



THE CRYSTAL ELVES.

Said a crystal elf to a crystal elf: "There's trouble in the fairy fields up north there where the sweet peas grow. Dreadful, dreadful trouble!"

handle when they're boat size, much too big." So they called all the crystal elves together from the forest of crystal trees and talked things over, and, do you know, the very next day those elves began to dig.

"What's happened?" he asked. "An army of fairies with their queen swam up the magic river," said the first crystal elf, "and sailed away a lot of the blossoms to use for boats. You know how it is. When a blossom tumbles into the river and floats down it grows and grows to boat size. And when it comes back up the magic river it shrinks to sweet pea size. The fairies knew that, and now the Fairy Queen has a fleet of pink sweet pea boats down on the fairy lake."

"I say it's a shame," said the second elf. "Those boats don't belong to her. Let's get them back."

"But how?" wailed the first elf. "They're much too big for us to

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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The story of today is called the second miracle in Galilee, and it was wrought at the same place as the first, in Cana of Galilee. Verses 46, 64, compare chapter ii, 2, 11. At the marriage he manifested forth His glory, and it was on a third day (chapter ii, 1, 11), and I must confess to a special delight in working out the third day and the glory or kingdom veins of truth in the Scriptures, believing that it is only as the glory of His kingdom takes hold of us that we shall be the faithful followers we ought to be in this present evil age. It would seem from verses 43, 46, that this was another third day event, though it is just possible that there may have been an interval of a day or two between the two verses, but I think not. The marriage of the Lamb is the next great event in the future, and counting a thousand years as one day, it will probably be the third day in the morning. Somewhere about that time will be the redemption of Israel, as it is written in Hos. vi, 2, "After two days will He revive us; in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight."

Our Lord seemed to have the same thing in view when He said, "Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected" (Luke xiii, 32). It will be the time of the resurrection of a righteous Israel, according to Isa. xxv, 8, 9; xxvi, 19-21; Dan. xii, 1-3, when "the King of Israel, the Lord, shall be in the midst of them and they shall not see evil any more" (Zeph. iii, 15). Note the sayings already in this gospel concerning the Son of God, the King of Israel; heaven opened and Jacob's vision a reality, the temple of His body raised up, the kingdom which can only be entered by the new birth, the saying about the bridegroom and the bride, His declaration that he was the Messiah and His reference to the harvest (chapters i, 50, 51; ii, 20, 21; iii, 3, 5, 29; iv, 29, 35). Surely we cannot but be fully persuaded that the joy and the glory were the joy which ever before Him which enabled Him to endure (Heb. xii, 2). And how can we, His followers, hope to endure in any other way?

This teaching will not bring us honor or from men, but the honor which cometh from God only will more than suffice (iv, 44; v, 44). The Galileans believed because they saw the things that He did at Jerusalem, and I do not know any truths which will work in us the Christ life like those concerning His coming and kingdom. A letter just in from the Philippines tells of a worker whom many people think queer because of these truths, but the remark was added that her lovely life wins many people to Him. That is the one thing worth while. The healing of the nobleman's son in this connection makes us think of the time of the kingdom when the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick; the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity (Isa. xxxiii, 24).

After He had spoken the kingdom truths of Matt. xvii He gave samples of the kingdom in the healings of chapters viii and ix. While His rejection, we may not expect kingdom miracles, though in His great grace He has wrought many for many of His simple minded believers and has made it manifestly true that His word stands "according to your faith be it unto you." We may journey with this nobleman and imagine something of his heartache as, having left his son at the point of death, he seeks the Great Physician. We may not know how He was encouraged to believe that the Lord Jesus would help him, for the healings at Capernaum of the demon possessed man, and Peter's wife's mother, and the centurion's servant, and the ruler's daughter, seem all to have taken place after this. But he must somehow have seen or heard enough to convince him that here there was help for him, though he seemed to think it necessary that Jesus should accompany him home (verse 49). That gracious word, "Go thy way; thy son liveth" (verse 50), did its work in both father and son, for the father went his way believing and found on reaching home the next day that the boy had been healed at the very time that Jesus had said the word. One result was that the man's whole household believed in Jesus. Just as the Galileans who had been to Jerusalem saw His works and believed, and there are still those who need to see something of the power and grace of God in human lives to lead them to believe, and they ought to see it, for His life should be manifest in His redeemed (II Cor. iv, 10, 11). For saved souls like Thomas it is always true: "Blessed are they that have not seen, yet have believed" (John ii, 29). The verb "to believe" is found in some form in this gospel ninety-nine times and reminds us that without faith it is impossible to please God, and also that the only way to be filled with joy and peace is by believing (Heb. xi, 6; Rom. xv, 13). We may well ask ourselves, Do we know this same Jesus?

