

The Five Loaves.

What if the little Jewish lad
That summer day had failed to go
Down to the lake, because he had
No small a store of loaves to show?

"The press is great," he might have said.
"For food the thronging people call
I only have five loaves of bread,
And what are they among them all?"

And back the mother's words might
come.

Her coaxing hand upon his hair:
"Yet go, for they might comfort some,
Among the hungry children there."

So to the lakeside forth he went,
Bearing the scant supply he had
And Jesus with an eye intent,
Through all the crowds, beheld the lad.

And saw the loaves and blessed them
Then
Beneath his hand the marvel grew;
He brake and blessed and brake again.
The loaves were neither small nor few.

For, as we know, it came to pass
That hungry thousands there were fed
While sitting on the fresh green grass
From that one basketful of bread.

If from his home the lad that day
His five small loaves had failed to take
Would Christ have wrought can any
say?
That miracle beside the lake?

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF JESUS.

LESSON XII.—JUNE 17

THE FEEDING OF FIVE THOUSAND
John 6. 5-14. Memory verses, 9-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Give us this day our daily bread.—
Matt. 6. 11.

OUTLINE.

1. The Multitude, and Its Great Need, v. 5-7.
2. The Miracle, v. 8-11.
3. The Results of the Miracle, v. 12-14.
Time.—Probably March or April, A. D. 29.

Place.—Galilee, near to Bethsaida.

LESSON HELPS.

5. "He saith unto Phillip"—It has been conjectured that Phillip commonly provided food for the disciples, just as Judas commonly kept the bag. "Whence shall we buy"—(1) Learning the poverty of our resources is a step toward having them supplied.

6. "To prove him"—At once to test and to teach him.

7. "Two hundred pennyworth"—About thirty-five dollars' worth. Phillip lacked spiritual penetration, but he did not lack common sense. (2) The perfect church has both clear sight and clear insight.

9. "A lad"—It has been conjectured that this little lad was employed by the apostles to care for their supplies. (3) Jesus never ignores the "lads" or girls. "Barley loaves"—The food of the poorest; something like our "pilot biscuit." "Small fishes"—Probably dried, and about the size of our sardines. (4) To share what we have is true benevolence.

10. "Make the men sit down"—Mark tells us that they were grouped in fifties, and thus the more easily counted. If they had not sat down, they would not have been fed. (5) Many blessings are to-day lost because men will not stop long enough to take them.

11. "When he had given thanks"—Whenever Jesus is represented as eating a meal he is represented as giving thanks for it. (6) We should follow his example and commune with God concerning every act of our lives.

12. "Gather up the fragments"—Even the Lord of glory, who made the world, was careful about the fragments. (7) Let us never waste that which is left.

13. "Baskets"—Wallets. A Jew on a journey was always in danger of eating unclean Gentile food, so each carried his own wallet full. Those of the disciples had been emptied long before this.

14. "That Prophet"—Foretold in Deut. 18. 15, 16. Some of the rabbis regarded this "Prophet" as the Messiah, some as his "forerunner."

HOME READINGS.

- M. The feeding of five thousand.—John 6. 5-14.
- Tu. Four thousand fed.—Mark 8. 1-9.
- W. Dull of understanding.—Mark 8. 10-21.
- Th. The widow's meal.—1 Kings 17. 8-16.
- F. Enough and to spare.—2 Kings 4. 38-44.

8 The hungry filled—Psa 107 1-9
Su. Blessing makes abundance—Mark 6 30-44

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Multitude, and Its Great Need, v. 5-7.
Where were Jesus and his disciples? Verse 3.
What Jewish feast was soon to occur? Verse 4.
What question did Jesus ask Phillip? Why did he ask this question? What was Phillip's answer?
2. The Miracle, v. 8-11.
Who made a suggestion to Jesus about food? What question did Andrew ask? What command did Jesus give? How many were there in the company? Who were there besides these men? Matt. 14. 21.
What did Jesus do with the loaves and fishes?
3. The Results of the Miracle, v. 12-14.
What command was given about fragments?

made use of a boy's lunch, and the disciples' ready hands to distribute the provision. So he wants us to use all our powers and possessions for him, placing them upon the altar of sacrifice and in the place of service. Should he require us to perform some task for him, even in the face of seeming impossibility, let us engage to do it "as unto the Lord."

KIND WORDS.

Fannie lived in a large city, and while she had been taught to be kind to poor, unfortunate people, she was unlike some little girls, for she remembered what she was taught. One day she saw on the street a poorly dressed Irish girl, with a homely face, looking anxiously at the houses. Every person to whom she spoke either shook their heads, or did not trouble themselves to do that. When she reached Fannie, she asked politely: "Can you tell me where number 874 is, miss?" "Let me see," said Fannie, brightly. This is number 10. It is a long way to 874, and you have to turn twice; but I

ready to receive them and are ready for the second stage. After they are yellowed or cleaned, they are tinned, or whitened, as it is called. The pins are now ready to be placed in papers. One girl feeds a machine with pins and another supplies the machine with paper. The pins fall into a box, the bottom of which is made of small, square steel bars, sufficiently wide apart to let the shank of the pin fall through, but not the head. As soon as the pins have fallen through the bottom of the box and the rows are complete, the bottom detaches itself and row after row of pins is sent at regular intervals to be placed in the papers.—Christian Work.

