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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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Mark 4 : 3-20.

SOME of our little readers live in the country, and therefore know all about the way in which seed is sown in the spring time. Others of our readers who live in large cities, have seldom, perhaps never, seen a field sown. The most they know of sowing is connected with a very small garden, and a few flower seeds, which seem as if they would never come up, and then never to prosper for want of sun, and because of smoke.

There are others who have relatives living in the country, and perhaps during summer holidays our little friends visit the farmer's homes, but it is generally at a season when sowing time is past, and what they see then is the corn still green and growing, waving in the gentle breeze, almost ready to be cut down and carted home. I wonder whether those who have seen the

corn thus have asked themselves how it came there? It did not grow of itself. If the farmer had for

months before simply walked about doing nothing, would he ever have seen such a harvest of corn? Even our young readers know better. All he would have found on his land would have been weeds.

And so the farmer has plenty to do before he can expect a crop. He must plough and clean the land. He must sow, and much besides. And only as he sows will he reap.

And this brings us to the words of the Lord Jesus, so familiar to many in the Parable of the Sower (Matt. xiii.) Leave a piece of ground to itself, and it will bear evil weeds, and many, but no corn will grow thus. And so the Bible says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17 : 9).

"There is none is none that doeth good, no not one" (Rom. 3 : 12). And because our hearts are like the

