D., My Dear Uncle—Yours of a recent date reached me in due time through the Recorder, and I hasten to reply, but I have failed to get them so far as your letter to the Recorder is concerned. I am sure your letter has given me cause for serious thought, especially as I am anxious to avoid your displeasure, and do my entire duty at the same time. But to do both these things seems to me now to be simply impossible.

Letter from Brother Cobb.

Liteller and the Baptist interests of his Section. There is just now a splendid opening at Liteller for a young, active, intelligent Baptist physician. The community is largely Baptist, one of our resident physicians has left, and the other has been sick for some time with a chronic trouble. If you know the right man, send him on. The man of whom I wrote to you and Woodson lives at Morven. He wants to leave the country, and locate near a female college to complete the education of his daughter. There is a splendid opening here now for a Baptist physician and a drug store. We have two schools, one primary, taught by Mrs. Dr. Jackson, and one preparatory for college, taught by my daughter. This is decidedly the healthiest place I have found in North Carolina, and I've tried every section