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REV. DR. BLACK

In paying a tribute to the devoted and very valuable services of the Rev. S. McCully Black, D.D., as editor of the Messenger and Visitor and the Maritime Baptist, the company publishing the last-named journal have but given expression to what is the thought of the people who have noted Dr. Black's career. With an exceptionally well-balanced mind, a fine sympathy and a clear perception of the functions of a religious weekly, he has done most valuable work, and his comments on current movements are always read with appreciation. A man of retiring disposition and suffering somewhat from impaired health, Dr. Black has not been much in the public eye, but he has done splendid work, that is valued in the homes of the people, in their quiet moments, when those things which are highest appeal to the mind and heart.

PLAYGROUNDS

Kate Gannett Wells has an instructive article in the Boston Transcript telling how the playground movement originated in Boston. She says that some twenty years ago Dr. Marie E. Zarzewski suggested to the newly formed Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association that sand heaps, prolific in amusement to little German princes, might be equally entertaining and beneficial to Boston's alley children, and a few women were found ready to help forward the idea. But when they sought for places to deposit the sand piles they met with great difficulty. Ministers refused them the use of the yards of churches, on the ground that playgrounds were not directly connected with the church. They then turned to two or three philanthropic institutions, to be told that playgrounds were neither evangelical nor organized charity, and that philanthropy had too much to do to attend to such by-ways of health and amusement. Finally they secured small yards attached to two Unitarian churches and a Children's Mission. There was, this writer says, no talk of "supervising," "organizing" or correlating play. It was all just women's sympathy with the unfortunates, childish craving for fun, yet never in the twenty years of their work did their faith lessen in the countless possibilities for development of character afforded by a playground—and the faith grew into fact. The balance of the article is worth quoting in full:

"The summer following the establishment of these three apologies for playgrounds one or two wealthy women dumped sand into the back yards of the tenements they rented to poor families, and great was the success thereof. Then came to Miss Ellen M. Tower the enlarged vision of school yards turned into playgrounds. Through the agency of Samuel B. Capen, Esq., the wise, effective, far-seeing chairman of the Boston Public School Committee, the playground work was introduced into the school yards during the summer vacations, with Miss Tower as chairman. She invented, planned, worked, and the persuasiveness of her personality and the belief in the unseen but actual scope of play, from kindergarten to athletic games, from transparent slates for cripples to strenuous manual handicraft for big boys and girls, convinced the doubting that playgrounds had come to remain and to take the place of country outings to those who stayed at home. Her eager committee seconded her as she went here and there to tell the tale of how unorganized inspiration and sympathy with the shackled rights of childhood had merged into wide civic organizations, adopted by many a sect, creed and philanthropy.

"Charlesbank was soon added to the number of playgrounds under the care of the association, which had solved the problem of how to make playgrounds effective agents in morals and manners, in health and education. Charlesbank is Boston's most beautiful children's enclosure, a veritable shelter and picnic ground, with newspapers for tablecloths on the green, bottle babies lying all about; a running track for competitive games, an outdoor gymnasium, the first in the world for girls, and individual spray baths instead of the conglomerate public bath-

house. Wherever there was, is or will be a playground the bettering of character has been, is and will be its ultimate end. Two hundred and fifty thousand children coming and going, made stronger, happier and cleaner in mind and body, was the summary each season of those early years of playground work by a few women. And those numbers have been increased tenfold all over the country as the contagious impulse for playgrounds has invaded school committees, women's clubs and legislatures.

