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"The Second Book of the Chronicles of the Normalites," Literary satire in the form of a book of the Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures by Eliza Gould.

Written in 1848. I have forgotten the author. E. P. G.
The second Book of the Chronicles of the Normalites. 1
Chapter 1.

1. Now in the seventh year of
the reign of Cyrus, in the second
month, the tenth day of the month,
the spirit of King Cyrus was
stirred within him, that he
made a proclamation through
out all his realms, saying;

2. Thus saith Cyrus; all the maid-
ens from among my people,
both small & great, young & old,
shall assemble themselves togeth-
er on the last day of the week,
and shall stand up in the
congregation to read their
themes or to expound to the
people some mystery of
science.

3. Now this did greatly trouble
the daughters of Normality,
and they knew not what to
do, for they exceedingly fear-
ed their King.

4. And they spoke among them-
selves, saying "Who is sufficient
for these things?" and several
of the chief among them
met together in the vestibule

of the palace of their King.
5. And they appointed one of
their number, Anna, the daughter
of Abial, of the tribe of Benjamin,
saying to her; "Go inquire of the King
for us and for those of our kindred
who are brought into these straits,
concerning the words of his de-
ree; for great is the severity of
our King that is poured out
upon us,

6. Because we and our sisters
have departed from the old
customs of the Normal School,
and have not walked in the
ways of our mothers."

7. And Anna went in to the
King, (now she dwelt in a house
nigh unto the synagogue, a
little way off) and she said
unto him;

8. "My Lord, what have we done
that thou shouldst afflict
us; we would not grieve
thee, nor sorrow thy heart;
for thy pleasure only we
desire to do.

9. But Oh, my Lord, if it please thee, wilt thou not revoke the words of thy decree, and take from us this grievous war, lest our heads be striven with feet, ere we finish the days of our pilgrimage."

10. And when the king heard this he was troubled in spirit; for he loved Anna and her sister; nevertheless for his word's sake & for the house of his fame he would not grant her request.

11. And she returned to her people, and told them all the words of their king; thus saith our Lord, King Cyrus, Behold, I desire not the hurt of any of the daughters of my Kingdom; for their lives are precious in my sight; nor would I burden their hearts with overmuch serving:

notwithstanding, because your hearts are tender and ye are so greatly wanting in those things which make up your strength that ye have wept before me, - verily ye must do these things.

12. Come now, with ready hands and willing hearts; and perform the things which are spoken in the words of my decree. Prepare yourselves for the work, for to-morrow the day cometh. Ye shall do my pleasure before the eyes of the people, and then will I release you from your bonds and ye shall be gathered to your homes in peace.

13. Neither shall your eyes see any evil which I shall bring upon this place; but great good shall come upon Normatty, for I, your king, hath spoken it."

14. So she brought them word again and the young women were strengthened in spirit, and they said, all the commandments of our king we will do.

15. And it came to pass on the third month, the seventh day of the month, that Cyrus the King sent and gathered together the daughters of Normatty and places were assigned ^{for} them in the royal house according to the division of the families of their tribes.

16. And Cyrus came in, and with him one of the princes of the Land, whom he appointed to sit upon his left hand. The King, that day sat upon his throne. And he sounded an alarm that silence might be observed for the space of half an hour. Then he read in the ears of the people the words of the Psalmist.

17. And those who were glad in heart and those whose voices were tuned in harmony, and who were censing players upon instruments joined, ~~played~~ with one accord in a song. And they made a joyful noise. Then all the congregation kept silence.

18. And Cyrus spake to those whose hearts were ready to devise, that such should rehearse the sayings of the wise men. And they did so.

19. And Cyrus the king ordered the maids of Normatty to stand forth and read. And about the ninth hour, arose Martha, who dwelt by the sea; and she read

according to the writing of her book and according to the thought of her heart. And it came to pass, when the people heard the words of Martha, they were glad and the thing pleased the king and them that sat with him.

20. And to all he had given portion of the work; and they made ready for the others, and the maidens came forth, one by one, and did according to the word of thinking. And there were among them Elizabeth & Rachel, singers, of the daughters of Joseph, and there were many more. Behold their names are written in the books of the Chronalites.

