

GARDEN SECRETS.

If the truth be known
The fairies alone
The garden secrets know.
O, if one would alight
By me in its flight
O'er blossoms, to and fro!

I would say, "O stay! Don't hurry away,
My dear Miss Shining Wings.
Won't you stop for repose and sit on this rose
That rocked by breezes swings.
In the garden here is much that's queer,
And fairies are so wise.
Would there be any harm in lending your
charm
To help my mortal eyes?"

"I should like to see where dreams can be
That poppies hide away,
And to take a sly peep where daisies keep
The words their petals say.
And I long to glance at you when you dance
And lady slippers wear.
Are they easily torn? Do they ever get worn
In tripping through the air?"

"With your charm, my ear may learn how to
hear
What pansies have to tell;
Ah, so much they have thought, no longer they
ought
In silent mood to dwell.
Tell me how, O please, to find their heart's
ease.
Will they give a bit to me?
Does the faint ting-a-ling of the blue bells' ring
Call fairies home to tea?"

"Does their tinkle low make four o'clocks know
Their waking time each day?
Will a snapdragon bite? Do you think it right
To pinch one just in play?
Are those pretty things, the flowers with
wings,
Contented on their stem?
Do butterflies tease the fluttered sweet peas
To fly away with them?"

I have looked all day
Where blossoms were gay,
For dainty, flitting wings;
I have searched in the night
But never caught sight
Of fairies that know these things.

—MARY FRENCH MORTON.

PEACE SUNDAY AT CHURCH.

The New Unity says:

The following extracts clipped from the Monday papers, may invoke still further pulpit work in behalf of and with the congress that convenes this day at The Hague:

A goodly number of the ministers in Chicago acted on the suggestion published in our last issue by the members still residents of the general committee of the parliament of religions. It is gratifying to find that those even who justify the present military movements of the United States unite heartily in the call for peace farther along.

President Henry Wade Rogers at the First Methodist church:

"The money expended in the construction of these floating fortresses and to keep men of blood in clothes and funds could be wisely devoted to internal public improvements, in the accomplishment of which millions might be employed.

"Nine hundred and fifty universities, each with a yearly fund of \$1,000,000

might be established through the world from the amount that was annually expended in Europe in the preparation for strife.

"The proposition of international disarmament is one of the most humanitarian projects ever placed before the world. All men turn their eyes against the appalling slaughter of war. The blood of millions calls out from the dark pages of history to stay the hand of slaughter. Engines of destruction more terrible than our grandfathers ever dreamed of are in course of construction. The mind of the inventor is solving new problems by which thousands may be swept from the face of the earth through the perverted adaptation of Nature's forces. Let the wail of antiquity be heard and civilization shall be proud of the great stride made toward the millennium in the evening of the nineteenth century."

Rev. J. P. Brushingham, pastor of First Methodist church:

"No nation upon the earth should naturally be a more aggressive leader in the peace congress at The Hague during the week to come than the United States. It is encouraging to find by recent dispatches that the peace commissioners of England and those from this country are to work in unison in an effort to secure arbitration.

"I take it that America's mission is not to conquer the world, but to civilize and save the world. America should lead because of the composite character of its population. All the nations of the earth are here; we have the English, the Irish, the German, the French, the Italians and Prussians in large numbers. In a war with any European country we would be fighting our own flesh and blood. If the conference at The Hague accomplishes no definite results its moral influence will be greatly felt."

Emil G. Hirsch at Sinai Temple:

"To bring about this result nations themselves must learn the rare wisdom of self-control. National hysteria is the greatest danger to international peace. France has often suffered from this affection and the signs are not few that she has many competitors for the honor which goes with national supersensitiveness. Here is the great opportunity for the thinking men and women of every land. Let those that believe in the power of reason reason with those who esteem patriotism to consist in shouting and rate him the noblest patriot who walks about with a chip on his shoulder.

Bishop Samuel Fallows, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal church:

"It is the imperative duty of every Christian and humanitarian to co-operate heartily with every movement which will tend to lessen the causes for an appeal to arms. The proposed peace

congress is one of the most important steps yet taken in this direction. It is a minor matter whether the czar of Russia was really sincere in his expressed desire for European disarmament. The coming together of the picked representatives of the ruling nations of the globe to consider seriously and advisedly the questions proposed for discussion marks a golden era in the history of men. It will be the means of emphasizing and advancing the principle of international arbitration. It will bring into closer fellowship along this line the three great powers which spring from one common source, England, Germany and the United States."

Wm. White Wilson, pastor St. Mark's Episcopal church:

"We can ameliorate the conditions of war and adopt methods that will lead to general peace, but there are evils to overcome, tyranny to be removed, despotism to be destroyed which will require struggle and possibly war. As people and as nations mankind must be faithful to the duties which devolve upon them and seek the right as well as peace and desire only that peace which right can give."

Dr. Wm. M. Lawrence, Second Baptist church:

"We are, as a nation, a nation of peacemakers. We have not had a war history. Every conflict in which we have been engaged has been for defense or for philanthropy, and never for conquest, and our flag stands for all that is honorable and humane in national and civil life. Reason and duty demand that we support the proposition of the czar with all earnestness. It is demonstrable that peace is a possible thing if we will to have it. It becomes us as patriots to do all that we can to further the interests with faith in the God of peace."

Rev. P. F. Matzinger, Campbell Park Presbyterian church:

"We have disarmed the individual and still secured his survival. Can the same be done for nations? We have advanced far enough in the evolution of national honor to brand as unjust any war for plunder or for mere increase of territory or for glory. We will admit as just causes for war only necessity, liberty or principle. We have begun to struggle for the liberty of others."

Bishop Tikhone, of the Greek church in Alaska:

"The Russian clergy are unanimously in favor of the czar's peace plan and expect to see it adopted by all nations within a few years."

The administration is said to contemplate colonizing the Philippines with the better class of our negro citizens.