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RUSSELL H. CONWELL

Who Will Give His \$4,000,000 Lecture in Technical Auditorium on Saturday evening.

Acres of Diamonds, by Dr. Russell H. Conwell (published by Harper & Brothers, New York).

When you read through a book you naturally expect to carry away some impression which the characters, the method of treatment, the climax or the adventures may have made upon you. Otherwise you are disappointed. But did you ever read a book which recorded so many impressions upon your mental retina that you could not place a definite limit upon them? "Acres of Diamonds" is the story of a \$4,000,000 lecture and the wonderful man who gave it to the world. Judge the man by the lecture and the lecture by the man, and you will have two of the most remarkable products which this State of Pennsylvania has taken pride in producing in the last half-century. You can judge pretty well the sort of parents a boy or girl has had by the boy or girl; so you can judge what sort of a man Dr. Conwell must have been in order to create and perpetuate this famous lecture. The reading of his life simply vindicates your expectation of what the man himself must have been.

He belongs to the old school of platform lecturers and although in his seventies it is still a marvel and a pleasure to hear him. John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, speaks appreciatively of the president of Temple University as follows: "His (Dr. Conwell's) ideas, ideals and enthusiasms have inspired tens of thousands of lives. A book full of the energetics of a master workman is just what every young man cares for. As his neighbor and intimate friend in Philadelphia for thirty years, I am free to say that Russell H. Conwell's tall, manly figure stands out in the State of Pennsylvania as its first citizen and the 'Big Brother' of its seven millions of people."

When you have read this book or heard this lecture, you are certain to ask yourself, "Am I like All Hafed? Am I like any one of the men whom Dr. Conwell used in his illustrations to show how opportunity lies at my very feet and acres of diamonds sparkle all about me, if only I am not blinded to the sight of them? Not a single one of us but has many opportunities to advance ourselves and gain a higher position if only we seize those opportunities when they appear. There lies the moral of the book and the lecture, a sane, rational appeal to the best that is in us."

When Dr. Conwell was at Yale he had a pretty hard row to hoe and consequently came to the determination that whatever he could do to make the way easier at college for other young men working their way, that he would do. And the many millions of dollars that have accumulated for at least the last thirty years have been devoted to helping educate 2,000 young men; the remainder of the lecture money is used to defray his expenses.

Just a thought—"Ninety-eight out of one hundred of the rich men of America are honest. That is why they are rich. That is why they are trusted with money. That is why they carry on great enterprises and find plenty of people to work with them. It is because they are honest men. Money is power, and you ought to be reasonably ambitious to have it. You ought to because you can do more good with it than you can without it. The love of money is the root of all evil; but the Bible does not by this mean that you shall not be ambitious to possess it. How true it all is, and yet how different from the general opinion that takes in respect to extremely rich men. They are generally regarded in an entirely different light. The book is full of food for thought, and the lecture is very similar to the book, modified somewhat to meet local conditions. Those who do not have an opportunity of hearing Dr. Conwell on Saturday evening of this week will find a gilt-edged investment in "Acres of Diamonds."

Hear the story of All Hafed, the old Persian farmer who was rich and contented, who heard from an old priest the story of the creation of the world and how diamonds first came into existence. He became interested in the acres of diamonds which the old priest told him were to be found in a certain part of the world, worth billions and billions of dollars. All he had to do was to go to that part and set out to look for these wonderful diamonds. After many wanderings he became discouraged as well as discontented, and he sold his farm, and set out to look for these wonderful diamonds. After many wanderings he became discouraged as well as discontented, and he sold his farm, and set out to look for these wonderful diamonds. After many wanderings he became discouraged as well as discontented, and he sold his farm, and set out to look for these wonderful diamonds.

The scientifically correct, according to the lecturer, definition of a diamond is "a congealed drop of sunlight," that is, an actual deposit of carbon from the sun, and that is how they were made in the beginning, according to the old Buddhist priest. "The world was once a mere bank of fog, and the Almighty thrust His finger into the bank of fog, and began slowly to move his finger around, increasing the speed until at last He whirled this bank of fog into a solid ball of fire. Then He rolled it through the universe, burning its way through other banks of fog, and condensed the moisture without, until it fell in floods of rain upon its hot surface and cooled the outward crust. Then the internal fires bursting outward through the crust threw up the mountain and hills, the valleys, the plains and prairies of this wonderful world of ours. If this internal molten mass came bursting out and cooled very quickly it became granite; less quickly, copper; less quickly, silver; less quickly, gold; and after gold, diamonds were made."

