

how many hundreds of loaves and hundreds of fishes might give each man a little food. Jesus though stands up and confronts the multitude's hunger with his five barley loaves and two small fishes. Only these? But hush! Lifting his eyes to heaven, he waits upon God in the attitude of supplication for his blessing. What? Does he really expect to feed five thousand on that pittance? Why not? He who makes from one kernel of corn so many to shine in the autumn, can he not multiply one loaf into thousands? But see! The bread that he is handling grows, grows, grows, even as a kernel of corn multiplies, and the two small fishes, they increase also, and the disciples busily distribute, taking from that central fountain of supply and handing to one hungry rank after another. And now the Master of the feast says, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." "They are gathered, and with startled faces the gatherers come back, bringing twelve baskets full!" "He shall be our king!" the people are excitedly saying. "No, no," is the thought of Him whose crown will be Calvary's thorns, and up that solitary mountain-path he hastens in silence. It is evening now. The disciples gather on the shore of the sea over which the shadows throw their veil. They step aboard a boat and push out upon the water. Hark! How the wind, driving down upon the sea, rages around the boat! How the waves toss! It is so weary a pull through the roughened sea! But—who—who—or what is that upon the sea? Some object, a pillar of cloud, the form of a man—or what? The disciples all stop rowing and look off anxiously upon this strange appearance, this mysterious phantom upon the water. "It is coming toward us!" some one says. They would turn away their faces, and yet feel constrained to look. The oars rest motionless in their hands. What can it be coming toward them? Hark! O what voice was ever nobler, sweeter than the Saviour's utterance, "It is I!" See, they are rising. They are holding out welcoming hands. They gladly receive him who, Lord of the sea and land, is their Master and Friend.

LESSONS FOR JUNE, 1885.

JUNE 6. Jesus the Bread of Life. John 6. 22-40.

JUNE 13. Jesus the Christ. John 7. 37-52.

JUNE 20. Jesus and Abraham. John 8. 31-38, and 44-59.

JUNE 27. Second Quarterly Review.

Opening and Closing Service for Second Quarter.

OPENING SERVICE.

I. Silence.

II. Responsive Sentences.

Supt. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

School. The same was in the beginning with God.

Supt. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

School. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Supt. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

School. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Supt. As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God.

School. The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

III. Singing.

IV. Prayer.

LESSON SERVICE.

I. Class Study of the Lesson.

II. Singing Lesson Hymn.

III. Recitation of the Title, Golden Text, Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion, by the school in concert.

IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. The Supplemental Lesson.

VI. Announcements (especially of the Church services and week-evening prayer-meeting).

CLOSING SERVICES.

I. Singing.

II. Responsive sentences.

Supt. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

School. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.

III. Dismission.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Gladstone-Huxley controversy over the question of the Scientific Significance of the Book of Genesis is continued in the April *Popular Science Monthly*. The number contains Prof. Huxley's second article replying to Mr. Gladstone's "Proem to Genesis," which appeared in the March issue; Henry Drummond's comments on the views thus far presented by the two distinguished disputants; and, in a supplement, Mr. Gladstone's original paper, "The Dawn of Creation and of Worship," which first called out Prof. Huxley.