21. And they explained the mysteries of polygons, and showed the hidden things of equations; so that all the people fully understood the meaning of the words of the maidens.

22. And they returned to their places with exceeding honor.

23. Howbeit there was one Salome who rendered not according to her ability; for her heart was timid.

24. And she fled from the presence of her lord, and went to a neighboring city. Now the rest of his doing are they not recorded in the book of Cyrus, the King?

25. Then arose one of the honorable men and exhorted the maidens to all patience, firmness, love and gentleness, commanding them to abstain from every appearance of violence and obstinacy.

26. (Now there were divisions among the maidens in these things,) Howbeit the words of the mighty man

pleased all the Normallites; even the most wilful and seditious. And it came to pass when all the services of the house of Cyrus, the King, were ended, the doors of the house were thrown open and the maidens returned to their homes in peace.

27. Now the rest of the acts of Cyrus and his goodness, according to that which was written in the law of the Lord and his deeds, - behold they are written in the books of the journals of the Normallites!!

Chronicles, Chapter 2.

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It came to pass that Cyrus the King yet reigned in Normallty. And in the tenth month, on the twenty ninth day of the month, on the sixth day of the week, Cyrus the King with Electa his counsellor, and all his maidens, assembled themselves early in the morning at the Hall which is called Normall Hall. And at the appointed hour they seated themselves in their accustomed places, and Cyrus the King opened the book, and read therefrom, and expounded the Scriptures, as was his custom.

Then one of the maidens touched the keys of the instrument, and they all raised their voices in a hymn of praise.


Then they all bowed their heads in silence, and did meditate. And Cyrus the King exhorted the maidens to be faithful and diligent; and their hearts were strengthened for the good work in which they were all united. And Cyrus called a portion of his maidens, and questioned them upon a chapter from the book which was written by the Philosopher Sennison whose surname was Plumsted. And some of the maidens understood not all that was written, and Cyrus the King explained unto them that which they did not comprehend; and their eyes were opened, and they saw. And that they might the more clearly understand the things which the Philosopher had written, he presented unto them the machine which is called Astroids, and explained unto them the Peridulum and the Mechanical Powers. Then another portion of the maidens were commanded to meet Electa the counsellor of Cyrus the King, in the lower room which is on your right hand as you enter the door of the Hall which is called Chronical. And they did as they were commanded; and Electa asked them many questions concerning that which they had learned from the book which is called Legendae. And some of the maidens opened their mouths and spoke readily concerning the things therein written. And Electa the counsellor was well pleased and spake in praise of their readiness, particularly of one Sophia, who could talk well, and was quick of apprehension relating to these matters. And Electa spake thus to Sophia; "Thou wilt truly climb the rugged hill of Geometry very quickly if thou continuest in the path in which thou

+ Sophia Langdon

out now walking." And they were all made glad by the good and pleasant words that proceeded out of his mouth. And they were sorry when the sound of the bell did interrupt them. And when they had again ascended into the Hall, the hour for relaxation had come, and the maidens proceeded in various directions, some to the upper room which is called the Gymnasium, and some to the Office which is called the Post Office, to see if posthorses, letters had not been sent to them. But some of the maidens acted in opposition to the will of Cyrus the King, and did not bestir themselves according to the mandate of the King. For the day was very pleasant, and the King had said that the maidens should not study during that season. And the exercise which they had taken strengthened them, and they were better prepared for the work which followed. And in the afternoon of the same day, it happened that Cyrus the King desired the maidens who were studying the book of the Philosopher, to meet again in his presence, that once more he might hear them explain the figures that were written on the wall. And he said unto one, "I will that thou explain such and such a figure." And many of the maidens were perfect in their recitations. Then he spoke unto one Maury, and desired that she would do likewise. And she stepped forth, and ~~was~~ endeavored to gratify the wishes of the King. And when she had finished speaking there was silence. Then the King spoke to her on this wise, saying, "I have somewhat to communicate unto thee." And she listened to hear what he would say.