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BEER DRINK OF MANY SCHOOL CHILDREN

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"coffee" a large majority of the little hands were raised.

"What else do you have?" was asked in one of the buildings in the southern part of the city.

"Tea-ginger ale-cocoa-soda-egg-nog" came the answers. Then, far along in the list, came "milk."

"Has any boy or girl ever tasted beer?"

Up flew the hands.

"And whiskey?"

Even at this question hands were raised and one little chap of eleven proudly boasting, "I got drunk once!"

Such a pitiable condition was found in more than one school. When questioned, the children usually answered: "My father gave it to me. He brings it home in bottles."

One half-grown girl told of another near her own age who "often comes to school drunk and one day she had a fit from it."

The Sting
Here is the great liquor question with which Pennsylvania has been grappling seen from a different angle!

Do the people of Harrisburg realize just what this means?

Many of the children in the poorer sections of the city have never borne a father's name. The struggle for existence rests upon the mother and upon their own young shoulders.

There was a boy in an uptown school always shabby and tired out. With that patient understanding which seems to belong to all good school teachers, the cause was searched for and found.

"Do you know, that boy had to get up every morning at four o'clock to go hunt coal and wood in empty lots or wherever he could find it and take it home? I am sure I would be dreadfully sleepy, too," exclaimed this young woman.

"I had some girls," said another, "who had to hurry home from school hungry and take baskets to go about begging for food for the family supper."

Bread and Molasses
It is indeed true, as the Harrisburg woman's letter claimed, that bread with molasses forms many a meal for our public school children.

"Sometimes they leave home so hurriedly that they carry their breakfasts with them," the investigator was told.

"In that case I send them off in the corner there to finish eating and I have seen bread and molasses. Some times they even eat raw turnips and raw sweet potatoes in place of fruit."

Very frequently among the foreigners the lunches the children carry to school with them in bad weather consists of great chunks of black bread and garlic sausage of so strenuous a make that the room requires a thorough airing before the afternoon session. It is also a common thing for them to come to school in the morning with the odor of beer so strong about them that it is repulsive to the teachers. They openly confess that beer takes the place of milk in their daily diet.

We visit another building.
"Oh, yes, we have a good many

cases of malnutrition here, "is the answer to the oft repeated question.

"See that pale little fellow opening the windows over there? He is one of five children. The mother is dead. The father works and tries to do his best by them but you know how it is. Their meals are supposed to be cooked by a next door neighbor but I fear very often it is only a bit of something cold and ready to eat which is brought in hurriedly from the grocer's."

The Seamy Side of Life
And so they go on and on, on these pitiful stories of the little children to whom the hard, seamy side of life is opened all too soon.

Quietly, steadily and without thought of praise there is working amongst us a little band of missionaries, the teachers of our public schools. Honor should be paid these young women who give of their labor and love in many ways beyond merely teaching the lessons of the school curriculum. Often they beg, wash, clean and mend for their needy pupils. One teacher went to a grocer with whom she was well acquainted and persuaded him to send a liberal supply of food to a family when starvation was staring them in the face. Some times it even means the spending of some of their own hard-earned money as in the case of a young teacher who visited a large family where conditions were desperate. Touched to the depths of a warrior's generous heart, she went straight to a dealer's and ordered a half ton of coal delivered for which she paid out of her own pocket.

Women like these are loved and revered by the children in their care.

Duty and Love
During our Harrisburg Municipal Celebration the little sister of a boy in the Paxton building lay dead. But his school needed 100 per cent attendance for the great children's parade that they might have a good showing and a chance of winning a victrola. From the side of the little casket he came and took his place in line that day because "Teacher" needed him.

Little children are keen of intuition and they soon see behind the voice of firm control the big mother-heart which reaches out to meet these problems, which always finds from somewhere clothes for the ragged and food for the hungry.

ALL GUESSING AS TO COUNCILMANIC VOTE
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city. Only the political opposition of Mayor Royal assisted by Commissioner Gorgas led to the "3 to 2" alignment in Council.