A Little Lad of Galilee.

(John 6. 1-14.)

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A little lad of Galilee—
A little fisher lad, maybe,
With wide, brown eyes, and curling hair,
And dusty feet—all brown and bare—
Pressed with the crowd; for on that day
The wondrous Prophet passed that way,
Whose fame through all the land had
spread
Who healed the sick, and raised the dead

A little lad of Galilee!
His heart was beating high to see
The Prophet kind; and all day long
He jostled with the eager throng,
Forgetting, as he kept abreast,
To eat, or drink, or pause to rest;
His little basket still inclosed
Two fishes and five barley loaves.

And to the mount where Jesus stood
There still came on the multitude;
And as the eventide drew near,
The twelve, alarmed with sudden fear,
To Jesus said, "What shall they eat—
The crowds that press about thy feet?
Send them away, while yet 'tis light,
For food and lodging for the night."

But Jesus then in pity said,
"Let them remain—they shall be fed."
But Phillip answered by his side,
"Two hundred pence could not provide
A bit of bread for every one."
And Andrew came with anxious tone—
"A little lad has here," he said,
"Two fishes and five loaves of bread."

And Jesus took the bread, and brake,
And bade the multitude partake;
He bade them sit in groups around
Upon the flowery, grassy ground,
He blessed, and brake, and there were fed
Five thousand from five loaves of bread;
And all were filled, and much was gained,
For still, twelve baskets full remained.

A little lad of Galilee,
Whose heart was beating high to see
The holy Prophet, Priest, and King,
Knew not that he was led to bring
A little gift, and yet the best,
A little portion, doubly blest,
That for great purposes he came
Upon Bethsaida's sunny plain.

Oh, little lad of Galilee!
Thy deed is many a destiny,
We know not what our Lord commands,
We bear but little in our hands;
Yet still some deed that we may do,
Some noble truth our lives renew,
May yet a goodly portion make
For him who bids the world partake,
And like the loaves and fishes be,
That once were blessed on Galilee.

The new Brooklyn Bridge will be larger and stronger than the present one. All underground caisson work, pier foundation, and the anchorages on both sides of the river are now completed. The width of this enormous structure when complete will be 118 feet over all, including foot-walks of twelve feet each, two bicycle-paths of seven feet each, elevated railroad and trolley-car tracks. The entire length of the bridge from terminal to terminal will be about 7,200 feet.



FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND.

What amount was gathered up?
What shows that the people had been satisfied?
What did the people say about Jesus?
To what promise did they refer? Gen. 49. 10; Deut. 18. 15.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

- Where in this lesson are we taught—
1. To have sympathy with the needs of others?
 2. To obey Jesus' commands?
 3. To guard against needless waste?

Jesus honours his children by permitting them to engage in work for him. Five thousand hungry people were waiting to be fed, and to supply them he

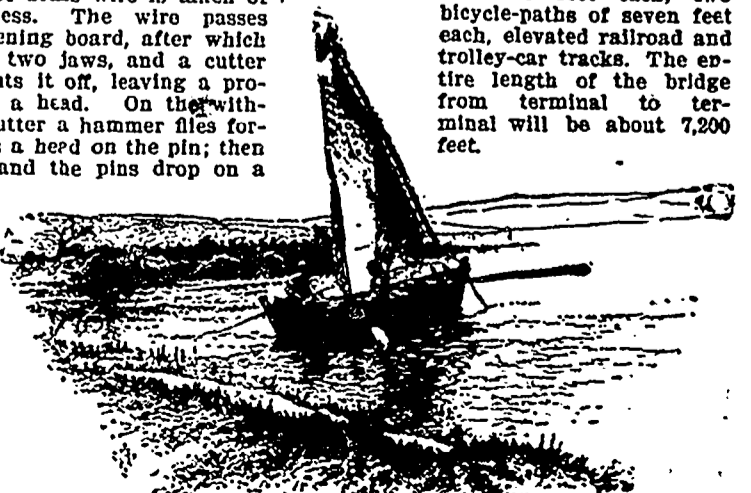
am going nearly there, and will show you." Fannie thinks she never will forget the happy look which made the face of her companion almost pretty, when she said:

"Indeed, I do thank ye, miss, an' I wish that every folks carried as pleasant a tongue in their heads."

HOW PINS ARE MADE.

First, a reel of brass wire is taken of suitable thickness. The wire passes over a straightening board, after which it is seized by two jaws, and a cutter descends and cuts it off, leaving a projecting part for a head. On the withdrawal of the cutter a hammer flies forward and makes a head on the pin; then the jaws open and the pins drop on a finely ground metal plate, with the heads upward, until the end to be pointed comes into contact with a cylindrical roller with a grinding surface, which soon puts a fine point on the pins. They then fall into a box

ARE MY POWERS and POSSESSIONS AT GOD'S ALTAR?
AM I READY FOR SERVICE or SACRIFICE?



A FISHING-BOAT ON THE SEA OF GALILEE.