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PARENTS, TEACHERS AND PUPILS

For the next nine months the youth of Birmingham and vicinity will be placed under the care and guidance of the school teaching profession. Men and women, most of whom are entirely unknown to local parents, will have charge of shaping the mentalities of children—the world's most precious possession. Such is the tremendous responsibility of the school teacher—a responsibility that is far more important than the building of any material project in which mankind engages. We doubt very much if the average parent realizes just what a great influence the school teacher wields over youth; we also question whether the average school teacher is impressed with the seriousness of his calling.

Anything that can be done to bring the parents and teachers into a closer understanding should result in the making of better educational conditions for boys and girls. Parents must awaken to the fact that the teacher must be assisted by the parent, and vice versa; one group must coordinate its efforts with the other if the child's mind is to be educated. School teachers are tenders of the beacon light of worldly knowledge; they should have behind them the INTELLIGENT power of all parents, so that the light may shine forth into the dark recesses of ignorance.

INVITING THE UNDERTAKER

One day last week we stood at the foot of Hamilton avenue, where the Graud Trunk railroad wends its bending trail through Birmingham. A whistle sounded from the south, signifying that a northbound passenger train was hurling its steel body over the rails; our gaze was directed toward the East Maple avenue crossing, where three automobiles hurried by. We took out our watch and timed them; the first machine passed 30 seconds ahead of the northbound train, the second 22 seconds and the third just 11 seconds before the engine pilot blocked the traffic. We wonder if the drivers of the three cars realized their short distance between a possible stalled automobile and the cemetery! For the sake of foolish motorists and their often innocent passengers, all railroad crossings in Birmingham should be made "Stop" locations.

ABOLISH HANGING

We have outlived capital punishment. We have no stomach for legal killing regardless of the crime, and no good purpose is served by continuing the practice that we have. Last summer the Loeb-Leopold murder revealed the unwillingness of a competent judge to sentence two rich young men to death. This summer Chicago has again made a similar public demonstration. Twice Russell Scott, a convicted murderer, faced hanging, and twice the law interposed with a reprieve.

Doctors receive fees to testify that murderers are abnormal. Of course they are abnormal. If they were normal they would not be murderers. The question is how shall society deal with abnormal individuals who kill their fellow creatures.

It is useless to talk now about a life for a life. We don't believe in that any more in the United States except when we are angry and then we have lynchings and not legal executions.

We hang or electrocute now because we say our law-enforcing agencies are too weak or too corrupt to keep criminals in prison. We condemn men to death because we fear political influence may set free murderers once more to menace society.

It may and too often it does. But the problem of bad politics is not solved by hanging the occasional man who is too poor and too friendless to have his case presented sympathetically to the public. If the statutes were changed to conform to enlightened intelligence it would be easier to enforce them swiftly and without exceptions. Severity of punishment has never prevented crime.

Let's square the law with modern conceptions of justice—Collier's Weekly of Sept. 5.

WE NEED A ZONING ORDINANCE

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The proposed Zoning Ordinance will undoubtedly outline where business frontage may be platted, thus assuring the buyer of a residence lot just what his neighborhood will eventually become. Birmingham residents should welcome such an Ordinance; undoubtedly they do, for they are progressive.

WHAT OF OUR OWN HOME TOWN?

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WHAT IS SUCCESS?

It's doing your work as best you can. And being just to your fellow man. It's making money, but holding friends. And staying true to your aims and ends. It's figuring how and learning why. And looking forward and thinking high. And dreaming a little and doing much. It's keeping always in closest touch. With what is finest in word and deed. It's being thorough, yet making speed. It's doing blithely the field of chance. While making labor a brave romance; It's going onward despite defeat. And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet; It's being clean and it's playing fair. It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair; It's looking up at the stars above. And drinking deeply of life and love. It's struggling on with the will to win. But taking less with a cheerful grin. It's sharing sorrow, and work and mirth; And making better this good old earth. It's serving, striving, through strain and stress. It's doing your noblest—that's Success.