"The Boston playgrounds are now largely under the control of the school committee. Whether or not such disposal of them is wiser than if they were in charge of a playground association, as in many cities, is an open question. Whether or not it is wise that the regular teachers should also conduct playgrounds is another question on which opinion differs. Certainly it is feared that too much organization, too minute supervision, will take away the children's sense of ownership in the sand pens, swings, trapezes, for even limited possession of things makes part of a good time. Then, to be taught how to play is not as much fun as to play out of a kind of subconsciousness. There is a story about the little grandson of the Empress Josephine, the naturalness of which proves its truth. She had given him toys of all kinds. Not content, he sat by the window looking at the park. 'Do not the toys amuse you?' asked his mother, Queen Hortense. 'Yes,' he replied, 'but I want something else.' Tell me, and you shall have it,' she assured him. 'You would not give it to me,' he answered sadly. 'It is to go and walk in that beautiful mud. That more than anything else would amuse me.' Alas, his desire could not be granted, and at nightfall he declared that the day had been 'triste,' himself 'ennuye,' and that he never should be 'happy until, like other boys, he could run in the rain.'

"To-day too many 'social experts' invent psychological tendencies and endeavor to exhumate states and contents of children's minds that do not exist, but which statistically labelled and grooved testify to the awakening of civic responsibility for the needs of the 'submerged' classes as if it were only they who needed playgrounds! Too much education hoisted on to the playground movement will make it capsize, and it will be school all the year round. It takes more tact to manage a playground than to teach in a schoolroom, and more sympathy in adjusting the national squabbles of a playground than in administering discipline indoors.

"The contrast between to-day's organized playground and the inspirational playground of the past lies in the difference between the words matron and teacher. It was the matronly element which longed to make children happy that started the playground. It is the modern educational tendency towards civic betterment which has made the playground a dynamo in economic conditions. Better for the city and not bad for the child! But, oh, just to be a mother to a child works out to fine issues of character."

THE MINER'S STRIKE

(New York Journal of Commerce.)

The cause of the strike of coal miners in Alabama and the merits of any grievance or dispute out of which it arose sink into insignificance and are lost sight of on account of the disorders to which it has led. The firing upon a train carrying strike breakers, with the killing of three men and the wounding of eleven others, on Sunday morning, the blowing up of houses with dynamite and various other acts of violence are of more consequence than any dispute over wages or hours or other conditions of employment in the mines. There has been a call for a declaration of martial law in certain counties and the governor has issued a proclamation demanding the cessation of disorder and threatening to use the whole power of the State to suppress lawlessness.

The exhibition of violence is "deplored" by the officer of the United Miners "in charge of the strike," but he has done nothing to prevent or to stop it, but declares that, as it is a matter of life and death for the union, there will be "no surrender by the miners." It is precisely this manner of conducting a strike that makes it a matter of life and death for unions, and at a meeting of the mine operators, at Birmingham, a resolution was adopted declaring that there was no question for arbitration, which seems to be the latest demand, and that the mines would be operated "on the open shop plan." The excitement is such that business has been at a standstill in some of the mining sections, and merchants and bankers are urging the governor to "take drastic steps to bring the strike to an end."

There is but one proper way for officers of the law in a civilized community to bring such a strike to an end, and that is to preserve order and protect the lawful rights of person and property. Miners have a right to refuse to work, but they have no right to interfere with the property of mine owners or with persons who may be willing to work in their place. These may be called "strike breakers" or "scabs," but they may not be attacked or abused without a violation of rights in which they should be protected. When organized labor shall learn to act in submission to law and to respect the rights of others, it may gain sympathy and respect for its legitimate objects, but so long as it seeks to enforce its demands by violence and crime it will strengthen the idea that it is a dangerous factor and that the only safety is in the "open shop" or the prevalence of non-union labor.

The late Rob Roy, an Irish setter, owned by Miss Mabel Olmstead, was carried in a sealed casket and buried in the dog cemetery at Morristown, N. J., on Monday.

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AVOIDING MISTAKES.

"Why do you insist on so much red tape in your department?"
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OUT FOR A GOOD TIME.

"I trust we shall make you feel quite at home," remarked the hotel proprietor.
"Don't try it," expostulated the married man. "I'm away for a good time."—Philadelphia Record.

HOW COULD HE KNOW?

"Would you give up your seat to a woman in a car?"
"How do I know? Never had a seat yet myself."—Philadelphia Ledger.

UP TO DATE.

"I hear, Mrs. Comeup, that your new house will have everything right up to date."
"Oh, yes; we're going to have a sunken roof garden and a fresco walls."—Baltimore American.

