

## WHAT GOD BLESSES.

It is not great talents God blesses, so much as great likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God.—*M<sup>r</sup> Cheyne.*



## THE SEED; ITS GROWTH AND HARVEST.

MARK iv. 26—29.

The parable contained in these verses is short, and only recorded in St. Mark's Gospel. But it is one that ought to be deeply interesting to all who have reason to hope that they are true Christians. It sets before us the history of the work of grace in an individual soul. It summons us to an examination of our own experience in divine things.

There are some expressions in the parable which we must not press too far. Such are the "sleeping and rising" of the husbandman, and the "night and day." In this, as in many of our Lord's parables, we must keep in view the *main*