

# THE SOWER.

## THE CROSS AND ITS STORY.

**H**OW strange that poor sinners  
So wretched and dreary,  
And living in scenes of confusion and strife;  
Will not come to Jesus, who helpeth the weary,  
And giveth them rest with salvation and life.

The Lord in His mercy has done all that's needed  
To put away sin and to open the way;  
Shall the message of mercy go longer unheeded,  
He waits to be gracious, why longer delay.

Men tell us the future is hid by a curtain,  
Enveloped in mystery, darkness, and doubt;  
But scripture declares it most solemnly certain,  
That man is a leper within and without.

He exhibits it too by his word and behaviour,  
The sin of his nature can nothing erase,  
But the work, and the blood, of a crucified  
Saviour;  
A Saviour whom God has sent down in His grace.

This world will soon pass with its beauty and  
fashion,  
With no one its grandeur or might to record;  
But those who have tasted God's love and  
compassion,  
Will find themselves safely at home with their  
Lord.