[Prepared by H. C. Lenington.] THE LESSON TEXT. Matthew 13:1-8 and 18-23.) 1. The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.
2. And great multitudes were gathered together unto Him, so that He went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude

n the shore. 3. And He spake many things unto them s. And He spake many things unto them in parables, saying: Behold, a sower went forth to sow; 4. And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and

by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up;
5. Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth; and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth;

deepness of earth;
6. And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
7. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them; 8. But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold.

ome sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.
18. Hear ye, therefore, the parable of the

19. When anyone heareth the Word of the Kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the

way side. 20. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21. Yet hath he not root in himself, but

21. Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for awhile; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the Word, by and by he is offended.

22. He also that receiveth seed among the thorns is he that heareth the Word; and the care of this world, and the deceltfulness of riches, choke the Word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the Word, and understandeth it; which also beareth treit, and bringeth forth, some an hun-

fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hun-dredfold, some 60, some 30. GOLDEN TEXT.—The seed is the Word

of God.-Luke 8:11. NOTES AND COMMENTS.

In the short period that intervenes between the events of last lesson and those of the present lesson Jesus had made with His disciples a tour of Gali-

Shortly after His return to Capernaum Jesus began preaching by the seaside. A great multitude soon gathered, so great that Jesus used a boat a little out from the shore for a pulpit. The ground rising directly from the water formed a vast amphitheater, and here the people listened to the words of the Master.

The Sower and the Sowing.-Jesus in His explanation does not tell us who the sower was. All who teach Divine truths may be considered as sowers, but probably for this parable the sower was Jesus, who sowed the good seed in the hearts of men by His life on earth and teaching. The sowing was broadcast. Some of the seed fell by the wayside, some upon stony places. some among thorns, and some into good ground. We sometimes hear of people who complain that they have had "no chance in life." This can hardly be true of anyone who has heard the teaching of Jesus. The good seed has fallen in the promising places as well as the unpromising. Two things Jesus evidently meant to teach: (1) That He had sowed the good seed in His possession among all classes and conditions of men; and (2) that those who wished to be sowers of this seed should not choose their field of work. We can tell what is good ground for wheat growing, but the hearts of men are hidden from our sight, and there may be good soil where we least ex-

The Seed and the Soil.—The seed, we are teld, was good seed. If it does not grow, then we can safely conclude that the fault is not in the seed, but in the soil. The hearts of men form the soil. and our own heart is a part of that soil. We can change that soil and make it what we will. The doctrine of this parable is not fatalistic. The element of human choice comes in right here. The seed that has been sown was good seed, and it has fallen into our hearts. Nurture of the plant will do little good. We must have depth of soil, and the soil must be free from other useless growths that will crowd out what we wish to have grow,

pect it.

Good Seed by the Wayside,-Jesus cago Post. refers to those who have deliberately hardened their hearts. The seed cannot abide there, so is soon taken away. Another thought is suggested. The beaten paths of men are not the places for cultivating the good seed. Meditation and prayer can be had at their best only in solitude; therefore we should give ourselves such moments

Good Seed on Stony Ground.-This refers to "shallow" people, people of no depth of character, who have not assiduously cultivated what soil they have, who have no aim in life.

Good Seed Among Thorns .- This refers to the cultivation rather than to the soil. After the seed is sown, care must be taken that the hurtful things do not crowd out that which has sprung up from the good seed. Perhaps we cannot help the weeds starting, but we can pull them out as soon as they begin to show themselves.

Good Seed in Good Ground.-How refreshing it is to turn from the barren and uncultivated places to a field that is well taken care of. This field is one that is all that the others we have considered are not. It is away from the highway, there is depth of soil, and the cultivation is complete. Even here some of the seed has done better than other, but all has borne fruit.

God's Goodness.

The most difficult thing for the stubborn heart of man to believe is God's goodness; it is much easier to believe in God's tyranny.-Rev. Dr. Crane.

Jealousy or Envy. If we have a feeling of jealousy or envy in our hearts, the surest way to kill it is to be kind to those we are

jealous of .- Rev. N. Woodside. Acts and Thoughts. Jesus demands that all acts and thoughte shall square with the white line that He has drawn through his-tery.—Rev. R. H. Potter. They Wore Nice Pills.

"Mister," said the small boy to the druggist, "give me another box of them pills you sold father the day before yesterday." "Are they doing him good?" asked

the chemist, looking pleased. "I d'no whether they're doing father any good or not, but they're good for me. They just fit my new air gun."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

No Cause to Worry. "I suppose," he said, as they undulated around the hall, "that my mother would be awfully worried if she knew I was here. She's very religious and thinks it is a terrible sin to dance."

"Oh, never mind," the girl said,

Lotus Enters.

Youth dreams of the future, Age dreams of the past, Their life-days far off thus adorning: But the life of to-day wears no glamour,

and they Both hate to get up in the morning.

ATWENTIETH CENTURY CEREMONY.



She (hypochondriac)-You'll remember all my instructions, dear, about my funeral, won't you?

"Have I left out anything?" "Yes. You haven't requested to be phila North American.

buried alive, so that you can enjoy the funeral."—Harlem Life. Same Old Lesson.

For eighty-seven miserly years
He pinched, and scraped, and shaved,
And found, when his soul had left its clay, That the cent or two he'd given away Was all that he had saved. -Chicago Tribuse.

