

Manchester Enterprise

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1890.

A DREAM.

I dreamed I had heard words with you Last night, dear love, I know not why.

AH CHING FO'S WILL.

Ah Ching Fo was his name, as any one might have read on the door of his laundry.

Above stairs in the tenement dwelt all sorts and conditions of people.

Lischen, like a good little housewife of fifteen, stayed at home and scrubbed the bare floor till it shone and darned stockings till they were good as new.

So Lischen, knowing what need there was for mitted gold, practiced the exercises her father set her, and hoped.

For Herr von Haeckel believes that one cannot learn singing outside of Italy.

John, in the basement among the shirts and collars, had a sharp ear for the staircase.

"My daughter cannot take this," he explained, "she is much obliged to you. Do you understand?"

"Go long way," returned John placidly, "not mine—go long way."

After that mysterious parcels were come sailing through the transom; long silk scarfs and gay colored handkerchiefs, twisted under the door like snakes and apparently of their own volition.

THE DRAUGHT OF FISHES.

LESSON XI, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, MARCH 16.

Text of the Lesson, Luke v. 1-11—Commentary Verses 8-11—Golden Text, Luke v. 10—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

1. "The people pressed upon Him to hear the Word of God." Our last lesson left Him on His tour through Galilee preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sicknesses and all manner of disease among the people (Matt. iv. 23).

2. "And saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets." Two or three of these fishermen had already been with Jesus some time, and had seen His miracles and heard His words; yet had not wholly left their calling to follow Him.

3. "He sat down and taught the people out of the boat." Having stepped into Simon's boat, He meekly asks him to push out a little from the land, and sitting down, He from the boat teaches the people as they stand, an eager attentive crowd, upon the shore.

4. "And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes, and their nets brake." Whether it be a great fish to swallow Jonah, or a smaller fish to bring a piece of money, or a multitude of fish to fill their nets, and obedient to Him who created them, and who also created Adam and said unto him, "Have dominion over the fish of the sea."

5. "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." This is the language of Simon Peter, as seeing this great miracle he realizes somewhat in whose presence he stands, and falls at Jesus' knees with these words: "This is part of the emptying process; a deep conviction of sin as we see ourselves in God's natural man, and as he has been, he stands, and falls at Jesus' knees with these words: 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.'"

6. "For he was astonished, and all that were with him." The Revised Version says that he was amazed. So Saul of Tarsus, when convinced of his sin on the way to Damascus, and astonished in the Lord, what will they have me to do? We put forth our best efforts in most approved fashion, and labor unwearingly for the salvation of souls and for the quickening of believers, but how often we have to confess as do the result, "I am as weak as water, and as empty vessels, the Spirit of God works, and we all stand astonished. Our wisdom is confounded, our plans upset, and it becomes gloriously manifest that this is the hand of God. If we would see the wonders of His grace, we must wait only upon Him."

7. "And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not." When convicted of sin we fall at Jesus' feet in our helplessness and unworthiness. Then it is that we hear His "Fear not," or when we are unworthy, as we will be to be made fishers of men, and we are told, "Fear not." It is only the willful and rebellious who have cause to fear, or the proud and hard of heart, for they shall be broken and brought down, and made to know that the Most High doeth according to His will, and that both in heaven and on earth, and those that walk in pride He is able to abase (Dan. iv). But from the first "Fear not" in the Bible (Gen. xv. 1), down to the last in Revelation there is no place where the penitent and broken in heart are taught to fear. All is for their comfort, and peace, and joy, and strength, and confidence in the Lord.

8. "From henceforth thou shalt catch men." or, as in Matt. iv. 19: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Here we see the spirit of prophecy most marked; listen to Jeremiah (xvi. 16): "Behold, I will send for thee, and thou shalt be a fish, and thou shalt be a fish." And again; to Ezekiel (xviii, 10): "The fishers shall stand upon it, from Euphrates even unto Euphrates." Each passage refers to the Kingdom of Israel in its glorious future. If we would hasten that kingdom, we must follow Jesus, that He may make us skillful and successful fishers of men from among all nations, that so His marriage day may be hastened, and the time of His return for Israel's restoration.

9. "And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed Him." If we only get our eyes upon the Glory of His Kingdom and the Thrones which await the overcomers, and we shall have no heart for aught else but to follow Him, and for His sake be made all things to some men that we may by all means be able to do (1 Cor. xii, 21; John xii, 26; 1 Cor. ix, 22).

A case in some respects similar to that of the famous man who jumped into a brambly bush is reported from Kennebunk. Mrs. A. F. Wood, a lady who had been lame several years, went to the barn loft to gather some eggs and in sliding down upon the hay, with her lame limb, hearing something crack she felt she had broken some bone. She called to her husband for help and when he lifted her up she found she could walk better than before. The ligaments which had adhered to each other by non use were broken apart, improving her lameness. —Lewiston Journal.

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