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CRITICAL NOTES BY REV. GEORGE P. HAYS, D. D., LL. D.

Lesson X of the International Series for Sunday, Dec. 4, 1887-Text of Lesson, Matt. xiii, 1-9; Golden Text, Luke viii,

This chapter of parables is quite as conspicuous as the chapters containing the Sermon on the Mount. These parables may not all have been spoken at one sitting, but are here given in one group. The Saviour had been traveling through Galilee and was now back at his permanent residence at Capernaum. Crowds gathered around. The ship made a convenient pulpit, high enough above the shore to bring the Saviour easily in sight of the multitude of people.

It is to be noticed here that the Saviour gives no description of this sower, nor does he authorize the sower to pick the ground on which he is to sow. Neither is there any description of the seed. The sower does not make the seed he was to sow. It was given to him to sow, and he has no right to try to modify it or change it. "Go, preach the preaching that I bid thee" was God's command to Jonah, as to all his other servants. Neither does the sower understand the nature of the growth of this seed. The seed is sown in us, but we also are sown in the world, and the result is not merely in the ground but also in the seed sown. The responsibility is not altogether on the sower, or on the seed which is the word of God, but the difference of results is in the hearer.

Wayside hearers,-The wayside was once as soft-as any part of the field; it is now beaten hard by much treading. The seed exposed on this hard ground is to the birds a special opportunity and invitation, and so they come and light in flocks, taking away every seed and all possibility of growth. That wayside, if it is ever to bring forth fruit, must be plowed and harrowed. This wall be hard work and require rough handling. Without this plowing and breaking up of this hard ground, not only will the seed not enter, but the rain will pass away without softening it, and the sunshine that ought to have produced growth will only make dust. There seems not much chance for any good result from sowing seed in such a place. But the sower is simply told to sow, and sow everywhere,

Stony ground.-The rain that falls on it is soon evaporated, and the soil becomes dry and vegetation dies. This rocky ground, however, may be cleared up and become fruitful. This can only be done by blasting the big, deep rocks and gathering out the little stones one by one. This will take vigorous work and strong resolution and patient labor on the part of the farmer.

Thorny ground.—Thorns are still a different kind of thing from either rocks or birds or clods. The roots of the thorns are not part of the ground as the rocks are, nor are they the result of much treading as is the hardness of the wayside. Like the wheat they are themselves things of growth, and the soil wherein they will grow well would also grow wheat well if the thorns were out of the way. In such soil it is a question of competition which shall occupy the ground. In the case of the soil supplied with thorns but sowed with grain, one or the other will be choked. "No man can serve two masters." No ground can raise a good crop both of thorns and of grain.

Good ground.-When the good ground is described, it is said to belong to those who have an honest and good heart. There is to be no trifling with the importance of religion. These begin to cultivate it with care. The crop will depend very much on the nature of the soil and the exposure to the sun, and other favorable circumstances. This growth in the good ground is a steady progress, and not a growth by fits and jerks. The amount of fruit, however, will vary very much even in good ground. It is sometimes asked whether a hundred fold is not a very unreasonable and extraordinary crop. It must be remembered, however, that in wheat each seed brings forth many stalks, and each stalk a head; so a hundred fold is not very unusual. I have myself, while preparing these lesson notes, counted the grains on an ear of corn, and not an especially large one. There were on it 763 grains. Many a stalk of corn has two or three ears on it. The estimate, therefore, of the crop in an especially good field is not unreasonable-thirty, sixty or a

SUGGESTIVE APPLICATIONS.

BY THE REV. EDWIN W. RICE, D. D. The wayside seed (see vs. 4 and 19). You find a particularly inattentive scholar in your class who is listless, has no desire nor interest for religious truth, and upon whose he rt it seems as difficult to make an impression as if you were working upon granite or upon polished steel. Whatever good truth drops there stays on the outside, and the next wind or the next companion who colles along brushes it aside; or some agents of he evil one in other ways snatch it away. This hearer is the most discouraging and the me at hopeless one in your class.

Seed upon rocky ground (see vs. 5, 20 and 2i). There are hearers and scholars who are mc. curial, impulsive, governed more by passion than by principle, who gladly receive an carnest call to obey the truth; they comply with it promptly and passionately; for a few days there seems no bound to their zeal; they are quite ready to find fault with older Ch istians for their coldness, for their lack of are or, and they seem at one bound to have gone from worldliness to the very height of spiritual eestasy. But they have no abiding principle of Christianity; it is simply a surface feeling and impulse, which passes away like the morning dew.

Eeed among the thorns (see vs. 7 and 22).— There are hearers and scholars, full of the cares of this world and its pleasures, crowded with worldly ambitions and worldly desires, who are ready, with the multitude of other things, to take in some of the teachings of God's word. They suppose that they can go to church, unite themselves with God's people on Sunday and busy themselves with the cares of the world and its delights, without a thought of Christ or of their duty to God all the week; nay, they can mingle in all the frivolities of life, they see no harm in operas or theatres, in dancing or card playing or games of chance, unless indeed that they should fall into "open and extensive gambling," and so while pretending to receive God's word they really choke it out, and there is no spirituality in them and no vitality or power in their assumed Christian pro-

The seed in the good ground (see vs. 8 and 23). There is a like difference in the fruit produced by the sowing of the spiritual seed. It is due to the greater care in preparing the heart for it, or the greater natural capacity and ability for religious work, the greater spirituality of the receiver. These give increased fruitfulness in the harvest.

