

THE SOWER.

JESUS AT THE WELL OF SAMARIA.

JOHN, iv.

—
THERE were two worn and weary ones,
That met at Jacob's well ;
Both could of earth the emptiness
And toil and sorrow tell :
The one had sought in paths of sin
Her happiness to gain ;
And found, as all our hearts have found,
She sought it there in vain.

She comes alone, for good report
Her company would scorn ;
Weary, degraded, desolate,—
At mid-day, not at morn :
Scorched by the blazing sun above,
Her conscience scorched within,
Samaria's erring daughter proved
The bitterness of sin.

But He, who sat by Jacob's well,
Was weary-hearted too ;
This earth He found a wilderness,
In which no rest He knew :
He toiled, He daily spent His strength,
His loins were girded fast ;
There were but " twelve hours in the day :"
He'd labour to the last.