

THE SOWER.

“THE SON OF MAN IS COME TO SEEK AND
TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST.”

MARK I, 40.

Had I not been a leper, one unclean
And forced to live alone,
Despised or pitied by the sons of men ;
Cared for and blessed by none—

I had not felt the touch of Him, who ne'er
Defiled by sin had been,
I had not heard those blessed words divine,
“I will,” and “be thou clean.”

MARK X, 46.

Had I not once been blind, I had not felt
The power of *His* hands,
Nor gazed with gratitude upon *His* face
Who Heaven's praise commands.

MATT. XI, 28.

Had I not been so weary, that earth's peace
Restlessness seemed at best,
I had not listened to His voice who said
“Come unto *me* and rest.”

Had I not been a sinner, dead in sins,
Guilty, undone and lost,
I had not known that Jesus came to save,
Nor had I known the cost.