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THE LESSON TEXT.
(Matthew i3:24-33.)
Another parable put He forth unto hem, saying: The Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field.

5. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and

and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

So But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. ff. So the servants of the householder

n. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him: Sir, didst not hou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares?

M. He said unto them: An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him: wilt thou then that we go and gather

2 But he said: Nay; lest while ather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30. Let both grow together until the

harvest; and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers: Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn. Il Another parable put he forth unto them, saying: The Kingdom of Heaves

them, saying: The Kingdom of Heaves is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field.

I Which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest amess herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 Another parable spake He unto them: The Kingdom of Heaven is like them: The Kingdom of Heaven is fac-unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid is three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The field is the world.

Matt. 13:38.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

This lesson properly includes the seven parables spoken at the same time as the parable of the sower which was considered last week. The seven parables to be studied are recorded in Matthew 13:24-52 and Mark 4:26-35. These parables are the following:

Of the Tares. the Mustard Seed

of the Mustard Seed.
Of the Leaven.
Of the Hid Treasure.
Of the Pearl of Great Price.
Of the Fishing Net.
Of the Fruitful Field. The Parable of the Tares.-In the

earlier stages of its growth the tares cannot be distinguished from the wheat. It is not until nearly harvest time when the ear is developed that it can be safely weeded out. This is an accurate picture of the church. Within its folds are good and bad alike. Not all who have taken upon themselves the vows of service to Christ are His disciples. On the other hand it may be that outside the church there are true disciples of our Lord. Church fellowship, truly, is better, because of the helpful associations and the greater incentive to do Christian work; but within the church who is to say which at: the wheat and which the tares? sus says that "by their fruits ye shall now them," therefore in His own time ne great Lord of the Harvest will sepate the good from the bad.

It is well to note that there is nothng in the parable counter to the teachof the last lesson concerning inastrious cultivation of the soil. horns and known weeds must not be allowed to flourish, but should be plucked at once. The parables of the ower and of the tares should be distinguished. The seed in the latter parable is not the word of God, but rather the "children of the kingdom." are very unlike. The parable of the sower gave us one aspect of the Kingdom of God, the parable of the tares gives us another and entirely different aspect.

Parable of the Mustard Seed .- This parable indicates the growth in extent of the kingdom. From the smallest beginnings the greatest things often come. The Christian faith has spread abroad in a marvelous degree since this parable was spoken. But besides this broad application the rable has an individual application. little faith may grow to be a strong stalwart faith. More than this the importance of all little things is shown. No one knows what may result from a single thought or word. Vast good or harm may eventually come about.

Parable of the Leaven. - Another great truth is inculcated here. It is concerning the manner in which the kingdom is to grow. In another place (Luke 17:20) Jesus says: "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." The growth of the kingdom is quiet and unostentatious, but none the less powerful and effective. Parable of the Hid Treasure.-We

will touch upon one other of these parables. Jesus likens the Kingdom of Heaven to a treasure that has been lost in a field. A stranger happens along and finds it. He hides it in another place in the same field for fear that another knows of its whereabouts. Then he goes to the owner of the field and buys it. It is needless to say that this does not teach that we are to hide our light under a bushel, but it does show how a very valuable thing can impart value to a comparatively worthless thing. Any number of fields were as valuable, in themselves considered, as this, but they contained no extraordinary treasure. So a human life may be comparatively worthless, but the light of God in the heart transforms the life, and it becomes of inestimable value.

The Home.

In the home is found the strength of nation. If all is well in the home all is well in the community. If we find in our homes that the marriage bond is lightly considered, there is a hidden spring of evil which cannot fail to undermine society.—Rev. P. C.

The Mind. Fill the mind with good thoughts. end the best books. Be so much oced with Christlike service that sin annot be entertained .- Rev. D. C.

MAKING AN ORCHARD.

Post Plan for Beginners Is to Select Varieties That Have Been Tried with Success.

As an orchard, especially the apple and pear orchard, will, after it has madeagood growth and become established, last an ordinary lifetime, if given proper care, the selection of varieties should be made very carefully. To set out and care for an orchard until it comes into bearing requires considerable labor and expense, and to find out after working four or five years to secure good growth that a mistake in the selection of varieties has been made will prove a costly ex-

perience. Of course there is always a chance of being imposed upon by the nurseryman. The farmer may make a good selection and order them, and receive them properly labeled according to his order only to find out that he has been swindled when the trees commence to bear-too late to eroid the loss.

The only safe plan is to buy only from responsible nurserymen, who will not substitute after accepting the order. There are plenty such so that there is not much excuse for buying of irresponsible dealers.

The best plan is to select for the principal dependence varieties that already have been tried and proved. There is an abundance of these without risking too much on untried or unknown sorts. Because some traveling agent who is interested in selling some high-sounding variety at a big price recommends them is not a sufficient reason for investing.

