

the crane, and the swallow, observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord."

## LESSON XL.

### THE SWALLOW AND OTHER BIRDS.

#### A FABLE.

ma-te-ri-al	ha-bi-ta-tion	fore-sight
u-nan-i-mous-ly	res-i-dence	ad-mo-ni-tions
con-se-quen-ces	im-pris-on-ed	mis-chiefs
dis-be-liev-ing	wretch-es	ob-sti-na-cy
ne-glect-ing	pun-ish-ment	neg-li-gence

A swallow, observing a farmer employed in sowing hemp, called the little birds together, informed them what he was about, and told them that hemp was the material from which the nets, so fatal to the feathered race, were composed; advising them to join unanimously in picking up the seed, in order that no crop of hemp might appear. The birds, either not believing his information, or neglecting his advice, gave themselves no trouble about the matter. In a little time, the hemp appeared above ground. The friendly swallow again addressing himself to them, told them that it was not yet too late, provided they would immediately set about the work, before the seeds had taken too deep root. But they still neglecting his advice, he forsook their society, repaired for safety to towns and cities, and there built his habitation, and kept his residence. One day, as he was skimming along the street, he happened to see a number of those very birds imprisoned in a cage, on the shoulders of a bird-