

THE SOWER.

"The Woman of Canaan."—(Matt. xv. 22-28).

"The Blind Beggar."—(Luke xviii. 35-43).

'Tis the woman of Canaan of whom I would speak,
Who came to the Saviour a favor to seek,
And earnestly cried, "Lord have mercy on me,
Son of David have mercy to whom I now flee,
My daughter is vexed with a devil; Oh! give
Relief, and the thanks of my heart Thou'lt receive."
But Jesus was deaf to her earnest request,
He spoke not but left her downcast and depressed,
His followers asked Him to send her away—
His answer to her could no comfort convey,
"I am sent to the lost sheep of Israel alone."
Poor Syrophenician! how sad was thy moan,
It would seem that thou now must submit to the evil,
And thy daughter remain in the power of the devil.
But she did not despair, for she loudly 'gan cry,
"Lord, help me; Oh! help me," as one doomed to die.
But the Saviour unmoved gave as yet no relief,
But left her bowed down 'neath the weight of her grief.
For though His kind heart was with love all aglow,
He was outwardly cold as an image of snow.
"Tis not meet," were His words, "to take children's bread
And cast it to dogs"—then she answered and said,
"Oh! Lord that is true, but then it's not all,
For the dogs eat the crumbs 'neath the table that fall";
Thus taking the place of a dog, then He saith,
Filled with wonder divine, "Woman, great is thy faith,
Be it to thee as thou wilt"; 'twas a word of great power,
For her daughter was healed in that very same hour.

Now, what may we learn from this narrative? Wh?