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TAMPA CIVIC ASSOCIATION
TAMPA, FLORIDA

Feb. 8, 1914

Mr. H. S. Bradcher
Sec. Playground and Recreation Ass'n. of America
New York City.

Dear Sir:

At the last meeting of the Tampa Civic Association it was voted to offer to the National Playground Association the grateful thanks of its members for the services of Mr. I. S. Settle the field secretary who was so generously sent here to help in the playground movement in our city.

All who had the good fortune to meet Mr. Settle were charmed. His pleasing personality, his great tact, his thorough knowledge of his subject as well as his uncommon common sense, prove that the National Playground Association uses good judgment in the selection of its field secretaries.

Mr. Settle was untiring in his efforts to bring about a happy solution of the playground movement in Tampa.

Although much had been done by the Tampa Civic Association in agitating, educating, and securing the purchase of land for the establishment of playgrounds, we felt the great need of expert advice. Financially we were not in a position to secure this, so Mr. Settle's coming was most happy.

Owing to the city charter it was difficult to discover the proper method of handling the situation, but after weeks of endeavor this was accomplished — and the contract has been awarded for the building of a pavilion and the grading, etc., of one playground.

The Tampa Civic Association will furnish the equipment. The Board of Public Works has promised to employ a supervisor selected by the committee working with Mr. Settle, as soon as the grounds are in shape. They have also promised to make provision in the next budget for the opening of several other places.

We feel that we are much better informed on the subject and in a much better position to foster and forward the movement — thanks to Mr. Settle's advice.

I personally desire to thank you for your kindness, and the Tampa Civic Association desires to be enrolled as a member of the National Playground Association, and adding its mite, to help others as it has been helped. Enclosed please find check for membership.

With best wishes,
Yours gratefully,

President.

P. S. It is said that a woman must always add a P.S., and this I add to remark that perhaps not a little of Mr. Settle's success is due to the intuition and co-operation of his charming wife.