

And then she went away again to fairyland, but the violets sat in their little white night-gowns forever.—*Monthly Packet*.

## Sunday School.

### LESSONS ON THE PARABLES.

N.B.—Only three are given for each month as one Sunday is generally reserved for a Service.

In these Lessons, in order to save space, abbreviations in words and sentences will be used as much as possible. Teachers will soon become accustomed to them.

Thus: In words very frequently needed only the initial letter will be used; s. for Scripture; K. for God's Kingdom or the Church on earth; P. for Parables; F. for figure or symbol; O. or N.T. for Old and New Testament; G. for "the Gospel"; H. for holy; e.g. for "for instance"; i.e. or id est for "that is"; cf. for compare; b. for because; H. Heaven. In sentences "a," "the," "and," "but," "it is," "its," and other small words will frequently be left out even at the expense of accurate grammar where the sense is sufficiently obvious. Adjectives will also be left out as far as possible. The Teacher can supply them as desired, if the Lesson is got up beforehand.

Where the name of the Parable, or chief word of the Parable that is being explained, has to be repeated, only the initial letter or letters will be used.

#### 4.—The Leaven.

S. Matt. xiii. 33. S. Luke xiii. 20-21.

General L. *Manner of growth of the Kingdom.*

Seemingly v. similar to last, really different. That set forth *fact* of growth of God's K., this *manner*, i.e. secretly, silently, steadily. L. frequently used in s. as F. of evil, on account of tendency to puff up, make sour, corrupt. Use forbidden in Offerings under Law (Ex. xiii. 3; Lev. ii. 11), not without exception (Lev. xxiii. 17). In 1 Cor. v. 6-8 used to teach danger of companionship of evil (Luke xii. 1).

On the other hand, warmth, penetrating power, of lending its power to that with which it comes in contact, fitly represents *good* of G. Of slight account yet mighty in operation. Makes bread more tasteful, lighter, more nourishing, generally more wholesome.

In s. same F. sometimes stands for opposite qualities, e.g. lion of 1. Peter v. 8, Rev. v. 5. In one subtilty, fierceness, in other nobility, kingliness, conquering strength, are points of comparison.

"A woman." May be b. women generally knead, may be intended for Holy Ghost, Divine Wisdom, sanctifying power of humanity (S. Luke xv. 8, Prov. ix. 1-3).

"Took." Did not belong to, *added* to lump, so the Church descends from H. into world.

"Hidden." True renovation from inward to outward; from *heart* to outward life. Enlarge on impossibility of attempting to reform the character by mere outward change of acts. The H. Spirit must act on the heart, and heart will change life.

"Whole is leavened." Prophecy of complete triumph of G., all nations, &c. (Hab. ii. 14; Is. xi. 9), [We ought to pray for that time, "Thy Kingdom come," and work for it, hastening time of our