

THE SOWER.

THE WOMAN IN THE SEVENTH OF LUKE.

“Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many,
are forgiven; for she loved much; but to whom little is
forgiven, the same loveth little.

And He said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.”

She came without being invited,
No welcome had she to expect,
Nor can she complain although slighted,
How richly so-e'er she was decked.

What was she? a poor outcast sinner,
Degraded, forsaken, forlorn,
With nought but impurity in her,
A mark for the Pharisees' scorn.

But how has the change been effected
So deeply important and true,
Which this outcast, so sadly neglected,
Presents to our wondering view?

We know not, but this we know only
Then when she appears to our gaze