51—5b. ST. MATTHEW. 105   
   
 53 And it came to pass that when Jesus had finished   
 these parables, he departed thence. 54¢ And when he was ech.ti.2.   
 come into his own country, he taught them in their syna-   
 gogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said,   
 ‘Whence hath this:-man this wisdom, and these mighty   
 works? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his uke. 2   
 mother called Mary? and ‘his brethren, James, and ect.   
   
   
 up the wheat also. Notwithstanding this viii. the two next are present pas-   
 (8) the little seed waxed onward—the sage and its || Mark vi. 8, where they   
 kingdoms of the earth came gradually in are mentioned in connexion with His   
 —(4) the leaven was secretly penetrating mother and sisters; the others are in   
 assimilating. Then is it, (5) John ii. 12; vii. 5, 10; in the first   
 the period of dissensions, sects, and of which He and his mother and brethren   
 denominations, that here and there b: and disciples related to gone down   
 this man and that man the treasure sha to Capernaum: and in the three last His   
 be found: then is it, during the in- brethren are introduced urging Him to   
 crease of secular and cultiva- shew Himeelf to the world, it is stated   
 tion of the powers of the intellect, that they did not believe on Him. Tho   
 merchantmen shall seek pearls w last is in Acts i. 14, we read that   
 and down the world, and many shall ‘find, the Apostles continued in and sup-   
 each for himself, Pearl of Price. And plication with the women, and with Mary   
 thus we are carried (7) through all the the mother of Jesus, and with his bre-   
 ages during which the great has been thren,” In another place, 1 Cor. ix.   
 gathering of kind, to the day Paul mentions “the other Apostles, and   
 of inspection and separation, which wi the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas.”   
 conclude the present Such are all the where the meaning   
 638—58.] TRacHING, AND REJECTION, is undoubted, that called, being   
 aT NazarETH. Mark vi. 1—6. See Luke in some usual sense, of the Lord,   
 iv. 16—29 and notes. 58, 64.) his are mentioned. (Besides these the Lord,   
 own country, viz. Nazareth. Perhaps the Himself uses the words “my brethren,”   
 ings of ch. viii 34 are to Matt. xxviii. John xx. 17, but appa-   
 be inserted those two verses. In rently with a wider meaning, including   
 Mark iv. 35, the of the storm and least the eleven in the as He   
 voyage to the’ are bound to the does in Matt. xii. and parallels.) I   
 above parables what appears a distinct would observe (a) that in the mentions   
 note of : ‘the same day, the of them in the except those John   
 even was come.’ The teaching was on the vii., they are connexion with His mo-   
 Sabbath (Mark). 55. brethren] ther : the same being casein Acts i.   
 It is enquiry of much interest some (5) That it is nowhere asserted or im-   
 difficulty, these were. After long plied that any of them were of the num-   
 examination of the evidence on the sub- ber of the Twelve; but from John vii.   
 jects I believe that the truth will best following upon vi. 70 (by “after these   
 attained by disencumbering the mind things,” vii. 1), are excluded from   
 in the first of all 2 priori that number. St.John would certainly   
 tions, traditions (which last very have used the words “for neither did his   
 inconsistent and uncertain), and fixing brethren believe on had any of them   
 the attention on the simple testimony of believed on Him at that time (see this   
 Scripture itself. I will “ His bre- substantiated in note there) again   
 thren,” or “the brethren of the Lord,” in Acts i. 14, by being mentioned after   
 through the various mentions of them in the Apostles have been enumerated by   
 the N. T., then state the placing name, and after the mother of Jesus,   
 at the end of note the princi; P they are indicated at that time also to   
 tions on the subject, and the difficulties been separate from the twelve,   
 attending them. (I) The expression His although, then certainly believing on   
 brethren,” occurs times in the Him. (c) Their sames, as stated here   
 and once in the Acts. Of these the three and in Mark vi. 8, Jacop (Jamas),   
 Jirst are in narratives of coming of JosEPH, (or JosEs), Srmon, and Jupas,   
 His mother and brethren to speak with all them among the commonest of Jew-