

sion of the parable is in the last clause of verse eight.

in the R. V.); Luke 14: 33, 35, and here. Turn up the passages and see what it was that Jesus wished to have remembered in each case. "The parable describes four kinds of Christians: (1) Christians with merely an outward religion; (2) Christians with a shallow religion; (3) Christians with a half religion; (4) Christians with a true religion."

3. He that hath ears to hear let him hear — This was a common expression among the rabbis for calling the attention of their scholars to something important Christ uses it eight times. Matt. 11: 14, 16; 13: 43; Mark 4: 23; 7: 16 (this one is omitted

SUMMARY AND REVIEW.

The parable is so simple and the lessons so obvious that an extended summary and review is not called for. Describe the scene. The Teacher seated in the boat. The multitude on the sloping shores. The sower in a field within sight scattering the seed. It was the beginning of the rainy season, about November, when, in that winterless country the farmer sows his grain. Having made the picture vivid proceed at once to the interpretation. The Sower? The Seed? The Soil? The seed is all good—the different results arise from the nature of the soil. Draw four outline hearts on the blackboard and write in each the hindrances to the growth of the seed. The first will be the **HARD** heart, the second the **ROCKY** heart, the third the **WEEDY** heart, and the fourth the **WILLING** heart. In the Hard Heart you would write, after eliciting them from the scholars by questions, the things that make the heart inattentive—business, pleasure, ambitious plans, etc., and around it outline birds (two curves ~ will suffice) and name them after the things that divert the mind and destroy good impressions—whispering and smiling in church, thinking about the people around you instead of the sermon, frivolous words and comments on the way home, etc. In dealing with the Rocky Heart, emphasize the need of sorrow for sin as a prelude to lasting joy. When you come to the Weedy Heart, deal with it similarly to the first, particularizing the thorns and weeds that choke the word—worldly gain, love of pleasure, love of money, etc. The Good Heart itself comes from God. Commit to memory: and quote Ezek, 11: 19; 36: 26; Ps. 51: 10.

THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD

WHICH FALLS ON

HARD

ROCKY

WEEDY

HEARTS

Which is
Yours?



WILLING

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

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TELLING AND QUESTIONING. (CHAPTER VII.)

(Continued.)

VI. Manner of Questioning—Earnest, Animated, Impromptu.

- 1—Never reject an answer given in good faith.
- 2—Always accept an answer in the scholar's own words.
- 3—Train your scholars to make their answers complete sentences.
- 4—Do not repeat the answer after the scholar.