—New York Telegram.

would be fewer complaints about Birmingham. I have lived in many cities and I am frank to say that Birmingham has my vote as a place of permanent residence. There are so many admirable things about your town, and so few of the other kind that I feel the knockers are mere chronic complainers who are ignorant of the virtues, by comparison, of their own city."

That set us to thinking. When two men express the same view the likelihood is that many others are thinking along similar lines. There are many "mute inglorious Miltons" who do not know how to tell the world what is in their minds and for them we sing this little song.

We wonder how many home folks pause to recount the good things of Birmingham and we are glad to hear the newcomers praising it, for it makes us understand that while sometimes it is necessary to find fault, after all, the city is not going to the demijohn bow-wows and we can say as a certain distinguished Roman once remarked: "I am a citizen of no mean city!"

ONLY ONE KIND OF FAILURE

There is but one kind of failure—moral failure. The achievement of success has no standard gauge of measurement. What may be a simple calling may be crowned with success, although it may not be fraught with great remuneration.

If there was a set rule, by following which we might be sure to achieve our ambitions, there would be no such thing as failure.

But, as it is, everyone is required to be his own architect, and he must devise means by which to accomplish his life work.

All that exists as common property are certain acknowledged principles of morality, industry and character-building, which successful architects of fate must use. It is difficult to understand the limitations of our fellow man. How often are we greatly surprised by the success of one we considered dull and stupid!

The brilliant man in college, on the other hand, is not always the successful one afterwards.

The only real failure lies in failing to make the best of one's opportunities, whatever they may be.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

Forty-three Years Ago. The following nurse will be given in the races at the Driving Park, Purse No. 1. Three minute Class, \$30 for first, \$15 to second, \$10 to third. Purse No. 2. 2:40 Class, \$30 for first, \$15 to second, \$10 to third. Purse No. 3. Pacing Race, \$20 for first, \$12 to second, \$10 to third.

In addition to the above attractions George Tom's and George Leonard will run a foot race for \$1 a side, distance 30 yards. William Worth bets Mason against Henry Fort, distance 30 yards. Albert Chatfield one rod in running 20 rods. Sam Slade bets Mason against Henry Fort, distance 30 yards. Sam Slade bets Mason against Henry Fort, distance 30 yards.

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Wide, as it defined success. The first hour was taken up with business after which came the program in progressive croquet. Miss Mabel Knott captured the first prize for winning the largest number of games. The reward for winning was a game of croquet. Miss Mabel Knott was much prized by the winner. Miss Myrtle Faint was the happy (?) winner of the first prize, which consisted of a glass slipper fabricated by the one worn by the great Cinderella herself. Miss Knott also demonstrated her claim to her prize. Needless to say all enjoyed themselves and the alumni meeting at Miss Hertz's is one that will be long remembered.

SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, to the said Court and delivered in favor of Alton L. Tompkins against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Alfred Peterson, I did, on the 27th day of July, A. D. 1925, serve upon and take the said right title and interest of Alfred Peterson in and to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, to-wit: All that certain piece and parcel of land and estate in Village of Birmingham, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, known as the "Edwards Addition" of Whitehead & Mitchell's Addition to the City of Birmingham, being a subdivision, a part of the southwest corner of quarter section 25, Township 40 North, Range 12 West, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Oakland County, records, all of which I shall expose for sale at public auction, to be held at the office of the said Sheriff, at the County Jail, in the City of Birmingham, Michigan, on the 14th day of August, 1925, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Central Standard Time.

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It is further ordered that within twenty days after the date hereof the Plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper published and circulating in the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, and that each issue of this order be so published in each copy of this order to be personally served upon the defendant, and that twenty days before the time prescribed for their appearance.

EDWARD R. PAMPHY, Attorney for Plaintiff, Circuit Judge, Detroit, Michigan. MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage in favor of the County of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, made on the 11th day of July, 1924, in Liber 322 of Mortgages, Page of said default having mortgage by reason of which a foreclosure sale of the premises and unpaid interest and principal and costs and charges thereon, and whole amount claimed, in which mortgage the sum of Five hundred and twenty dollars (\$520.00) Dollars is provided for as said mortgage and by law, and no suit or proceeding in law having been instituted, Mortgage sale hereunder is instituted.

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