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 his vineyard. \* And when he had agreed with the la-   
 bourers for a ™ penny a day, he sent them into his vine-   
 yard. § And he went out about the third hour, and saw   
 others standing idle in the marketplace, and said unto   
 them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is   
 right I will give you. And they went their way. 5 Again   
 he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did like-   
 wise. § And about the eleventh hour he went out, and   
 found others standing [\*id/e], and saith unto them, Why   
 stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him,   
 Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go   
 ye also into the vineyard [¢ and whatsoever is right, that   
 shall ye receive]. 8 So when even was come, the lord of   
 the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and   
 give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the   
 first. 9 And when they came that were hired about the   
 eleventh hour, they received every man a T penny. 10 But   
 when the first came, they supposed that they should have   
 received more; and they likewise received every man a   
 T penny. 1 And when they had received it, they mur-   
 mured against the ® good man of the house, 12 saying, These   
 last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them   
 equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of   
 T render, denarius. 5 omit. \* omit.   
 render, householder, as in ver. 1, where the word is the   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 But inasmuch as every workman is himself “The market-place of the world is con-   
 subject to the treatment of the husband- trasted with vineyard of the Kingdom   
 man (see John xv. 2), and every man in of God: the greatest man of business in   
 the Kingdom of God is in some sense or worldly things is mere idle gazer, he   
 other a worker on the rest, distinction has not yet on the true which   
 is not to be pressed—the parable ranges alone is any thing or gains any re-   
 over both comparisons. ard} ward.” Stier. No positive stipulation   
 not the Jewish church only, as Greswell, is made with these second, but they are   
 Parables, iv. ff., The Jewish to depend on the justice of the house-   
 Church was God’s vineyard especially holder. They might expect §ths of a de-   
 typically ; Church in all ages is His narius. From the same dialogue being   
 true vineyard, see John xv. 1. 2.) implied at the sixth and ninth hour (“he   
 The denarius a was the pay ofa Roma: id likewise”) the “ is right”   
 soldier in time, a few years before is probably in each the corresponding   
 this parable was uttered. Polybius (but part of the denarius, least in their   
 in illustrating exceeding fertility pectation ; so that s¢ be said that   
 cheapness of the country) mentions that no covenant was made. 8.] By the   
 the charge for a day’s entertainment in Mosaic law (Deut. xxiv. 15) the wages of   
 the inns in Cisalpine was half an as, an hired servant were to be paid him be-   
 = qth of the denarius. This we may Sore night. This was at the twelfth hour,   
 therefore as liberal for the day’s or sunset: see ver.12. I do not think the   
 work. 8, 4] The third hour, at steward must be as having a   
 the equinox our 9 a.m., in summer 8, spiritual meaning. If it has, represents   
 was sometimes called “the height of the Christ (see Heb. iii. 6, ch. xi. 27).   
 market,” — when the market was beginning is not merely expletive,