94 ST. MATTHEW. XII.   
   
 ia sower went forth to sow; “and when he sowed, some   
 [seeds] fell by the way side, and the fowls came and de-   
 voured them up: 5 some fell upon j stony places, where they   
   
 had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, be-   
 cause they had no deepness of earth: 6 © and when the sun   
 was up, they were scorched ; and because they had no root,   
   
 they withered away. 7 And some fell among ! thorns ;   
 and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: 8 but other   
 bGen.xvi1t. fell into ™ good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an   
   
 hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9 Who hath   
 ears [® ¢o hear], let him hear. 10 And the disciples came,   
 i render, the. J render, the stony places. X render, but.   
 1] ender, the thorns. ™ render, the good ground. 2 omit.   
   
 any should testify man; for He knew teaching led to His judicially adopting   
 what was in man, John ii. moreover, the course here without a para-   
 He made man, and orders the course and ble spake He not (nothing) onto them.   
 character of human events. And this is The other order would be inconceivable   
 the reason why none can, or dare, teach that after such parabolic teaching, and   
 yy parables, except We do not, as such a reason assigned for it, the Lord   
 le did, the inner springs out of should, that reason in full   
 flow those of eternal trath and jus- have deserted his parabolic teaching,   
 tice, which the Parable is fram opened out his meaning as plainly in   
 Cre Our parables Pe in a Sermon on the Mount. 3—2.]   
 ger of rerti inst of guidin, Tux Sowrr. Mark iv. 2—9: Luke viii.   
 srignt Fe Parable is especially 4—8. See note on the locality vv. 51,   
 rent classes of hearers once: it 62. 3.] For the explanation of   
 is understood by peer gear on dard are Gatco Sele   
 measure of und See note on way side 6 4   
 ver. 12. The seven Peale rind line of) pa! Yurough the Pr ed   
 in this ter cannot be asa inserts “and st was trodden down,” and   
 collection aad by the E list as re- after fowls— of the air.” 6.] the   
 lating to one subject, the Kingdom of stony places (=“ the rock” Luke), places   
 Heaven, and its development; they are where the native is but slightly   
 clearly by ver. 53 to have been with earth (which abound in Palestine),   
 all on one and the same occasion, and where therefore the radiation from   
 and form indeed a complete and glorious the face of the mck would cause the seed   
 whole in their inner and deeper sense. to spring up quickly, the shallow earth   
 The first of these appear to being heated by the sun of day before.   
 have been spoken ¢o the multitude from 6.] root = “moisture” Luke. If   
 the ship (the of the parable the one could have struck down, it would   
 of the sower being interposed); the last have found the other. 7. among the   
 three, to disciples the house. thorns] In places where were the roots   
 From the ex jon he began in the thorns, beds of or such like.   
 parallel in St. Mark, compared with sprang up = “ eprw: with it ” Luke:   
 the question of the disciples ver. 10,— Mark adds “and it yrelded. no fruit.”   
 and with ver. 34—it appears that this 8.] After fruit Mark inserts   
 was the first beginning of our Lord's eprang up and increased.” Luke ere   
 teaching by expresaly 20 only “as hundredfold.”   
 and properly so called. And the natural common to all three Evangelists ed   
 sequence of things here agrees with, and Luke insert “to hear”).   
 confirms Matthew’s against 10—17.] Our Lorp’s BRASON FOR   
 those who would Place (as Spee) this TEACHING IN PARABLES. Mark iv. 10—   
 chapter before Sermon on the Mount. 12. Luke viii. 9, but much abridged.   
 He there spoke without parables, or 10.) the disciples = “they that   
 mainly s0; and continued to do so the were about him with the twelve,” Mark.   
 rejection and misunderstanding of his This question took place a pause in