3—12. ST. LUKE. $93   
   
 8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she   
 lose one ® piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the   
   
 house, and seek diligently till she find it? 9 And when   
 she hath found it, she calleth her ° friends and her neigh-   
 bours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found   
   
 the ® piece which I [P ad] lost. 10 m Likewise, I say unto   
 you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over   
 one sinner that repenteth. 11 And he said, A certain man   
   
 had two sons: 12 and the younger of them said to his   
 2 Jiterally, drachmas, and drachma. © the original word is   
 P omit.   
   
 herd, but sought the herd, and worth ; who is lying, in reality a   
 fetched back a aioe on 8—10.} procions coin, in the mire of thie   
 THE Lost PIECE OF MONEY. In the fol- and valueless, he is searched by   
 lowing wonderful parable, we have the the blessed and gracious And that   
 next class of sinners before us, sought such a search will be made, we are here   
 for and found by the power and work of assured. 11-32.) Taz PropieaL   
 the Spirit in the Church of Christ. It Son. Peculiar to Luke. we might   
 will be seen, as proceed, how perfectly venture here to make as bide   
 this interpretation comes out, not as a among the sayings of mex, this ble   
 fancy, but as the very kernel sense of the Lord would Tphtly be called, crown   
 the parable. The woman cannot be the and of all His parables.’   
 Church absolutely, for Church herself We have here the and welcome re-   
 is a lost at first, and found by ception of the sinner (sinner   
 the Shepherd. Rather is the house here the most aggravating circumstances) the   
 the Church—as will come out by and by, bosom of his heavenly Father: and agree:   
 —and the woman the indwelling Spirtt, ably to the circumstances under which   
 working in it. All men belong to this the discourse was spoken, the just men   
 Creator-Spirit all been with who murmured at on publicans sin-   
 the image of God. But the sinner lies same the PI ing, and relates to sake   
 the dust of sin death and corruption— of upholding the patristic in tion   
 “wholly waconscious.” Then the Spirit, deny this, seem to me to have entirely   
 lighting the candle the Lord (Prov. xx. missed the of the parable: see   
 27: Zeph. i. 12), searching every below. iy a certain man—Ousr   
 and sweeping every unseen place, out heavenly Father, the Creator and Pos-   
 the are fonaaT a to [are Nr sessor of not Christ, who ever repre-   
 as made 's glory. lighting sents Himself as a son, although fre-   
 and sweeping are to be understood of quently as a possessor or lord. two   
 office of the Spirit the Church, in its sons, sof, in any direct primary sense   
 various ways of seeking the sinner—by of the Parable, the Jews and the   
 the hing of repentance, by Word that there may be an ulterior application   
 of eat read, &c. Then comes the x a ping the ot central tratha, which   
 again. 9.] her (female) friends ing the great truths, whi   
 her neighbeurs are invited—but there is the Jew and Gentile were, their relation,   
 no return home now—nor in the explana- illustrations,—and which such illustra-   
 tion, ver. 10, is there any “in heaven,” tions are furnished wherever such differ-   
 because the Spirit abides in the Church the elder the The two and sinners as   
 because the angele are present in the the younger ;—all, : all, to   
 Church, see 1 Cor. xi. 10:—nor is it God’s family. The mystery of ed-   
 “shall be” (as in ver. at the return of mission of Gentiles into God’s   
 the Redeemer then fatare), but is—the   
 ministering spiri joice over every soul   
 that is brought out of the dust of death   
 into God’s treasure-house the searching   
 of the blessed In this parable   
 then we have set before us sinner who   
 is unconscious of Aimself his own real