At New Westminster, another of the real pioneers of British Columbia in the person of Mr. Lewis Francis Bonson passed away at St. Mary's Hospital recently.



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A WOMAN'S FIGHT FOR DECENCY

Is Told of by British Columbia Woman Who Fought and Won

When the history of to-day shall be reminiscences, fifty years hence, the chronicles will tell of the fight the women of Canada made for recognition in the field of politics. One of those who have contributed most to this history-in-the-making is Mrs. John Wallace de Beque Farris, wife of Mr. Farris, M.P.P., of Vancouver.

From her first public move when, with a few other women she founded their local University Women's Club, to the brilliant stand she made against the iniquitous laws of British Columbia that so discriminated against women, Mrs. Farris has been successful as her attendant. But, as she explains in Mary White's article, "A Woman's Fight for Decency," the success thus attained had to be won through fight and pluck.

Speaking of the methods they employed in British Columbia to carry their campaign, Mrs. Farris says: "But we never tagged. We paid our own railway fare, and the whole campaign was run impersonally. There was no looking for 'sex privileges.' We thought no more of coming home at one in the morning with four or five men from a political meeting where we had been speaking, than of going to a tea with our sister. But none of us ever received anything but the utmost courtesy throughout the whole campaign. Sometimes, of course, we had to put our feet in our pockets. It wasn't nice to dash from one meeting to another in a motor going at fifty miles an hour and on one wheel round the curves. But the men did that sort of thing without whimpering, and we were bound to die game. Sometimes we were cold too, and sometimes we were hungry, and always we were very, very tired, but we never let ourselves think 'failure.' Miss Durham of the 'Vancouver Province,' had given us 'Success is Inevitable' so we feel that we must have been sustained in our watchword, and we kept that always before us. Looking back now, we won by a higher power Who saw that we were doing the best we knew how and gave us courage and strength for it all."

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Thrift to be Motto for 1917, and Products Will Reduce Prices

To offset, to some degree, the high cost of living, W. D. George, advises the planting now of spring gardens. "Thrill," he says, "will be the motto of many spring gardens in Canada for 1917. The high cost of living claims attention, and a well stocked garden will go a long way toward reducing the cost of living to a normal level. "If this is your first garden, remember that to grow good plants, whether flowers or vegetables, the conditions must be favorable, and that it cannot be done in poor, unworked or undrained soil. It is not sufficient to roughly scratch the surface of your soil; the ground must be thoroughly worked to a depth of eight or ten inches, and in a small garden this may be done easily enough with a fork or spade.

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SIDE TALKS BY RUTH YOUNG AND CAMERON

SO WHY WHINE? We have a new by-word in our family circle. It was supplied by the little girl who lives around the corner. Her mother told us the story. The little girl is five and even more cunning than that, of itself, implies. From the moment she wakes up in the morning until the moment she drifts away into dreamland at night, she throws off quaint, delightful little reactions on life like sparks from a pinwheel. One Little Girl Didn't Know What God-bless Meant.

The one in question came just before that last moment of drifting off. She was saying her prayers. She had said the immortal prayer of childhood and added the immortal petition to "bless PaPa and Mamma and make me a good girl" (by the way, another little girl who had been repeating these same petitions for a year or so started me one night by asking what "God-bless" meant, an interesting commentary on the way the little folks repeat the sounds we tell them to say without knowing half the time what they mean).

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