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The Daughter of David Kerr

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mantel. Then she had looked about the room, and not finding what she sought, had asked:

"Where is one of my mother?"
 "There is none," he confessed, and added quickly, "but I'm going to have one painted for you. That was given me recently by the First Ward club."

"What's the First Ward club?"

"A political organization."

"Politics! Do you know anything about politics?"

David Kerr almost smiled.

"I don't know whether the president is a Democrat or a Republican," she added.

"Don't bother about it."

"Oh, I'm not going to. I don't want to be a suffragette and march in a parade and be put in jail on bread and water. I don't even read about it."

Her absolute ignorance of politics, nothing remarkable in a girl of her years and training, was no small grain of comfort to her father.

It was not until after luncheon that Gloria disclosed the subject nearest her heart. Her father, like a wise general, permitted her to open the engagement. He had never been a man to exert more strength than was necessary for the discomfiture of the enemy. He wanted all her batteries unmasked, all her forces engaged, before he brought his own side into action.

For some time they sat in silence in the living room, gazing into the open wood fire. More than once Kerr thought his daughter was about to speak, but each time she seemed to think better of it or else lose her courage. He knew that something weighed on her mind, for she was much quieter than was her wont.

"I know I'm going to like Belmont very much," she ventured at last. "And I want Belmont to like me. My coming home is different from that of other girls I know. At Annabel's or Jane Leigh's or any of the girls' homes we haven't been in the house ten minutes before the telephone begins to ring. In half an hour there are enough engagements to last a week. In Belmont I don't know any one yet."

This was not said in any tone of complaint. She could not dream of such a thing, because her father's position was such that her lack of friends was only a temporary embarrassment. She knew that well enough. As for David Kerr, he made no comment, desirous of hearing her at greater length.

"If I had known that I was coming home I would have brought some of the girls with me." She did not allow him to know that the house had not come up to her expectations. "I'm glad I didn't because I don't know any one here yet, and although we'd all be received at once I couldn't make it as pleasant for them as I can after I have had an intimate knowledge of things. After you once introduce me I think I can begin to plan for the girls. I'm under obligations to every single girl I know. I don't mean single—unmarried. But I might as well because married girls don't go visiting around the country."

"I thought you entertained in the past."

"I did, but girls like to get to a new place. They're not looking for anybody, but the wider your territory the more certain it is that lightning will strike you."

"You've had a pretty wide territory," was her father's dry rejoinder.

"But I always ran for cover when I saw a storm coming."

"I thought you'd come home engaged to a duke or a count at the least. Didn't you see any men you liked?"

"I liked them all, father, but I haven't seen a foreigner I'd marry. They're nice enough to talk to and dance with and to bring an ice at a ball, but no more than that. But nothing worries me; I'm going to stay here and keep house for you."

"It ain't much of a house, Gloria. You see, I ain't ever had any women folk around here, and the place 'bout runs itself, 'cept what the niggers do. You won't like it, I'm afraid."

"I'll like it well enough. You don't know how I've envied other girls their homes."

"I tell you what you do. Go on to California now—I'll go with you, if you say so, and stay till you get settled with some of your friends. Then I'll come back and have the house fixed up so's when you come again it'll be just what you want."

Kerr felt that if he could get her away he could see to it that she did not return, even at the cost of his leaving Belmont a year or two sooner than he had planned. To this suggestion Gloria did not accede. There was her curiosity about Belmont and her desire, something one who felt there was no depth to her nature could not understand, for a nature.

Continued next week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson II.—Third Quarter, For July 12, 1914.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Mark x, 32-45. Memory Verses, 43-45—Golden Text, Mark x, 45—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The first part of this lesson concerning His death and resurrection is recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke, but the second part, concerning the request of James and John and their mother, in Matthew and Mark only. The words "in the way" of verses 17, 32, 52; xl, 8; Acts ix, 2, 17, 27, and elsewhere, while they may generally mean nothing more than on the road, are suggestive of Ps. l, 6; cxix, 1; John xiv, 6, and make one think of the way of peace, the way of the Lord (Luke i, 79; iii, 4), and of what it really means, to follow Him in the way.

This is the third time that He spoke plainly of His sufferings and death and resurrection; but, although His words seem so plain to us, they understood none of these things (Luke xviii, 34), because they knew not the Scriptures concerning His death and resurrection (John xx, 9), having their own thoughts about the kingdom, just as many today know nothing of the second coming of Christ, the distinction between the church of the present age and the kingdom of the next age and the ages to come, because they will not take heed to what is written in the prophets concerning the Son of Man and the kingdom to be set up at His coming in glory to judge the nations and to reign in righteousness (Isa. xxxiii, 1, 17; xxxiv, 8; xxxv, 4, 10), but persist in thinking that the kingdom is within us and that all that the great work of redemption is for is to deliver people from hell and get them to heaven.

