

## CHAPTER II.

### *PARABLES ON THE CHURCH.*

"And he spake many things unto them in parables."  
—*Matt. 13. 3.*

"The Kingdom of God for any soul is that condition, anywhere in the universe, where God is that soul's king, where it seeks and obeys the highest, where it loves truth and duty more than comfort and luxury."

—*Phillips Brooks.*

IN the parables on the Kingdom there are set forth various aspects of the Church of Christ from its establishment to its consummation.

In the parables of "The Sower" and "The Tares" Christ teaches the place and importance of truth in His Church. Is it not when the truth gains access to the heart, when it is heard in faith, that the Kingdom of Christ begins in such a heart? The Church then has a sacred trust, in that she must scatter broadcast the precious seed provided—scatter it in