

THE SOWER.

"THIS MAN RECEIVETH SINNERS."

"This man receiveth sinners ;"

"This man"—and who was he?
Beneath a servant's humble form,
"God manifest" we see.

"This man receiveth sinners ;"

My soul put in thy claim,
For surely thou must own that this
Alone can be thy name.

"This man receiveth sinners ;"

Sweet thought for such as me !
For then He will not cast me out,
All filthy though I be.

"This man receiveth sinners ;"

Yea, bids them freely come :
He meets the prodigal half-way,
And safely guides him home.

GOD CHOSE TO SEND JESUS.

SOME little time ago, after the conclusion of one of Mr. Brownlow North's addresses in Edinburgh, a young man came into the room where he was receiving persons anxious for private conversation, and said to him, "I have heard you preach three times, sir, and I neither care for you nor your preaching unless you can tell me why did God permit sin."