This is the age of a kingdom postponed because of a rejected Christ and of gathering out from all nations a people to reign with Him, but who must be content now to suffer with Him, live separate from this present evil age, not conformed to it, but so manifesting in it the meekness, lowliness and love of Christ that we shall show something of His life in these mortal bodies and win people to Him. The Holy Spirit has been given especially in this age to testify of a crucified, risen and ascended Christ, who is waiting at the Father's right hand until the number of His elect, waiting, suffering ones, shall have been completed, when He will take us to Himself, reward us for service, appoint our places in His kingdom and bring us back with Him to reign (Acts xvi, 13-18; Thess. iv, 16-18; Col. iii, 4; Rev. v, 9, 10). This is no time for a believer to be seeking great things for himself or his church or his denomination or society or in any way to make himself a name, but with all lowliness and meekness and long suffering and patience walk worthy of Him who has called us unto His kingdom and glory (Eph. iv, 1, 2; Col. i, 10, 11; I Thess. ii, 12), who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many (verse 45).

Even Jeremiah in his day said to his scribe Baruch, "Seekest thou great things for thyself, seek them not" (Jer. xiv, 5). As it is a case of self or the Lord and cannot be both, we must persist in attaining to the fullness of the experience of "Not I, but Christ who liveth in me;" "Not I, but the grace of God;" "In newness of life, dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord;" "Delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh;" "Risen with Christ and setting our affection on things above" (Gal. ii, 20; Cor. xv, 10; Rom. vi, 4, 11; II Cor. iv, 10, 11; Col. iii, 1-4).

Neither James nor John nor their mother seemed to understand when they came seeking preferment in the kingdom, and it did seem so out of place when He had just been speaking of His own sufferings and death. Even on the last night, at the passover, as he spoke of one of them betraying Him, they were striving as to which of them should be the greatest, giving Him occasion to say, "I am among you as he that serveth" (Luke xxii, 27-29). No teacher of man was ever so lonely, misunderstood or unappreciated, as such a depth of meaning in His words, "No man knoweth the Son but the Father" (Matt. xi, 27): "I live by the Father" (John vi, 57). He spoke of the cup given Him to drink and the baptism of suffering which awaited Him and asked if they could share it, and they thought that their devotion to Him was such that they could share anything with Him, even to dying with Him, as Peter said (John xiii, 37). They did not understand, how could they when they were so dull as not to receive His plain words about His own dying? And when he was arrested that last night and was about to be bound and led away as a prisoner Peter would have delivered Him by his sword if he could.

Oh, how little we understand of what it means to follow Him, to manifest His life, to bear the burden of the meek and lowly One, who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered He threatened not, leaving us an example that we should follow His steps (I Pet. ii, 21-23). When people sing, "Surely the captain may depend on me," "Fare, each earthly joy," "Thou, O Christ, art all I want," and other similar words they do not often consider what they are saying, nor to whom they are saying these words, nor how it would be if the test came.

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FIRE ESCAPES

Must be Provided by All Hotels.

The spirit of anxiety that sprang to life last winter after the tragic Woodbine hotel fire has not been laid yet, as can be seen by the activities of the Provincial Secretary's Department in issuing and overseeing the laws regarding fire protection in hotels throughout the Province, and particularly just about this time, in the attention being paid to the summer hotels.

For in order to reach all those summer resort hotels hidden in distant corners of the wilderness, as well as those in the better-known resorts, a man is now being chosen by the Provincial Secretary to go by canoe, horseback and rail to visit every hotel in the Province, and to see that every one of them, however temporary and however primitive to suit the tastes of the city-worn tourist, is supplied with means of fire protection according to the law.

No hotel is exempt. The 1914 edition of the Act for the prevention of accidents by fire in hotels has one comprehensive clause in it:

"The keeper or proprietor of every hotel shall provide and keep in each sleeping apartment or bedroom above the ground floor a fire escape for the use of guests occupying the same."

Those words "above the ground floor" will cover, according to opinion a great many cases in summer hotels, because so many of them are two stories only in height, and by clause 3 of the Act only hotels exceeding two stories are required to have outside iron fire escapes.

In another clause the Act suggests that those fire escapes to be provided in every room above the ground floor "shall be sufficient if they consist of rope not less than three-quarters of an inch in thickness, of sufficient length to reach from the room or apartment in which they are kept to the ground below." This clause also stipulates that there be some means of fastening the rope at the window, a rule that is often overlooked.

To the innumerable hotels and inns all over the Province that are not summer hotels these laws also apply, and it is the duty of every license inspector appointed under the Liquor License Act to see that the hotels in his district comply with the law and have proper and serviceable fire escapes. The Provincial Secretary's Department has sent out a copy of the law accompanied by a memo to every one of these license inspectors, calling their attention to the popular feeling regarding safety, and asking for careful inspection. And the department states that all reports from private individuals will be welcomed and instantly probed. The fine for breaking any provisions of the Act is not less than \$20 and not more than \$200.

VARNEY.

Mr. McDonald of Dundalk, with his gang of men, is constructing a bridge of a 20ft. span over the stream which crosses the Garafraxa road at this village.

