

DR. CONWELL, RICH POOR MAN, BENEFACTOR TO THOUSANDS

Temple University Has Been Benefactor to Hundreds of Young Men and Women

Dr. Conwell Gives Modest Record of Wonderful Work Accomplished in Philadelphia

This is the first of a series of articles by Dr. Conwell, telling of the birth and work of Temple University.

By DR. RUSSELL H. CONWELL

CHAPTER I THE Temple University was begun as an evening school. It was started to supply a most conspicuous necessity.

In 1884 the city of Philadelphia had no public evening schools and there were only a few institutions which supplied any instruction for the laboring classes during their spare hours in the day.

It was not wide open. It was not difficult to supply such a crying need, when it was so apparent to all the people that some advance must be made in our school systems so as to provide education for the masses who could not afford to attend school regularly after they reached the earning age.

Training Means Cash There were many thousands of poor people who could have earned a good living themselves if they had only obtained a few months or years of practical education.

Wealth Brings Penalties The attempts to imitate the European institutions, manners and customs were often grotesque, but produced very serious results.

Intellectual and moral education was necessary to the preservation of the equality and liberty of the American democracy.

Advice From Pastor The following interview with the first young man who applied for instruction in the class which afterward became the Temple College and is now the Temple University is as plain and the Temple University is as plain and the Temple University is as plain.



Doctor Conwell's office in the University

I had to leave school and go to work before I had finished the usual grammar school course in the public school, and we have not had the means to buy books; so that all I now learn I get from the articles which I set up in type.

A Sure Thing Wanted Answer—"My young friend, you seem to be looking at these matters from the wrong point of view. You are following the usual custom of looking at all things which you cannot do instead of computing the things which you can do.

To Invest Talents Answer—"Our conversation is leading us directly to the point and you have anticipated my advice. You must meet the very first need and for each student who hires him to give attention for a short time each day, and if the college does not require anything but the simple attendance for so many hours upon its classes.

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The Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell has been described as a wealthy poor man. He made big fortunes and has used them for others.

There are things in the world more priceless than gold; but common sense, he says, tells us that they are enhanced by the possession of money.

He has helped the young; but his own life is an inspiration to the middle-aged. He has accomplished his greatest work in life since his fiftieth birthday, and at seventy-six is still everlastingly "at it, at it."

When Lincoln in 1862 called for troops Conwell raised a company and he became its captain. It is curious to note that while at college he became a scoffer at the Bible, but life as a soldier made him again a believer.

What you think is the best way to ascertain the bent of one's native genius? It is an easy matter to think of something one would like to be, provided he had great wealth and the talents of a great genius.

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CONWELL PHILOSOPHY Sometimes Epigrammatic, Sometimes Matter-of-Fact, Always Helpful The healthy foundation laid by the busy boy on the farm or in the factory is the very best beginning for intellectual achievement.

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