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I am not one of those brilliant souls, who on a moments notice can sit down and write beautifully and with some degree of intelligence on most any question. Perhaps even after some thought and study what I write is of little moment.

Casting about for a subject and thinking a bit about this, and then about that; it seemed to me that perhaps nothing more timely and more difficult to handle could be found than a discussion of the status quo and what may be done about it.

Two thousand years ago Christ resorted to parables in order to pierce the density of the comprehension of the people, and now we cannot even understand the parables.

In our Sunday schools/^{recently} several lessons ~~are being~~^{were} taken from Mark. In the 4th chapter the ~~Mark 4. The~~/parable of the sower ~~was~~^{is} given, following which Christ, himself, explained the meaning that he wis^ed to convey: i.e., That the sower soweth the word. This was handled in one lesson and the following Sunday we began with verse 21 of the same chapter as follows: (Read from Bible).

The men of the Baptist and the Methodist men's classes were sitting together. The Methodist class leader, an outstanding farmer, started the lesson in this manner. "Evidently Christ had noticed the patience of the farmer, who sowed his seed and then waited for the crop". The teacher then dilated upon the farmer's hard condition and thought that perhaps he had been too patient and had not taken an active enough part in making things better. Mention was made of the impatience of children, who after planting seed, dig them up to see if they are growing, and more along that line.

Then the Baptist class leader, a scholarly man, said that he thought that the message was in the manner in which God permeated