Miss Margaret Kerr is spending her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr.

Rev. B. C. Newnham, Rev. J. Ward's successor, arrived last week and took up his abode with Mr. A. McCabe. On Sunday evening he preached an acceptable sermon to a large congregation. We have no doubt but that he will be a fine minister.

Rev. B. C. Newnham has decided not to hold service in this village on Sunday evening, so as to allow the Varney people to take in the anniversary to be held at Knox next Sabbath.

MERRITT, B. C.

We have beautiful weather out here. The only thing we have to disturb our peaceful slumbers are the mosquitoes, which are quite numerous at this time of year.

We are living here in what we term the "banana belt." Times are very quiet here at present, owing to the market being quiet for coal. The burning of oil on the railroads and in other places has made the demand for coal less.

Joe Firth returned to the Valley looking quite refreshed after a few months' sojourn in the East. Mrs. Lou Anderson, nee Ruth Johnston, daughter of Wm. Johnston of Durham, Ont., is still confined to her bed. Mrs. Anderson, nee Martha soul.

Firth of Edge Hill, Ont., lives at Canford, B.C., a short distance from Merritt.

Joe Collett and wife, of Merritt, B.C., have gone East on a trip, and will likely visit his old home at Allan Park, Ont.

SHOT BITS OF LIVE NEWS

One in seven British landowners is a woman.

Paris has a new fad—dancing to poems instead of music.

About 2,000 suffragists paraded with bands in Paris on Sunday.

The election in Mexico passed almost unnoticed, and the voting was very light.

The situation at Durazzo of Prince William of Wied is said to be desperate.

Premier Asquith may soon announce a scheme to supplant the House of Lords.

Sir Robt. Roblin had a mixed reception at a big campaign meeting in Winnipeg.

St. Catharines Conservatives are warned to prepare for a general election about November.

Mrs. Jas. Mitchell of Hamilton died soon after returning from a Sunday school picnic to the Falls.

The damage to the C.P.R. steamer Assiniboia, now in drydock in Collingwood, is found to be quite extensive.

Hundreds lined Dufferin Terrace at Quebec to see the Duke of Connaught leave on the cruiser Essex for Newfoundland.

G.T.R. engineers have been instructed to have regard to the safety of passengers rather than the making up of lost time.

While Philip Cudmore of Brantford was driving with a lady friend, a revolver bullet pierced the buggy top close to the girl's head.

Bert Campbell, Watford, was fatally injured when he fell 50 feet from a hay mow, where he was adjusting a hayfork rope.

Several weeks' vacation at a seaside resort in Nova Scotia has proved beneficial to E. A. Lancaster M.P., who arrived in St. Catharines Saturday night.

Quebec has been informed of the death in a motor accident in England of Admiral Ashe, a native of Quebec, who has many relatives in Canada.

The family of Joseph Chamberlain declined the Government's offer to inter the body in Westminster Abbey. It is said that Mrs. Chamberlain may receive a title.

Sydney Grundy, the dramatic author, is dead. He was born at Manchester in 1848. Among his publications are, A Pair of Spectacles, and The Degenerates, and Procks and Frills.

John Shopland, a retired contractor of London, expired in a motor car which Geo. Mathewson was driving near Hyde Park, when the car struck a buggy in the road.

Joseph Wagner, 45, a bartender at the Iroquois hotel, St. Thomas, died from heat prostration at Port Stanley while stabling his horse, after driving to the lakeside.

A section of the Port Arthur C. N.R. steel dock, about 70 feet square, and containing about 3,120 tons of steel rails, collapsed at 11 o'clock Saturday night into 20 feet of water.

The alleged serving of intoxicating drinks to girls under 18 years of age in Canadian river-front roadhouses is to be stopped, according to orders received by Essex county officials from the Ontario Government.

Rev. R.W. Norwood, M.A., rector of Bishop Cronyn Memorial church, London, declared in the course of his sermon Sunday night that he did not believe there was a hell, and that in his opinion there was no damnation of the

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A GOOD LETTER AFTER ALL.

Someone has advanced the opinion that the letter "e" is the most unfortunate letter in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all the time. For some reason he overlooked the fortunes of the letter, as we call attention to the fact that "e" is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there could be no meat, no life, no heaven. It is the centre of honesty, makes perfect love and without it there could be no editors, devils or news.

Liberals in West Kent will ask for a recount in the recent elections.

Women will be permitted to study medicine at the University of Pennsylvania hereafter.

Two officers of the German navy received honors from the Kaiser for their services to the Empire.

Rev. Dr. Symonds, rector of Christ church cathedral, Montreal, in his sermon Sunday night, condemned the policy of Hindu exclusion.

There was nearly a panic in the Griffin Theatre, Chatham, Saturday evening, when lightning blew out a fuse during a terrific thunder-storm. Three women fainted, and the large crowd started for the door. A girl singing on the stage kept right on and quieted the audience.