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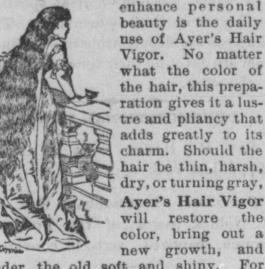
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**RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.** 

THE SOWER.-Ver. 14. The sower root in themselves. Their re igion is

soweth the word. That is whose not rooted in a changed heart, an ever so weth the word of God in the enduring purpose, in real principie.

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#### INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

First Quarter-Lesson V.-February 3.

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER .-Mark 4 : 10-20.

GOLDEN TEXT.-If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.--Mark 4

THE CIRCUMSTANCES. - Jesus had gone out of the city of Capernaum, and was walking on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Multitudes followed him, and crowded so closely to hear him that he stepped into a fishing-boat, put off a short distance from the land, while the multitudes stood upon the circular shores of the bay, and began teaching by parables.

He had been preaching for almost two years. The people were familiar with the main truths of his Gospel. He knew many would be disappointed in not seeing a deliverance from Rome. The parables are an answer to misapprehensions about the kingdom of God.

friends, apart from the multitude. spoke to the people in parables. He changed into fruitful soil.

first answers this latter question,

hearts of the people, is represented And so endure but for a time : so by the sower in the parable. Hence; long as they are in the popular curthe sower designates Jesus Christ. | rent, and there is nothing to try or the apostles, and all who go forth test their principles. Afterward, to preach or teach, in public or in when affliction. Trials which are private, the truths of the word of severe. Or persecution ariseth for God. the word s sake. A sneer, or a laugh, Soweth the word, that is the word or the rude jests of scoffers make a of God. All spiritual life depends fair but false disciple deny his Lord. on a divine seed so on in the heart. Immediately they are offended : or There is something marvellously stumble, fall over the obstacle, and

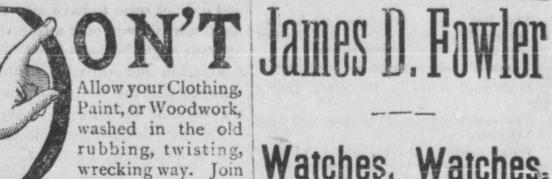
small beginnings it produces great results. The harvest is manifold fluences of the Holy Spirit. The seed produces after its kind.

The scil for the good seed is the heart of man, including his memory, mind, and will. The seed cannot grow without soil : but the life is in temporal kingdom and a national the seed, not in the soil. The results depend largely on the kind of soil in which the seed is sown, and the preparation made for receiving And when he was alone: with the seed. "The illustration cannot touch at all points. It takes no ac-After Jesus had spoken the parable count of the fact that the condition of the sower, he paused for awhile, of the spiritual soil may be altered perhaps to give his hearers time to by divine grace; that the trimpled reflect upon it. During this inter- ground can become soft, the rocky val, the twe've, and other disciples, ground deep, and the thorns be came to him with their questions. rooted out." No one can excuse All this may have taken place while himself for being bad soil for the he was still in the boat Asked of good seed. He can go to God and him the parable : and also why he receive a better nature, and be

THE WAYSIDE HEARERS.-Vers. giving the reason why he explained 4, 15. Those in whom is no result to the disciples what he left unex- from the sowing. And these are plained to the multitude. Unto you they by the way side. The grainit is given. To you who thus in- fields are rarely fenced. There are quire, seeking to know the truth. little paths leading through hither All who ask, receive, and according and thither, some being the highto what they ask : the disciples ask | ways along which the horsemen ride what is the inner meaning. The and asses carry their burdens. It outward form was plain to all. To was along such a way as this-a know the mystery. Not a truth foot or so in width-that the seed which none can understand, but one fell which the birds of the air imwhich, kept a secret from others, mediately devoured. "It is of has been revealed to the initiated. | exactly the same soil as the rest, but The new ideas of the kingdom of many passengers have trodden it heaven, hitherto unknown, but now hard. Some of the seed, sown broadbeing revealed by Christ, of immor- cast of course, falls there, and hes tality. forgiveness, true piety, and where it falls, having no power to morality,-God's way of redeeming penetrate the hard surface. Hungry men. Of the kingdom of God. The birds watch the sower; and, as soon new kingdom which Christ came to as his back is turned, they are down establish. Unto them that are with- and away goes the exposed grain.

vital in the word of God. From cease walking in the way of life. King Saul, Herod Antipas, and the Galatians proved themselves stonymore than the seed. It can produce ground hearers. So was that pro nothing unless it is planted in the posed disciple to whom Jesus resoil. It needs the vitalizing in- plied, "Foxes have holes." etc. Felix combined the features of this

> and the previous class. THE THORNY-GROUND HEARERS. -Vers. 7, 18, 19. Those who give still fairer promise and larger hope. They have made a profession of religion, and assumed the outward forms of a spiritual life. Sown among thorns. Where the soil was good, but was preoccupied by roots and seeds, if not by thorn-plants. There are a great many more thorny plants in Palestine than in America, and these plants love the wheatfields. The farmers have a habit of going out before these thorns go to seed, and gathering them with a sickle. But some farmers are too lazy, and others neglect a corner of their fields, and it will presently be overrun with coarse thorns. The stalks rot and disappear in the winter, and only their seeds remain concealed in the ground. The earth looks like that of the rest of the field ; and the farmer ploughs in his seed with a good heart, in hopes of spring up with the wheat, and being OF ALL KINDS IN CHILDREN OR ADULTS SWEET AS SYRUP AND much stronger, their roots soon twine about those of the wheat, and absorb all the water from the ground, and their plants overshadow the green blades. And so the plants either make no seeds, or so few and poor ones that the farmer does not care to pick out the stalks from the thorns, and he either burns them altogether cr threshes out all as food for his donkey. The cares (anxieties) of this world. Anxieties about worldly success; unrelaxing attention to the labors of daily life; the desire for worldly goods and honors;



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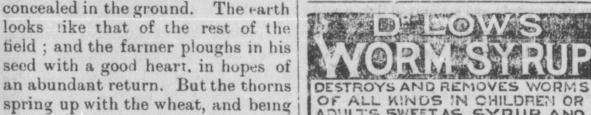
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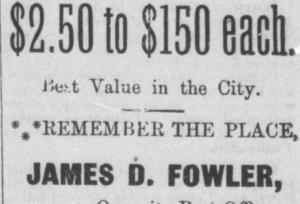
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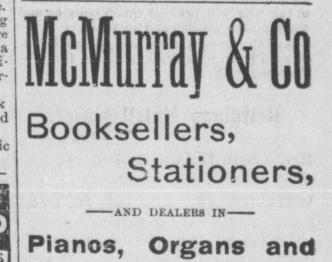
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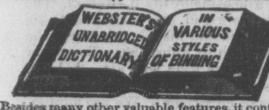




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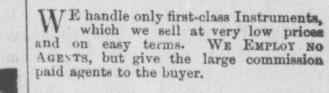
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