The average citizen—and taxpayer—realizes that some of the most important city work will be resumed under new heads. Naturally he's curious. The air has been full of rumors of all sorts—ever since Mayor-elect Meals began giving out interviews to the newspapers. Here are some of the proposed coalitions, according to report:

Some Ramored Coalitions
Messrs. Gross and Gorgas will certainly line up together; so will Messrs. Bowman and Lynch; Messrs. Gross and Gorgas will do no such thing; they'll swing in with Mayor Meals; this is not true, the real alignment will be Meals, Bowman and Lynch; Mayor Meals will line up with neither faction, but will sit back as a pivotal wheel and swing things anyway he wishes; Messrs. Bowman and Lynch, voting solidly always, will make what overtures are necessary to include either Mr. Gross or Mr. Gorgas, as circumstances may justify. In fact one can hear most anything one wishes.

While friends of Mayor-elect Meals chuckle at what they consider the "king-pin" position of the new executive in the City Council personnel, the wiser political "dopesters" question whether the real balance of power will lie with Meals or with Messrs. Bowman and Lynch.

City Treasurership the Issue And it is generally predicted that

the matter will come to an issue before the question of the new city treasurership is settled.

Bowman and Lynch have an alliance that is tied with a knot of Austro-German stoutness, point out the "dopesters"; under the circumstances their regard for each other will stand out much like brother-love. This means two votes out of five.

"Why shouldn't a combination like this make some counter agreements with Gross or Gorgas—should agreements be necessary?" ask the politically wise.

The nearest approach to a breach in diplomatic relations between Mayor-elect Meals and Commissioner Bowman and Lynch occurred, it is said, when the next mayor announced that he wished ex-Police Lieutenant J. Thomas Zell as chief of police. Messrs. Bowman and Lynch had been strong supporters of Captain Joseph P. Thompson. However they swallowed their own feelings in the matter and conceded Dr. Meals the right to select his own chief. For the time the clouds rolled away.

Then the question of V. Grant Forrer as park superintendent under Commissioner-elect Gross sent more clouds rolling along the horizon.

Rumor had it that ex-Mayor Gross wanted Mr. Forrer; Mr. Gross declined to discuss the matter. Messrs. Lynch and Bowman it is understood, wouldn't oppose Forrer should Mr. Gross prefer him. But Mayor-elect Meals is decidedly opposed to the reinstatement of the old park superintendent.

Messrs. Bowman and Lynch somehow can't get Dr. Meals' viewpoint on this matter at all.

Taylor and Oves
Finally there is the city treasurer-ship.

The chances of both Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor and Harry F. Oves are considered about on par. Commissioner Bowman prefers Oves, it is said; Mr. Lynch feels kindly enough toward Mr. Bowman's choice, but he hasn't really any direct opposition to Mr. Taylor; Messrs. Gross and Gorgas are keeping out of the limelight on this question; Mayor-elect Meals has declared that he "prefers to be for the man that can muster three votes—he believes that '3-2' business ought to be stopped."

Lingering in the Office
And in the office lingers ex-Representative William S. Tunis, willing eye, eager to serve the people again. He's a mighty good friend of the next mayor's. Furthermore there is Dr. Meals' latest "dark horse" possibility—Charles E. Pass.

On the surface, however, the five commissioners maintain a gentlemanly-of-the-old-school attitude toward one another while waiting for a show of hands. It's an attitude that has been characterized very ably:

"After you, my dear Alphonse," is the way one close political observer put it.

"One's afraid; the other da'ssent," said another.

"Watchfully waiting!" said a third.

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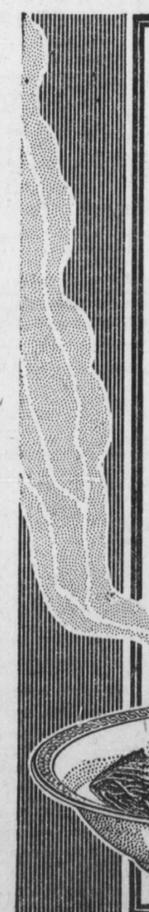
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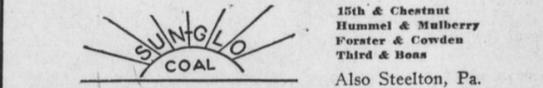
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