

## MEREDITH AUDIENCE HEARS DR. PARKER

### EMINENT SOCIAL WORKER TALKS ON "THE STORY OF LIFE"

Meredith is to be considered fortunate in having had an address by Dr. Valeria Parker of the American Social Hygiene Department during the past week. Dr. Parker was one of the one hundred workers of that department sent out by the government during the World War. She was introduced to the Meredith audience by Miss Mary Shotwell, of the State Welfare Bureau. The theme of her address was "The Story of Life." She spoke first of the early organization of the women for Social Hygiene work. One of its first advocates was Frances Willard, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the first work of importance was done during our skirmish on the Mexican border in order to better the living conditions of our soldiers. Explaining that before the World War morality was largely a question of ethics, the speaker asserted that now science supports ethics in holding that a single standard of morals is possible for both sexes and is of vital importance for health and happiness. The United States was the first government in the world to adopt and carry out a program of scientific morality for its army, and thus was able to prove that it is six times as dangerous for men to grow up in civil life as in military.

Since habits are formed in early life, mental attitudes and standards should be set early, and children should be given in their own homes, before the self-consciousness of adolescence comes, such truthful and constructive information concerning human family relationships as will protect them from contamination.

More people tangle their lives seriously in the period between twelve and twenty years of age, because of the ignorance of human relationship than at any other time. And through the misunderstanding of the creative forces is brought about the greatest unhappiness and degradation that is known to human beings. Every force for good may be dangerous, as is water and fire, and so is the great force in life. There are three safeguards to which every young person is entitled:

First—Such knowledge concerning the physiology of reproduction, of personal hygiene, and of the psychology of the emotions as will aid in the choice of friendships and of conduct.

The second safeguard is activity. Individuals should have much work and play by which energy may find an outlet. Amusements should be provided by which groups of boys and girls may have happy times together and may develop a spirit of comradeship.

Thirdly—Ideals concerning home building should be set up. Young people should learn that there is no such thing, outside of fairy tales, as falling in love, marrying and living happily ever after, but that happiness is

## HARD JOBS

We all like hard jobs, jobs that take time and work. Easy snaps are not worth doing. It is not easy

To apologize,  
To be unselfish,  
To take advice,  
To admit error,  
To face a sneer,  
To be charitable,  
To keep on trying,  
To be considerate,  
To avoid mistakes,  
To endure success,  
To profit by mistakes,  
To think and then act,  
To forgive and forget,  
To keep out of the rut,  
To make the best of little,  
To subdue an unruly temper,  
To maintain a high standard,  
To shoulder a deserved blame,  
To recognize the silver lining—

But it always pays.—*Ohio Educational Monthly.*

Mr. Boombour: "Miss Ruffin, how many stars are there in the elements?"

M. Ruffin: "There are-er-er three hundred, eight billion, er two hundred, twenty-five million, six hundred, fifty-two thousand, no hundred and eighty-seven."

Mr. Boombour: "Eh, on what authority do you base your statements?"

M. Ruffin: "Sir, if you can't take my word for it, count them yourself."

brought about by health, training and discipline. Women have a grave responsibility and a wide opportunity in raising the standards of living. The discipline of life is hard and its laws confusing. The studies of Botany and Biology help us understand the laws of human life. The flowers reproduce according to definite rules, and the birds give us examples of home building. The mother acts as a teacher, but she, however, is not interested in the young after they are independent. We learn that the continuity of human life is established by instinct as it is with the birds. Human love is eternal, however, and is the permanent tie for home life.

In closing Dr. Parker gave an invocation as the expression of the place of woman in the plan of life.

"To woman alone it is given consciously to nurture, bear and rear a being with an immortal soul."

"Through pain, self-sacrifice and patience of motherhood; through the undying love of womanhood for childhood may she learn the infinite love and compassion of God for man."

"So may I understand my body and its uses, and keep it clean and strong for its high physical calling."

"So may I keep my mind pure and alive to prosper that I may train other minds that may be entrusted to my care."

"So may I keep my spirit free from impurity and evil that I may guide other souls into the truths of Life and Immortality."

## STUDENT OPINION

"I don't see why those boys want to sit up there in front of the Governor's mansion on Sunday afternoons."

Did you ever hear that wail go up from a Meredith girl? Yet, can a person have a doubt why this is so? If the mountain will come to Mahomet, why should Mahomet put out any special effort to go to the mountain? What causes me to wonder is why girls like to stroll up and down before a hundred pairs of staring eyes, and what pleasure they find in listening to comments such as these:

"Hey there, Jack Dempsey."

"Say, what if your face should freeze that way?"

"Don't smile, your paint will crack!"

"You are the *cutest* girl in seven States!"

There are other streets that were made to walk on—why not try them sometimes instead of running the gauntlet between so many rows of boys?

## "DO WE HAVE TO GO TO CHURCH?"

A question which is often discussed among the students is church attendance. It is the general opinion that church attendance should not be compulsory. One enjoys attending Sunday School and preaching more when she does not feel that she is required to go, but rather goes because she desires to attend. Some one may say that the girls will not attend these services unless they are compelled to do so. However, if a girl really does not desire to go to church, she will find an excuse for staying away, even when church attendance is required. Very often on rainy Sundays there are as many present, considering the weather, as there are on more favorable days. Then, since we go to church at home because we want to, why not do the same here? Also, look at the number of Seniors who attend voluntarily. Let's strive to raise this standard by having a voluntary church attendance for all. And may we live up to this standard, as far as possible with a one hundred per cent attendance at Sunday School every Sunday.

As long as the grass in city parks is healthy and green the citizens seem to look upon it as some sort of a garden and keep off it, as the signs command. When it begins to die out, however, their respect for it vanishes. A man in a hurry started, one day, to cut across a yellowing patch but was stopped by a policeman.

"What difference does it make?" demanded the citizen. "The grass is half dead already."

"Well," said the indignant officer, "if ye had a sick friend, would ye be walkin' on his stomach?"—*Exchange.*

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"Waiter, I came in yesterday for a steak."

"Yes, sir, will you have the same today?"

"Why, I might as well if no one else is using it."—*Exchange.*

L. Mays: "What are you running for, Ruth Janet?"

R. J. Sykes: "I'm trying to keep two girls from fighting."

L. Mays: "Who are the girls?"

R. J. Sykes: "Geraldine Gower and me."