

SACRED WATERS.

The sea of Galilee, or Tiberias, is an inland lake, through which the river Jordan flows, about fifteen miles long and six broad. It lies in a deep valley, much depressed below the level of the sea,—its surface being 652 feet below that of the Mediterranean,—and is surrounded on most sides by steep hills. Owing to these last circumstances, sudden squalls or storms are reported by all travellers to be very common on the lake.

The sea of Galilee and the country surrounding it, were favored with more of our blessed Lord's presence, during His earthly ministry, than any other part of Palestine. Capernaum, Tiberias, Bethsaida, and the country of the Gergesenes, were all on its shores, or in the immediate neighbourhood of this lake. It was on the sea of Galilee that our Lord walked. It was on its shore that He appeared to His disciples after His resurrection. Sitting in a boat on its waters and in a house hard by, He delivered the seven parables recorded in the 13th chapter of Matthew. On its bunks, He called Peter and Andrew, James and John. From it, He commanded His disciples to draw the miraculous draught of fishes. Within sight of it, He twice fed the multitude with a few loaves and fishes. On its shore, He healed the man possessed with devils; and into it the two thousand swine plunged headlong after that miracle had been wrought.

- Few localities in the Holy Land were so immediately connected with our Lord's ministry as the sea of Galilee and the country round it.—*Ryle*.

NEWS FROM THE OLD LAND.

Among the mass of the people I at first found few to whom the Word of God could be given with any prospect of benefit, since the bulk of them could not read. I felt, therefore, from the beginning, that my chief duty was to open schools at divers places according to the opportunities and means which might present themselves to me. I began with one in Jerusalem, in the month of November, 1847, consisting at first of nine children, chiefly children of Jewish proselytes. By degrees this school increased; in the year 1852, I was obliged to divide it into two parts, separating the boys from the girls. The increase went on steadily