And he said, "There are so many things to remark upon, that it is impossible to speak to each one in private, therefore I must speak unto thee in the presence of the maidens. But weep not, and let not thy heart be sad, when I have communicated unto thee my thought." Now the reason of this remark of the King was this; The maidens of eternally are of timid hearts, and it comes to pass that when they do that which is not well pleasing in the eyes of the King, and he speaks unto them of their faults, that their countenances become sad, and their eyes are dimmed with tears. Therefore said he unto her; "Weep not and let not thy heart be afflicted." And she wondered what the King would say unto her. Then he said, "Thy teaching is well, but thou hast a bad habit of speaking too fast. Learn now I pray thee, to show due moderation. And she resolved in her heart to do the thing of which the King had in gentleness spoken to her. And they stood in the presence of the King for the space of an hour, and she sent them away from him for a short time. Then he called again to the maidens, that those who were studying the book which the Philosopher had also written upon Astronomy, might again appear before him. And they went to their places before the King, and conversed with him upon the science of Astronomy; and joy filled their hearts. And in the process of time, the King opened the book in which he had written many things that had occurred in eternally. And he opened his mouth and read thence. Now the King had been

much afflicted and his sleep forsook him; yet was he faithful and blessed spiritually, and daily exhorted his maidens to live truly, and to take much care concerning their health; for he himself had sinned and was in suffering, therefore was he the more anxious that the maidens should take heed. And the maidens were exceedingly grieved on this account, although they did not express unto the king their sympathy. — Now the rest of the acts of Cyren the king, and of Electa his counsellor, and of his maidens, are they not recorded in the books of the *Chronicles* of the *Chronicles*?


Chronicles, Chapter 3.

And it came to pass on the nineteenth day of the fifth month of the reign of Cyren the king, that the maidens assembled, as was their custom, in the Hall called *Chronal*. And the hearts of the maidens were made glad at the sound of the music of one *Lucey* daughter of . . . for their own hearts were in tune therewith. And when the king spoke, silence was proclaimed throughout his dominions; for they had respect unto the name of the king. As he opened his mouth and read from the law, he gave good counsel to the maidens moreover he exhorted them that in all things they should strive to do well. And it came to pass when his sayings were ended, that his most

excellent handmaiden and counsellor, *Electa*, arose and called those of the maidens who sought to vary their mother language and write after the style of one *Pitman*, to follow her. And they did so. Then arose one *Sarah* who lifts the veil of obscurity from the hidden sayings of *Euclid*, and said, come unto me, ye of the class that is few in numbers and weakly, for I have somewhat to say unto you. Meanwhile the king had observed, and when it was done he said; "It is well." And he smiled upon those of the maidens who remained with him. And when the day was nearly spent, the king said unto the maidens; Gather ye yourselves together at the sixth hour of the day, and we will ascend the hill of *Observation*, not many leagues distant. But he straightway charged the maidens that they should "not look back"; for when they should reach the top the top ^{the sight} would repay them. Now some of the maidens became weary and would gladly have rested themselves, but when they saw the king they felt rebuked; for he was a man of years. So they quickened their steps to keep pace with him. When they had assembled together the king did point out the great cities and villages that lay in the valleys and on the hills. And one ⁺*Hannah*, from the youth did listen much to the king; for his words pleased her. And the two ⁺*Charys* were there who are much loved by the daughter of one *Cathaniel*. And the two ⁺*Luceys* were there who make much melody with their voices.

* *Lucey Osborne* & *Lucey Abatealf* + *Hannah Townsend*

before the king. And it came to pass after the maidens had visited the gardens of one that the king said; "return ye to the hill, for the time approacheth when we must depart." And having thanked the king for his manifold kindness unto them, the maidens returned to the place called *39 E W, N O S W E*. But behold! unpleasant news awaited the maidens and they grew very sad when they were told that one *Mary of the town of Lexington was dead. Now this Mary had endeared herself to all the maidens, for she was of a meek and lowly spirit. And the maidens sought their chambers that they might weep. — Now the rest of the acts, of the day among the Samaritans, are they not recorded in the Chronicles of Cyrus, the King?



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