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To the Executors or Administrators of the late William Vail and to all other persons who it may concern.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

Bible Lessons. Studies in the New Testament. FIRST QUARTER.

Lesson III. Jan. 15. Matthew 14: 22-36. JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA.

"Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."—Matt. 14: 27.

I. JESUS, DIMISSING HIS MULTITUDES, SPENDS THE NIGHT ALONE IN PRAYER. 22. And straightway, immediately after the multitude had finished their feast, and were planning to make Jesus king, Jesus constrained his disciples.

II. THE DISCIPLES IN A STORM; CONTRARY WINDS. 24. But the ship, The fishing-vessel containing the disciples, was in the midst of the sea. Which was but only about five miles across.

III. JESUS COMES TO THEIR AID. 25. And in the fourth watch of the night. Between 3 and 6 o'clock in the morning, Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26. They were troubled, saying, It is a spectre, and hence to them a sign of disaster or death. They cried out for fear.

27. Be of good cheer; it is I (Greek, I am); be not afraid. Christ says not merely, "It is I, your Friend and Master," he says, at least implies, it is "I AM," who is coming to you; the Almighty One, who rules wind and wave, who made them, and whom they obey.

28. And Peter answered him in reply to his words, it is I, be not afraid (ver. 27). Lord, if it be thou: rather, since it is thou; not expressing a doubt, or at most but the lingering echo of doubt driven away by Christ's assuring words.

29. And he said, Come. Make a trial of your faith. Jesus knew that by permitting him to make the trial, Peter would learn some very important lessons he needed.

30. But when he saw the wind boisterous—e. the high waves, impelled by the wind, rushing against him. As long as he looked away from Jesus to the boisterous waves, he began to doubt, to despond, and to sink.

upon the sea. Brought unto him all that were diseased. Some had not heard, and needed to be notified; others were unable to come of themselves; others needed the impetus of an invitation, and the encouragement of those who believed.

36. Only touch the hem of his garment. A woman had been thus healed in the presence of a crowd (chap. 9: 20-22), so that these people were not superstitious, but had strong faith.

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