Difference in soil and cultivation of growth make a difference in the growth and quality of the fruit, and the only safe guide is to take old and tried varieties for the main crop and then if desired a few trees of fancy sorts of unknown quality may be selected to try.

On the farm plan first to have a full supply all through the year. Then if more is wanted plant good winter varieties that are strong in appearance, as in a market apple appearance is an important factor.-N. J. Shepherd, in Farmer's Voice,

THE SAN JOSE SCALE.

Spraying with Crade Petroleum Has Been Found Effective in Destroying the Pest.

Prof. John H. Smith reports to the association for the advancement of ed." science that he has found spraying with crude petroleum to be a sure method of destroying the San Jose scale. He first tried it on a Duchess pear tree, which was badly infested. In the early part of January, 1898, he painted the tree thoroughly from the tops of the twigs to the ground. Long before spring opened it was easy to see that there was not a living scale remaining on the tree. As it started well in the spring, about a dozen trees were sprayed with a nozzle to cover them as completely as possible. As they had begun to make leaf growth, he found in some cases foliage injured, and when an extra heavy dose of oil was put on the fruit buds were killed. The tree treated in winter not only blossomed and bore well, but it made a rank and vigorous growth, and the foliage had a color that enabled anyone to identify it as far as they could see it. It was as if an application of nitrate of soda had been made around it. This increase remaining on the tree. As it started The field is the world rather than the and the foliage had a color that eneart. So in other regards the parables abled anyone to identify it as far as been made around it. This increase in vigor and growth continues up to the present time.

The next winter many trees were treated, including apple, peach, plum and cherry, and by his advice many others tested it, so that probably 2,000 to 3,000 frees were treated that winter. In no case has any tree been injured, and in all cases the scale was destroyed and the tree appeared vigorous and healthy during the summer. In one case where there were three rows of apple trees 30 to 40 years old, the middle row alone was sprayed, and in June it was a sight to behold. The other rows looked sickly by the side of that, and on that the fruit set full and fair,-American Cultivator.

HANDY LITTLE HOTBED.

One Can Be Constructed Along the Side of the House or Stable at Triffing Expense.

A small hotbed may be constructed along the side of the house or a stable. as shown in the illustration, and partly heated through a window. Excavate



A HANDY HOTBED. to the required depth, going below the frost line, and build up a wall topping it with brick and sloping it about six inches to the front. A crop of lettuce or violets may be grown in such a bed with only the heat derived from the cellar.-Farm and Home.

Sodium Nitrate for Gardens.

Sodium nitrate is especially valuable for intensive culture in gardens and fields tributary to large cities where quickness and abundance of growth are factors of prime necessity. The readyformed nitrate is an indispensable fertilizer for flowers and gardens as well as for fields. It performs a function which cannot be easily replaced by any other form of nitrogenous material among field crops. The sugar beet is especially susceptible to the influence of nitrate of soda and this is the most economic form of nitrogenous fertilizer that can be secured.—Dr. H. W. Wiley, in Farm and Home.

Mrs. Washout-So de Johnsons claim to come ob better stock dan de Jack-

Mrs. Wringer-Yais; ole man Johnson was hung for murder, while ole man Jackson was simply lynched .-

Universal Rule.

"Be quiet!" said Uncle Allen Sparks, who was patiently endeavoring to remove a woodtick from the hide of his "Don't you know, you ungrateful beast, that nothing worth having in this world can be got without digging for it?"—Chicago Tribune. Immunes.

Jail occupants don't care, they say, If measles come about; They're pretty middling sure that they Aren't likely to break out. -Elliott's Magazine.

WHAT HE WOULD DO.



Professor of Anatomy-This subject, in addition to having his jugular vein severed, was shot twice through the heart, in consequence of which he died. Now, what would you do in a case like

Student-I'd die too.-Chleago Chrou-

Human Nature.

Some folks take things as they come, But 'tis a fact, you know, That pickpockets and shoplifters Take things as they go. -- Chicago Daily News.

A Touching Death.

First Boer-Poor Schmidt! He met Second Boer-How did it happen? First Borr-He had his whiskers shot nway and died of a broken heart.-Town

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The first sore or ulcar is followed by little red pimples on the body, mouth and throat become sore, the glands ealarge and inflame, copper colored splotches appear, and hair and eyebrows fall out. These are some of the milder symptoms; they increase in severity, finally attacking the vital organs; the body is tortured with rheumatic pains and covered with offensive eating sores.

It is a peculiar poison, and so highly contagious that an impocent person handling the same articles used by one infected with this lostksome disease, may be inocutated with the virus. It can be transmitted from parent to child, appearing as the same disease or it is modified form—like Rezema or Scrofula.

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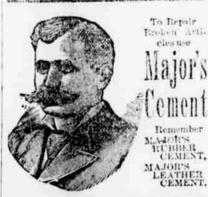
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