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The Brooklyn Divine Strikes a Popular Chord.

Rev. Dr. Talmage interested his audience Sunday morning by telling them that they should pay more attention to physical sports and to all manner of innocent recreation. He put in a plea for the gymnasium and parlor games, and said he was pleased to note the popularization of outdoor sports. His subject was: "Recreation, good and bad."

"In the first place," said he, "I commend among indoor recreations music, vocal and instrumental. It is a grand thing to have our children brought up amid the sound of cultured voices and amid the melody of musical instruments. There is in this an indescribable fascination. It has the means to afford it have little, or none, or piano organs. As soon as the hand is large enough to compass the keys, teach him to pick out the melody. Let all our young men try this heavily upon their nature. They who have gone into it fully have found in it a healthful recreation and amusement. Dark days, stormy nights, seasons of sickness, business diversions, will do little toward depressing the soul which can gather up over musical keys or soar in jubilation over the notes of a favored instrument. It will quell passion, it will revive health, it will retain disquiet, it will strengthen the immortal soul."

"Buy season tickets, if you can, for the Philharmonic and the Handel and Haydn societies. Even the \$1.50 or \$2 that you spend for the purpose of hearing an artist play or sing is a profitable investment. Let your Saturday Home and your Academies of Music run with the acclamation of appreciative audiences assembled at the concert or the oratorio."

"I commend, as worthy of their support, the gymnasium. This institution is gaining in favor every year, and I know of nothing more free from dissipation, or more calculated to recuperate the physical and mental energies. There are men with crumpled chests and weak sides and dejected spirits who, through the gymnasium, might be restored to exuberance and exhilaration of life. There are many Christian people dependent from year to year who might through such an institution be benefited in their spiritual relations."

"I thank God that in our drawing rooms and in our parlors are so many innumerable games and sports which have not upon them the least taint of dissipation. Light up your homes with innocent diversions. Do not, with your rheumatism wonderings, how children can go on so. Rather thank God that their hearts are so light, and that their laughter is so free, and that their cheeks are so ruddy, and that their expectations are so bright. The night, the night, the night, and the pang, and the desolation."

"It will come soon enough for our dear children. But when the storm actually clouds the sky, let them be time enough for them to haul out the reef tacks."

"Carry them into your homes not only the innocent sports and games which are the inventions of our own day, but the games which come down with the sportfulness of all the past ages—chess and charades and tableaux and battledore and calligraphic and lawn tennis, and other those amusements which the young people of our homes know so well how to contrive. Then there will be the parlor socialities—groups of people assembled in your houses, with wit and merriment and joviality, filling the room with joy from the door to the mantle and from the carpet to the ceiling. Oh! is there any exhilaration like a score of general souls in one room, each one adding a cogwheel to the aggregation of general hilarity?"

"I rejoice in the popularization of outdoor sports. I hail the croquet ground and the fisherman's rod and the sportsman's gun. In our cities life is so unhealthy and unwholesome that when the census taker represents a city as having 800,000 inhabitants there are only 400,000, since it takes at least two men to account to one man, so depleting and unwholesome and exhausting is this metropolitan life. We want more of the air, more sunlight, more of the abundance of field sports. I cry out for it in behalf of secular interests. I wish that this winter our streets and our rivers might be all aqua vive with the heel and the shout of the swift skater. I wish that when the warm weather comes the greatest outburst of the stream, and the evening tide be resonant with boatman's song, the bright crew splashing a cogwheel in the blue. We shall have the mouth and grassy lawn, and we will call out people of all occupations and professions and ask them to join in the ball players' art."

"You will come back from these outdoor exercises and recreations with strength in your arms, and color in your cheek, and flash in your eye, and courage in your heart. In this great battle that is opening against the kingdom of darkness we want not only a consecrated soul, but a strong arm and stout lungs and mighty muscles. I bless God that there are so many recreations that have not on them any taint of dissipation. Let us engage for the strengthening of the body, for the clearing of the intellect, for the illumination of the soul."

"But, before closing, I want to impress upon you that mere secular entertainments are not a fit foundation for your soul to build upon. If from our death pillow we have to look back and see a life spent in sin and amusement, there will be a dart that will strike through our soul sharper than the dagger with which Virginus slew his child. The memory of the past will make us quake like Jacobeth. The indignities and rioting through which we have passed will come upon us, weird and sketched as Meg Merrilies. Death, the old Stylus, will demand and take the remaining pound of flesh and the remaining drop of blood, and upon our last opportunity for repentance and our last chance for Heaven the curtain will forever drop."

Make home attractive! Nothing adds so much to the pleasures of a house as music. Buy a good Piano or Organ of J. L. Stone, Raleigh, N. C., and you will never regret it.

True to Life.

I have often wondered why it is that about nine out of ten boys have what seems to be a natural antipathy toward ministers; a feeling that causes many parents infinite distress and mortification. I have often had occasion to notice. A case in point came under my observation only last week. I boarded with Mrs. Black. She is an excellent lady, the mother of a son who is now in the hobbler age, when he is dead to all sense of propriety, and in some instances indifferent to decency in his treatment of his elders and superiors.

"More so, however, certain 'good streaks' in the boy that have thus far kept the boards from maddening him outright, and we think there are possibilities of reform in the little terror, although the following performance on his part does not warrant any such assumption. Mrs. Black is a good Presbyterian, of the 'old school' sort, and a good woman generally. Her minister is to her the holiest of men, everying about with him, as she thinks, evidence of complete satisfaction that cannot but have its influence on all who meet him. But it didn't please her son Billy.

The minister called the other day for the first time and Billy was ushered in to get the benefit of the good man's presence. "This is my son William," said Mrs. Black, blandly. "William! Tee hee! Well, if that ain't a good one! Billy's my name when it ain't Bill. Tee hee!"

"Ah," said the good man graciously, "I'm very glad to see you, William; I am very fond of little boys."

"Whichever given 'n'?" said William, in tones that curdled his mother's blood; "I ain't no kid."

"William!" cried Mrs. Black, warningly. "I ain't I can smoke a—"

"Do you go to Sunday School?" asked the minister. "He hasn't missed a Sabbath for nearly a year."

"And she gives me ten cents every time I go," said Billy, going into details. "But you love to go, anyhow, don't you, my son?" asked the minister.

"Oh, it ain't so bad," said Billy, condescendingly. "We have a bully time when Pugnose Lane and Specky-faced Smith and Cross-eyed Green and—"

"William!" came in acid tones from Mrs. Black. Then she added, blandly: "He always repeats from ten to fifteen verses every Sunday at Sunday School."

"Yass," said the unfeeling William, "and you ain't baked me the mince turn over you promised me for the last lot."

Mrs. Black shows signs of fainting and the minister says: "How old are William?" "Old again as halt," said William. "Ah, indeed," says the minister, with a not very ministerial look in his eye; and do you go to school?"

"She makes me," says William, indicating his agonized mother by a jerk of his thumb. "Have you a nice teacher?" "Jee Wiliz! you'd ask if you'd see old Miss Ferule once. She's the gal—"

"William!" "You have a pleasant home here, Sister, Blank," says the minister. "Ting-a-ling-ling!" "William Blank!" screams his desperate mother, haven't I told you never to ring that old chestnut bell in this house again? Now, you see right out. Do excuse him, Brother Peters. He has such rude associations at school, and they influence him in the wrong direction."

"He will outgrow these boyish tendencies," says the minister consolingly. "It is to be hoped that he will."

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