

PARABLES.	IMPORT.	OCCASION.	DATE.	PASSAGES.
1. The two buildings.	The strength conferred by duty	Sermon on the Mount, at the close	May (?), A. D. 27	Matt. vii, 24-27; Luke vi, 47-49.
2. Children in the market-place.	Evil of a fault-finding disposition	Rejection by the Pharisees of John's baptism	June, " "	Matt. xi, 16; Luke vii, 32.
3. The two debtors.	Love to Christ proportioned to grace received	A Pharisee's self-righteous reflections	" " "	Luke vii, 41.
4. The unclean spirit	Hardening power of unbelief	The Scribes demand a miracle in the heavens	Oct. " "	Matt. xii, 43-45; Luke xi, 24-26.
5. The rich man's meditation.	Folly of reliance upon wealth	Dispute of two brothers on their father's estate	" " "	Luke xii, 16.
6. The barren fig-tree.	Danger in the unbelief of the Jewish Church	The tidings of the execution by Pilate of certain Galileans.	" " "	Luke xiii, 6-9. [viii, 5-8.]
7. The sower	Effects of preaching religious truth	Sermon on the sea-shore	" " "	Matt. xiii, 5-8; Mark iv, 3-8; Luke
8. The tares	The severance of good and evil reserved for the future.	The same	" " "	Matt. xiii, 24-30.
9. The seed.	Internal power of truth	The same	" " "	Mark iv, 26.
10. The grain of mustard-seed.	{ Small beginnings and future growth of Christ's } kingdom	The same	" " "	{ Matt. xiii, 31, 32; Mark iv, 31, 32; } { Luke xiii, 19.
11. The leaven	{ Dissemination of the knowledge of Christ gradual } and certain	The same	" " "	Matt. xiii, 33; Luke xiii, 21.
12. The candle.	Effect of good example.	To the disciples alone	" " "	{ Matt. v, 15; Mark iv, 21; Luke } { viii, 16; xi, 33.
13. The net	Mixed character of the Church on earth	The same	" " "	Matt. xiii, 47, 48.
14. The hidden treasure	Value of religion	The same	" " "	Matt. xiii, 44.
15. The pearl of great price	The same	The same	" " "	Matt. xiii, 45, 46.
16. The householder	Varied methods of teaching truth	The same	" " "	Matt. xiii, 52.
17. The marriage	The joy of the disciples in Christ's companionship	To the Pharisees, who censured the disciples for not fasting.	Nov. " "	{ Matt. ix, 15; Mark ii, 19, 20; } { Luke v, 34, 35.
18. The patched garment.	The propriety of adapting actions to circumstances	The same	" " "	Matt. ix, 16; Mark ii, 21; Luke v, 36.
19. The wine-bottles.	The same	The same	" " "	Matt. ix, 17; Mark ii, 22; Luke v, 37.
20. The harvest.	Need of labor and prayer.	View of the spiritual wants of the Jewish people.	Jan. A. D. 28	Matt. ix, 37; Luke x, 2.
21. The adversary.	Need of prompt repentance	Slowness of the people to believe	May, " "	Matt. v, 25; Luke xii, 58.
22. The two insolvent debtors	Duty of forgiveness	Peter's question, how far this duty extends	Sept. " "	Matt. xviii, 23-35.
23. The good Samaritan	The golden rule extends to all.	The lawyer's question, Who is my neighbor?	Oct. " "	Luke x, 30-37.
24. The three loaves	Effect of importunity in prayer	The disciples ask a lesson in prayer	Nov. " "	Luke xi, 5-8.
25. The true shepherd.	Christ the only way to God.	The Pharisees reject the testimony of a miracle.	" " "	John x, 1-16.
26. The strait gate.	Difficulty of repentance	The question, Are there few that be saved?	Feb. A. D. 29	Luke xiii, 24; Matt. vii, 14.
27. The guests.	Chief places not to be usurped	Eagerness of guests to take high places	March, " "	Luke xiv, 7-11.
28. The marriage supper.	Rejection of those who delay, and of unbelievers	Self-righteous remark of a guest	" " "	Matt. xxii, 2-9; Luke xiv, 16-23.
29. The wedding garment	Necessity of purity	Continuation of the same discourse.	" " "	Matt. xxii, 10-14.
30. The tower.	Need of deliberation	Multitudes surrounding Christ.	" " "	Luke xiv, 28-30.
31. The king going to war.	The same	The same	" " "	Luke xiv, 30.
32. The lost sheep.	Christ's peculiar love for sinners	The Pharisees murmured against his receiving the wicked.	" " "	Matt. xviii, 12-13; Luke xv, 4-7.
33. The lost piece of money.	The same	The same	" " "	Luke xv, 8, 9.
34. The prodigal son	The same	The same	" " "	Luke xv, 11-32.
35. The unjust steward.	Need of pious prudence in using property	To the disciples	" " "	Luke xvi, 1-9.
36. The rich man and Lazarus	Salvation not connected with wealth	Derision of the Pharisees	" " "	Luke xvi, 19-31.
37. The importunate widow.	Perseverance in prayer.	Teaching the disciples	" " "	Luke xviii, 2-5.
38. The Pharisee and Publican	Humility in prayer	Teaching the self-righteous	" " "	Luke xviii, 10-14.
39. The servant's office.	Man's obedience not meritorious.	The same	" " "	Luke xvii, 7-10.
40. The laborers in the vineyard.	The same further illustrated	The same	" " "	Matt. xx, 1-16.
41. The talents.	Doom of unfaithful followers	At the house of Zacchæus	" " "	Matt. xxv, 14-30; Luke xix, 11-27.
42. The two sons	Obedience better than words	The chief priests demand his authority	" " "	Matt. xxi, 28. [Luke xx, 9-16.]
43. The murderous husbandmen	Guilt and rejection of the Jewish Church	The same	" " "	Matt. xxi, 33-43; Mark xii, 1-9;
44. The fig-tree	Duty of watching for Christ's appearance	In prophesying the destruction of Jerusalem	" " "	{ Matt. xxiv, 32; Mark xiii, 28; } { Luke xxi, 29, 30.
45. The watching householder	The same	The same	" " "	Matt. xxiv, 43; Luke xii, 39.
46. The man on a far journey.	The same	The same	" " "	Mark xiii, 34.
47. The characters of two servants.	Danger of unfaithfulness	The same	" " "	Matt. xxiv, 45-51; Luke xii, 42-46.
48. The ten virgins	Necessity of watchfulness	The same	" " "	Matt. xxv, 1-12.
49. The watching servants.	The same	The same	" " "	Luke xii, 36-38.
50. The vine and its branches.	The care of Christ over the Church.	At the Last Supper	" " "	John xv, 1-6.