

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

APRIL 16.

FIVE THOUSAND FED.—Mark vi. 30-44.

1.—The Apostles had just returned from their preaching tour. They gave to their Master a report of their mission, and then He invited them to rest with Him in a desert place, in order to rest awhile. The people were thronging around them in such crowds that they had not even leisure for meals. It is an indication of the thorough humanness of Jesus that He gave His disciples such an invitation.

2.—The time, most probably, was evening. But privately as the departure had taken place, they were observed, and a great number of people started to walk round the shores of the lake, forming an ever-increasing crowd as they passed through various towns and villages. Travelling by night and sleeping in the open air, if necessary, were common in Palestine, as such customs still are in eastern countries. Thus when Jesus came out of the little cabin of the boat in the morning, there was already waiting for Him on the shore a multitude, perhaps as large as that from which He had departed the previous evening. The sight was sufficient at once to excite the compassion of Jesus. The official religious teachers amongst the Jews cared but little, as we learn from many words of Jesus for the common people. He was One whom they heard gladly; and He could not deny Himself, much as He needed rest, to those who had come so far to seek Him. He gave up His purpose of rest, and devoted the day to their instruction.

3.—Towards the latter part of the day, the disciples reminded their Master that they were in a desert place, and the multitude unprovided with food, and requested Him to send them away before nightfall. This looks like a reasonable suggestion. But the mode in which Jesus treated it indicates that there was a sinister motive behind. They were probably jealous of this intrusion of the multitude into their retirement with their Master. This was not the only occasion when they manifested a similar spirit. They forbade those who were bringing little children to Jesus; and it was not being true to their mission either to keep people back from coming to Him or send them away from Him. Let us take care that no selfish motive ever causes us to act in a similar manner.

Jesus made a suggestion which filled their minds with astonishment, viz.—that they should feed them themselves. Their question in reply, "Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?" shows how astonished they were at such a request. That quantity, at least, would be required, in order that every one might have even a little (John vi. 7). The question implies two difficulties—that of obtaining so much bread anywhere within reach at such short notice, and the preliminary one that they had not sufficient money in their common purse for the purpose. But they were to be taught that difficulties to them were not such to their Master, and that when He had resolved on a purpose (John vi. 6) no seeming impossibility could prevent its accomplishment.

4.—Jesus took this little stock of provisions into His hands, "and blessed and brake the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them, and the two fishes divided He among them all." The materials were miraculously increased by His touch, so that the supply was not exhausted until the whole multitude had made a hearty meal. This was one of the most unquestionable and fully-attested miracles wrought by Jesus Christ.

This is the only one of Christ's miracles recorded by all four Evangelists, and we are indebted to St. John's account for some details that are not given by the others. We learn from the others that more food was gathered up in fragments than there had been at first; but while they simply record the gathering up of the fragments, St. John tells us that Jesus commanded it (John vi. 12). The reason which He gave in doing this is very instructive—that nothing be lost. He who could multiply five loaves and two fishes into a sufficient provision for that vast multitude, would yet not have anything wasted. We should surely learn from this how wrong all waste is.—Abridged from Sunday-school Magazine.

ESCAPE FROM FIRES.

A correspondent suggests that the lives of persons in burning buildings, whose escape by ordinary means of exit is cut off, might be saved by throwing lines into the windows of the rooms where they may happen to be. A simple rope, if strong enough, would afford ample means for escape, and persons afraid to venture on it could be lowered by it, presuming that braver and self-denying companions happen to be with them. The correspondent suggests that there should be a staple on the outside of the window about three feet above the sill, to which a rope could be fastened. These suggestions are worth considering. Many commercial travellers are in the habit of carrying a piece of stout rope as a part of their outfit, and a number of circumstances are possible under which the possession of such a means of escape from a burning building would be worth a life.—Boston Journal.

FRUIT HEDGES.

A writer in the "Gardener's Chronicle" makes the sensible suggestion that division lines between town residences, which are now often merely a low hedge, might as well be made of currants, gooseberries or raspberries, as of fruitless thorns or evergreens. A wire stretched at two or three feet above the surface would mark the exact division between meum and tuum, and in the case of raspberries would serve for both sides to attach the tips of their canes to, so as to be neatly held up. With due attention to pruning out immediately after fruiting, tying up the shoots for the next year's bearing, and to the usual necessity of hoeing and weeding, such a division hedge could be made to look quite neat, as well as to afford a liberal supply of home-grown, well-known and enjoyable berries.

USEFUL HINTS.

Always eat vegetables with the cover off. When closed up, the fine color is destroyed.

Dr. Fuote's Health Monthly says: Merely warm the back by a fire, and never continue to keep the back exposed to the heat after it has become comfortably warm. To do otherwise is debilitating.

An old gardener says in the Detroit Tribune, with regard to cultivating onions, that if care is taken to draw away the earth gradually from the bulb until they are quite uncovered and only the fibrous roots are in the earth, you will never have scallions, but very large, sound onions.

It is believed by many beekeepers that rye meal is the best possible substitute for bee bread when the latter is not in full supply. The meal should be put in shallow boxes near the apiary, and a few pieces of comb near it will attract the attention of the bees. This food causes the swarms to be larger and earlier than any other.

Another excellent medicine is sunshine. The world requires more of it, morally and physically. It is more soothing than morphine, more potent than poppies. It is good for liver complaint, for neuralgia, for rheumatism, for melancholy—for everything. Make your rooms sunny and cheerful; build your house so as to command the sunlight all day long.

Heliotropes can be grown both from seed and cuttings, but as the seeds germinate very slowly, florists propagate them at almost any season of the year from cuttings. These soon strike when placed in sand that has bottom heat—a technical term used in floriculture. It is secured by the heat of a furnace, or by warm water, or by stable manure, and in some cases by steam.

To make potted ham, take lean and very tender boiled ham, chop it fine and beat to a paste in a mortar—an old-fashioned wooden one is recommended for the purpose—adding butter if needed to make the particles stick together, and a little mixed mustard, if desired. This is excellent for traveller's lunches, and also "handy to have in the house."

In a majority of cases it is the full intention of the farmer to put away any tool or machine being used as soon as he is done with it, but when the work is finished, whatever is being used is left until a more convenient time to put it away. Time passes and still it is not done, and finally it is neglected altogether, or left so long that much injury is done.

To punch eggs, have the water well salted, and not let it boil hard. Break the eggs separately into a saucer, and slip gently into the water; when nicely done, remove with a skimmer, trim neatly, and lay each egg upon small thin square of buttered toast, then sprinkle with salt and pepper. Some persons prefer them poached, rather than fried, with ham; in which case substitute the ham for toast.

Says an Eastern paper: "A gentleman, anxious to ascertain the effect of transplanting by night instead of by day, made an experiment, with the following results: He transplanted ten cherry trees while in bloom, commencing at four o'clock in the afternoon. Those transplanted during daylight shed their blossoms, producing little or no fruit, while those transplanted in the dark maintained their condition fully. He did the same with ten dwarf trees after the fruit was one-third grown. Those transplanted during the day shed their fruit; those transplanted during the night perfected the crop and showed no injury from having been removed. With each of these trees he removed some earth with the roots. The incident is fully vouched for."

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