

THE SOWER.

LINES suggested on reading a poem by J. G. Whittier, entitled "A Dark Cloud and its Silver lining."—Matt. xi, 28; John vi, 37; John vii, 37; Rev. xxii, 17:

In the minister's morning sermon he spake what was
most untrue,
That the offer of God's salvation is but for a chosen
few;
Whilst millions of helpless mortals, whether they will
or no,
Are by God's decree unchanging, consigned to eternal
woe.
Oh! well might the child's heart tremble, and her
eyes with tears be dim,
As she heard of the great Almighty, with thoughts
like these of Him.
And well might the stony-hearted, who had long in
sin grown old,
As they listened to such a teacher, grow yet more
hard and cold!
But now may the Holy Spirit His quickening power
impart,
That a voice of grace and truth be given, to reach the
inmost heart.
And ye who read these simple lines, believe—for it
is true—
That the offer of God's salvation is sent this day to
you.
Oh! never for man hath been prepared, that place of
unfathomed woe,