The Sad Feature of It.

"The salary of the ezar of Russia amounts to about \$1,000 an hour." "Well, I'd hate to have a job of that

"It would break my heart to have to lay off an hour or two some day, and perhaps get docked."-Chicago Times-

The Proper Thing. She-Isn't that a duck of a bonnet Dr. Cubeb's wife has on?

She-How so?

He-Her husband's a quack.-Chicago Daily News.

women are so much more interesting

learned how to conceal their opinion of men .- Puck.

egraph home that the commanding general is an idiot.

we can permit the transmission of no military secrets .- Tit-Bits.

To Get Revenge. "I hate him!" she exclaimed. "I would do anything I could to make him miserable.'

"Then why don't you marry him?" asked her dearest friend sweetly .- Chi-

High School Progress.

Mrs. Church-Has your boy learned anything since he has been going to school?

Mrs. Gotham-Oh, yes; he's learned to smoke eigarettes.-Yonkers States-

Not the Only One. "Skinflint is gifted with second

"I didn't know that." "Yes, he always looks at a dollar

twice before he spends it."-Town Topics. A Fraud.

Miss McCarlem-Thot piano lamp ye sold me is no good, an' Oi want yez to take it back.

Dealer-Eh? Why? Mrs, McCarlem-Divil a chune con we git out of it .- N. Y. Weekly.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss, "Whose new silk umbrella is this

you've brought home?" "I don't know." "Don't know?"

"No; and what's more, I don't want to know."-Chicago Record.

Behind Her Back. He -- Ah, that Miss Rockingham has a face that looks as if it might have

been cut out of marble. She-Yes; I have often noticed her

stony stare.-Chicago Times-Herald. Customary Duty. Bings-What is the first duty of man coming to America? Bangs-The duty he pays on every thing he brings with him.-Harlem

Prospects of Another. Wife-The plumber came and looked at the drain pipes this morning. Husband—What's the use? I've got one mortgage on the house already.-N. Y. Journal.

BANDAGES OF FULP.

Their Ready Application Is Only One of the Many Advantages They Possess.

A United States naval surgeon advocates the substitution of wood pulp sheets for flaxseed meal, etc., in making poultices, says the Philadelphia Record. He cuts a sheet of the pulp to a size approximate to the surface to be covered, soaks the sheet in hot water until it has become thoroughly softened, then wrings it out, very lightly, and applies. The wood pulp sheet will absorb and hold from four to five times its weight of water, and, since "She wouldn't know you were dancing, heat and moisture are the desiderata even if she saw you."—Chicago Times- in poultices, this furnishes them in simple, cleanly form. No cloths are needed, no cooking, no stirring and spreading on cloth, just a soaking in hot water. And the nicest part is the total absence of the mess inevitable to making flaxseed meal poultices, although there is, too, a great economy of time and trouble. It is sometimes advisable to put a piece of oiled muslin over the sheet to help to retain the heat and moisture.

When the "poultice" begins to get cold take it off, wring out the water. and soak it again in hot water, and so on indefinitely. The surgeon has used IF YUU WISH TO BECOME the same sheet of pulp wood for two days' poulticing, in the hands of an ignorant man at that, his instructions to him being "to soak the plaster in hot water whenever it got cold, and put it on again."

By the way, every physician who has had the annoyance and trouble of being compelled to leave an all-important matter of poultieing to an ignorant person will appreciate a way that will allow no loophole for mistakes and

Quickly Arranged. "You take me by surprise," she ex-

claimed, after he had finally put the question. "Well, I'm glad to get you in any

way," he replied, pursuing his advan-Digress. And she let it go at that.-Philadel-

Leading Up to It.

Miss DeMuir-Papa, this is Mr. Galloper no, i mean Mr. Pacer.

The Young Man-1 beg pardon, but tions held by graduates, address, my name is Trotter.

Miss DeMuir-So stupid of me. I knew it had something to do with State College, Centre County, Pa. horses, though.-Chicago Tribune.

Went Out Together.

Bill-Jimson went down in a coal hole looking for a gas leak with a lighted canale.

Jill-And when he found the leak the candle went out, I suppose? "Yes; so did Jimson."-Yonkers

Why He Declined.

"Tenspot has written a letter declining to be a candidate for congress." "Idon't know that anybody had asked him to be a candidate."

"That is the reason why he has de-He-Yes, and it's very appropriate, elined."-Town Topics.

THE BEST OF ALL.

A Solution.

He—I wonder why it is that married women are so much more interesting than single ones?

She—Probably because they have learned how to conceal their opinion of men.—Puck.

South African Item.

Newspaper Man—I should like to telegraph home that the commanding general is an idiot.

Censor—I regret to inform you that we can permit the transmission of no millitary secrets.—Tit-Bits.

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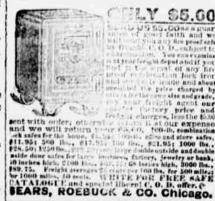
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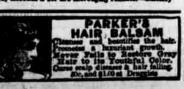
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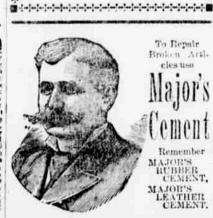
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