It is well for the discouraged preacher and teacher to notice some of the general characteristics of this parable, in its application to spiritual fields, seed and harvests. There is no difference in the seed; there is no difference in the sower. And yet three-fourths of the seed came to nothing; apparently it was wasted. Only one-fourth of the seed brought

aged if every effort of yours does not produce an abundant harvest; indeed you may be highly encouraged if barely one-fourth of the good seed which you sow from God's word produces any good result.

BY ALICE W. KNOX. Golden text: "The seed is the word of

It is God's word we study, this seed we sow, Teachers are laborers on the great farm, or in the garden of the Lord. The reaping will be according to the sowing. How is it, fellow laborers, with us? Are we sowing the good seed of the word, or are we sowing our own thoughts, illustrations and seeds of self making? Does every child in our classes get one gospel seed verse implanted in the young heart every Sunday, so that the Spirit will find it there ready for his influences! or are we so anxious to show our ingenuity in manufacturing pictures and original illustrations that there is no time to plant the seed? Pictures are excellent when they aptly illustrate the subject, but they can never take the place of the gospel seed verse that should be well planted in the child's mind. Stories are good when they explain the truth contained in the seed verse, but they must always be helps and not the main

Jesus Christ could talk in parables and convey exactly the truth he wished to communicate; but he spake as never man spake. In trying to imitate him, the greatest care should be taken not to mistake the story for the truth. Hence let young children memorize the Scriptures. Better far to go back to the old system of a verse a day and take all the Sunday school hour in hearing them recited individually, and have no time for explanations, pictures, illustrations, than to give the hour to these explanations, pictures and illustrations, with no memoriter exercises. The Bible words are God's words; the others are human. The Bible words are the good seed, the others the tillage. First get the seed into the heart soil which God has already prepared for it, and then let the best possible explanations be given. Appeal to eye, to ear, to heart, to memory; then with earnest prayer submit the case to God, pleading for the Sun of righteousness to shine on it and the dews of the divine Spirit to fructify it, when a glorious harvest may be confidently expected.

In China the scholars commit entire chapters and whole books to memory. In a few instances the entire New Testament has been correctly recited from beginning to end. This may, of course, be a parrot like recitation, the pupil not understanding one verse with its true meaning; but it should be thoroughly understood that this is not what is here recommended. The memorizing of at least one seed verse weekly is urged as indispensable to good gospel teaching; then add the rest as time permits, but by no means neglect the first. A concert recitation of the verses is not sufficient. As all teachers know. young children mistake and misunderstand words, like the little boy who told his mother the verse taught in Sunday school was, "Hold a grater to Solomon's ear" (for "Behold, a greater than Solomon is here"). How much gospel did that child get that day! Each child should recite the verse separately, carefully, and then be questioned about it, and receive explanations of words new to it. When twenty, thirty, 100 or 1,000

young children are packed on crowded and instruction are ply impossible. The school may be very attractive, the children may like to attend, but the truth is that very few of them are much benefited. The younger the children the more personal instructions they need. Adults may crowd together under one good teacher and receive benefit, because they know how to read, how to study, how to pay attention, how to think. Little children know none of these things. The very meaning and pronunciation of the words they do not know. What folly to try to teach them en masse! They may be amused, they may be interested, by a skillful teacher, but a book might be written filled with the mistaken ideas and words they obtain. These views are the resuit of long experience and close observation, and are recommended to primary teachers for their serious consideration. In short, to sow the good seed of the word of God is to plant it in the memory, where the Spirit may find it ready for his use. This is our first work, and let no teacher feel discouraged who finds time for little else.

Remember-"The seed is the word of God."-Sunday School World.

It Is Well to Rememoer. That happiness is not perfection unless it is

That great possessions may bring great misfortunes.

That a foolish friend does more harm than a wise enemy. That the hardest thing to empty out of the

heart is conceit. That it is not necessary to be mean because one is a man of means.

That good temper, like a sunny day, sheds a brightness over everything.

That one of the causes that leads us to misfortune is that we live according to the example of others.-Good Housekeeping.

An Early Steel Pen.

Roger North, writing to the Hon. Mrs. Foley, from London, March 8, 1700-1, says: "You will hardly tell by what you see that I write with a steel pen. It is a device come out of France, of which the original was very good and wrote very well, but this is but a copy ill made. When they get the knack of making them exactly I do not doubt but the government of the goose quill is near an end, for none that can have these will use others."-Autobiography of the Hon. Roger North.

Gypsy Musicians.

A full fledged gypsy orchestra is on the road from eastern Europe to America. It consists of thirteen musicians, and at the beginning of the month was at Berlin. In that city, so punctilious or supercritical in respect to music, the concerts of the gypsies in the restaurant located in the underground of the Grand hotel on the Alexander square have been drawing full houses and been much applauded.-Foreign Letter.

The Wild West Show.

A London newspaper, speaking of the breaking up of the Wild West show in London, says that Buffalo Bill has gathered in the "dust" beyond the wildest dreams of avarice; that since the exhibition of 1851 London has never seen a show that so took it by storm, and that the show might have gone on exhibiting in London for the rest of Mr. Cody's natural life.—New York Sun.

Epitaph for Hank Monk.

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