

kept time with their plashing oars. Some of us would have been glad to have been left to our own thoughts amid such hallowed surroundings, but alas! the poor ignorant Mohammedan fishermen knew nothing, probably, of the band of fishermen and their Divine Lord, whose ministry had made the lake, and every pebble upon its shores, so sacred to us, and we could tell them nothing.

Our first landing-place was at Capernaum, now only a ruin, overgrown with tall, coarse grass and thistles. The chief interest lies in the broken columns and capitals of what is called the "White Synagogue," and which is supposed to be the synagogue mentioned in Luke vii: 4, 5; and again in John vi: 59, as the place in which our Lord delivered the discourse upon the Bread of Life,— "These things said He in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum." Captain Wilson found among the ruins, a block of stone with a pot of manna carved upon it, which certainly lends probability to the conjecture that it was a Jewish edifice, and as there appears, from the verse quoted from John's gospel, to have been only *one* synagogue in Capernaum, this is believed to have been the one. Back of this ruin, on rising ground, are the buried ruins of the city—"His own city" (Matt. iv: 13,) in which Jesus dwelt. Here, again, as well as at Bethsaida, at which we landed, and took our lunch, there are "sermons in stones," for the fearful doom pronounced upon them by our blessed Lord, "because they repented not," has been all too literally fulfilled.

Every inch of the ground hereabout is full of intense interest, as it must often have been trodden by the feet of the Great Teacher. It was here, or near here, that Jesus called Peter and his fellow-disciples, Andrew and James and John (Matt. iv: 18-21.) And it was here, or near here, that He uttered the gracious invitation to all those "who labor and are heavy-laden," (Matt. xi: 28-30.) Here, from the deck of "a small ship," He taught the multitudes upon the shore, the parables recorded in Matt. xiii; and afterwards showed Himself to His disciples when He had risen from the dead. (John xxi: 1.) A day amid such surroundings and precious memories, was surely a red-letter day for all future time, and was appropriately brought to a close by a dinner of fish, caught that morning by one of our party, from the waters of sweet blue Galilee!

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HOW TO MAKE "ENDS MEET."

In thinking and planning how to make ends meet, the thought has come to me, "Why not ask through the INDEPENDENT some of the many missionaries who may have had like experience?" Feeling confident, we do not stand alone in the matter.

Suppose you have an income of \$800 a year, with eight children ranging from a year to sixteen years old, how can one manage living in the country? or to send the older children away, so as to fit them for some kind of work? Say you pay for rent, wood and light, \$150; for collections, \$30; books and postage, \$25; insurance (fire and life), \$20; clothes, \$20 each, for the year; some more, some less. This leaves little over one dollar a day to board ten people, and pay the doctor, which has become a necessity these winters; allowing all the extra company to be compensated for by extra kindnesses (in some cases it might, and it would not in others). To say you find it hard is to be told like the small boy to "move on, no room here for loafers!" And so it goes on. When the children are so small, it is hard enough; yet, we know this *has been* the state of many a minister's family, *is* the state of many, and is likely to *be*, unless some one helps us to solve the problem. Who can give a word of advice?

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THE "CANADIAN STATION" IN AFRICA.

DEAR SIR,—From several hints lately received I am led to infer that there exists in the minds of some of our friends in Canada, an idea that it would be well were our Missionary Society to separate itself from the "American Board," and become an independent society. I trust I am mistaken in thinking that such an idea is held by many of our warmest friends and most zealous supporters. If such a change should be effected I should be exceedingly sorry, and for the following reasons:—

Our Canadian station is now treated exactly the same as the other (American) stations in this mission. The very best of feeling exists between us