86—48, ST. LUKE. 377   
 hour when ye think not. 41 Then Peter said unto him,   
   
 Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or \* even to all?   
 48 And the Lord said, Who then is ™ that faithful and wise °Ms xy.   
 1 xxv. ai,   
 steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his house- \*°\*'"\*   
 hold, to give them their portion of meat in due season ?   
 43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh   
 shall find so doing. # 4 Of a truth I say unto you, that he 42st atv.   
   
 will make him ruler over all that he hath. 4 But [Vand]   
 if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his   
 coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and   
 maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; “the   
 lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh   
 not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and   
 will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion   
 with the unbelievers. 47 And ‘that servant, which knew Fifom, 7,98,   
 his lord’s will, and prepared not [¥ Aimee//], neither did ona Ui   
   
 writ so.   
 according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. Tei v.17,   
 48 «But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy elv,v,17.   
 of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto '™'™   
   
 ° vender, also. 0 read, that faithful, that wise.   
 Y not expressed in the original. W omit: see note.   
   
 his Lord, but the steward when He ap. his will: “ almost in the abso-   
 pan 41.) this parable; thetwo lute sense of ‘making ready :’—it refers   
 verses, but the :—‘ Who are they back to the “be ye thor Di of ve 40;   
 that are thus wait and watch, and to be this readiness bei aring   
 thus honoured at the Lord’s coming ?’ himself, but the ple pas wi   
 This question coming in so suddenly and has charge, ver. There is reference to   
 unconnectedly and remaining apparently Deut. xxv. 2. But he that knew   
 unanswered, is the many proofs of not] The case is of one (a disciple the   
 the originality historic of this Sed reference, but then gen ly of all   
 discourse. 42 ff.) Lord does not who bond fide is fynorant of his   
 answer the question directly, proceeds Tor ’s will. That such persons shall be   
 with His discourse, as to furnish it punished, is both the sentence the law,   
 an answer ;—viz. that in its sense see Levit. v.17—19, and an inference   
 it applies to his Apostles and ministers, the trath set th ver. 67, and Rom. i.   
 inasmuch as to them moet has been given 19, 20, 82; ii. 14, the satural   
 as the steworde—but that its application conscience have prevented the not   
 in gradationally downwards th all doing. (Observe that two classes,   
 those who know their Master’s will, included here, are that knew and did,”   
 to the lowest, measure both of re- and “he that knew not and did,” as as   
 bility and of reward is limited. that can be said [see Rom. ii. 14] ;—the   
 ‘or the comment on vv. 42—46 see on reference here being only to the ia not   
 Matt. xxiv. 45—51. Notice that unbe- in both cases, rather to the “did not”   
 levers here is “ ites” in Matthew. in the first case and its “ did   
 41, 48.) Primarily, reference the things worthy of stripes” in the second.)   
 question in ver. 41. Those which knew Bate the difficulty to be to ai   
 represent us, the disciples: those that a spiritual meaning to the shall te   
 knew not t all, multitude :— beaten with few stripes. That euch will   
 but the application not limited to this: ES the case, would @ priori be consonant   
 the truth is of universal extent. to thejustice of Satge of all earth :   
 prepared not—we must not supply, “ Aim- and we have it here declared, i¢ shall   
 self,” a8 V., but matters, according to be so: but hos, is not revealed us. It