

distance to its left, and its remarkable contour makes it a very striking landmark. From its position it may well have been the scene of that wonderful discourse with which it is traditionally associated, and it is certainly the scene of that disastrous and decisive victory of Saladin over the Crusaders, which in the month of July, 1187, broke their power in the Holy Land, and led to their ultimate expulsion from its shores.

After luncheon at Tiberias, close by the lake-side, we got on board the boats for a row up the lake. Clumsy-looking craft they were, truly, tub-like in build, and very heavy. The sail was useless, for there was not a breath of wind, and the sturdy Arab boatmen, tugging at the heavy oars, propelled the unwieldy craft but slowly through the water. How they worked at all is a mystery to me, for in the dead heat of the low-lying lake, with the glittering water everywhere reflecting the rays of a burning sun, it was all we could do to endure the tremendous heat, indeed, I think that but for our white helmets and light clothing we should have speedily succumbed; but they worked away, with patient and perspiring pertinacity, and we slowly moved up the lake.

What a row it was. Every rod of ground on these shores about us was sacred with memories of the Christ; we were on the very lake, quiet now, and unperturbed by a ripple, whose angry waves once heard His voice, and shrank into smoothness at His sovereign bidding. Somewhere on these surrounding hills was preached the Sermon on the Mount; somewhere upon these circling shores the risen Lord broke bread with the fisher brothers, and challenged repentant Peter's love ere He renewed his great commission. There to the left is Mejd-el-Magdala, and right across the lake, Khersa—the land of the Gergesenes. Still farther to the left, the valley of Gennesaret opens out its once fertile plain. But all is desolate. Of the fleets of boats that skimmed the waters in our Saviour's day, these two poor lumbering craft in which we sat were the only representatives. The lake teems with fish, but there are few to catch them, and the fields that slope down to the shores are unwatered and untilled. Chorazin and Bethsaida, in which His mighty works were done, Capernaum, "His own city," have passed away; their very sites are points of dispute.

After dinner most of our party strolled down to the beach, and sat chatting in groups beside its waters. It was a glorious starlight night, and our minds were full of the associations of the place, Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. Nazareth yesterday, and Galilee to-day; was it wonderful that as we sat beneath the starry skies, with the waters of the lake rippling at our very feet, while its storied hill-sides girdled the horizon, our hearts were full of thrilling memories and our feelings sought expression in sacred song?—*Methodist Magazine*.

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