EASILY RECOGNIZABLE.

A certain author who is noted for his wit and for never being at a loss for a reply, whatever the circumstances, was approached by the other side of the club by some one who clapped him on the back and exclaimed:
"Well, old fellow, glad to see you! How are you?"

The author turned, and, not recognizing the man, replied calmly:
"I don't know your face, but your manner is very familiar."

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

It was his first Sunday school and he sat in the infant's department eagerly watching the superintendent illustrate the lesson on the board. The superintendent drew the path to heaven—one straight line—and started the figure of a man upon it. Gradually, the man became larger and larger and finally, when he arrived at the gate of heaven, he could not get in.

The superintendent turned to his small audience and, in a tragical and sorrowful tone, said: "You see he is so puffed up with sin that he cannot enter in."

"Try him sideways, mister; try him sideways," came the small shrill voice from the infant's department.

LADY OF EIGHTY-SIX

A MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

Ascended Black Hill, 1,003

Feet High--Staffordshire Workmen Strike--British News.

London, Aug. 12.—A lady of eighty-six years, residing in the Earlestone district of Berwickshire, has accomplished the feat of climbing the summit of Black Hill, one of the Eildons, which is 1,003 feet in height.

Captain Young, who is in charge of the salvage operations on the Gladiolus, stated in an interview that the position of the warship on a firm ledge is favorable for righting purposes. Operations are suspended pending the arrival of new appliances.

The premier of South Australia has announced that the resignation of Mr. Jenkins, the agent-general in London, has been accepted, and that Mr. Whiting, of the London office, has been appointed acting agent-general.

The home secretary announces that the number of deaths under anaesthetics administered for operations in England and Wales in the six years ending 1906 was 921. The whole question is receiving the attention of the government and of the General Medical Council.

"Scores, perhaps hundreds, of people have been killed, thousands of people have been injured, and it is hardly safe for one to go about in the streets," declared Mr. C. A. Morton, M.P., at a meeting of the Court of Common Council in the course of a discussion on the motor traffic in the city.

The whole of the men, numbering 1,200, employed at the Old Park Works of the Patent Shaft Company, Wednesday, Staffordshire, recently came out on strike their grievance being the alleged unnecessary interference of a manager in instantly discharging a foreman. The men also demand a change in the hours of work. The works are closed.

CROPS IN FAR WEST

"UNIFOLMLY GOOD"

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Prof. W. A. Saunders, director of experimental farms, wires the Department of Agriculture from Indian Head, Sask., under date the 10th inst., as follows:

"From Brandon to Indian Head large areas of wheat were seen. Growth stronger with longer straw than east of Brandon. In western part of this district crops are well prepared land uniformly good. Weather warm and very dry. Grain ripening very rapidly. Cutting will begin in three or four days and be general in a week or ten days. Crops very good all through the Indian Head district. Heads of wheat very plump and well filled. On experimental farm, crops are uniformly excellent, and promise very heavy yields. Fall wheat and early barleys already cut. Early spring wheats nearly ready."

AN AUTHORESS IS DEAD

The late Ellen Louise Chandler Moulton, who died in Boston on Aug. 10, was born in Pomfret, Connecticut, on April 10, 1835, and in 1855 she married William U. Moulton, a Boston publisher and has since made her residence in that city.

Mrs. Moulton, though she wrote some very well-received prose works, is chiefly noted for her poetry. Her Lyrics and Sonnets, written in 1890, rank her as one of the most finished and talented sonnet-writers of the time while the lyric poems commanded high praise for the musical qualities that were inherent in them. Mrs. Moulton's other works include Bedtime Stories, a book for children. Some Women's Hearts, Miss Eyre from Boston, In the Garden of Dreams, Lazy Tours in Spain and Elsewhere, At the Wind's Will and many others. The deceased authoress was widely known both in England and the United States and the weekly receptions which she held in Boston and London were always attended by artists, literateurs and men of talent, of every class.

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