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YOUTH'S "BIG BROTHER."

Charlotte Observer.

In the death of Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, a few days ago, a distinguished figure in our national life and a man of tremendous influence passed into the Great Beyond. Classed as clergyman, lecturer and educator, he had spoken throughout the country on his favorite subject, "Acres of Diamonds." He was aptly called a "big brother to youth."

In his lifetime he earned much wealth, but he gave millions for the benefit of others. Since his death he has been eulogized generally by the American press.

Dr. Conwell was "a mighty influence among the young men of America," says The Harrisburg Telegraph, "and leaves a memory fragrant with good seeds." The Telegraph declares that he "literally scattered acres of diamonds along the pathways of life, trod by thousands of those to whom he was an inspiration, who came into touch with him personally or through the great influence he wielded."

He was "a man among men, a type supreme for the emulation of the youth of the land" in the judgment of The Winston-Salem Journal, which adds: "He was primarily a humanitarian, a philanthropist, a big brother to youth. Probably no other man ever kindled and fanned the spark of ambition in as many youthful hearts as did Russell Conwell."

He was "one of the few discernible single figures in the moulding of American thought and American character during the past two generations," according to The Grand Rapids Press, which holds that "he was so true a crystallizer of human sentiment that his ideas live in a whole type of American literature—fiction, essays, drama and poetry. . . his psychology has become the psychology of millions, perhaps the guiding psychology of our age."

The estimate that "he was a rare man, a good man indeed, an example of true Christianity," is made by The Albany News, which recalls that he "was known as the penniless millionaire, and had given away, it is said, \$11,000,000 in his lifetime to aid the needy." The News adds that "few men have so thoroughly practiced what they preached."

"Lying what would be termed in the world's estimation a poor man," comments The Jersey City Jersey Journal, "Dr. Conwell leaves in reality a priceless heritage in the shape of a life well spent and energies devoted to exaltations and glorification of the God he served so well. In an age of materialism, self-indulgence and luxury, this man loomed large as a refreshing exemplar of self-denial and whole-hearted devotion to humanity. And who shall say that Russell Conwell, living to spend and be spent for the benefit of his fellow man, did not enjoy life to the full?"

"The man who, in this or any other day and generation," says The Nashville Banner, "can get great wealth and spend it all for the benefit of others, thereby puts himself on a pinnacle. Truly might Dr. Conwell have spoken of himself as one who lived and served his fellows, and did it with an energy and enthusiasm which were rare. On that basis his name will be written high and in brilliant letters among those of them that likewise served the Lord."

Dr. Conwell's career is cited by The Syracuse Herald, also, as evidence that "National fame can be won and public respect gained by modest and industrious efforts to make men better and to lift the standard of public morality."

An added tribute from The Uniontown Herald is that his "diamond mine has given more real wealth to the world than all the diamond mines in all the ages."

"His spirit still lives," declares The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, "in the hearts of thousands whose lives he had touched with that divine something which characterized his entire career. He leaves behind him a living memory of accomplishment and actual examples of the product of his genius in a great university, a great church and three hospitals."

The story of Johnny Ring, a comrade of Dr. Conwell's in the Civil War, is told by The Williamsport Sun. Conwell, a youthful captain and an atheist, was led to a Christian life by the example of Ring, a youth of seventeen, who was the captain's devoted orderly. The latter lost his life by dashing across a burning bridge under Confederate rifle fire to save his chief's sword. And Conwell vowed that he would not only live his own life but that of Ring as well.

The Yule Log.

The Yule Log played a prominent part in the early festivities at Christmas time. Steam heat in the modern apartments robs the living generation generally of the pleasant custom of having a log and a cheery fireplace. In olden days a whole family (as in Provence) would make it a custom to go out on Christmas Eve and fetch in a log, while they walked in a line according to seniority and sang a carol. One of the children—the youngest—would pour wine on the log just before throwing it on the fire. Prior to the French Revolution, it was customary in Normandy to have the prettiest girl present sit on the log, while the others in the party drank to her health. Occasionally a figure of a human being was outlined in charcoal on the log, which was reminiscent of the heathen practice of offering human sacrifices to the fire. Nearly every household which had a yule log made sure to save a brand with which to light the new log on the next Christmas.

It will come as a relief to the modern girl to learn that the outcry against women powdering and using their lip sticks in public comes three thousand years too late. In ancient Egypt it was considered a suitable amusement at a feast for women to continue the embellishment of their faces in this manner.

You cannot, it is said, gather six Russians together in a room without hearing six different opinions on any subject discussed animatedly.

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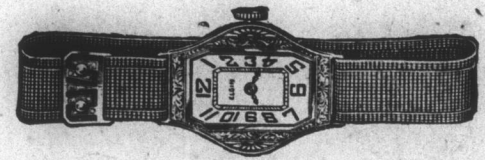


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KRIST OUTLINES WORK OF HIS DEPARTMENT

Discusses Plans For Development of Labor and Printing Department.

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Speaking before the Raleigh Civitan Club here today, Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, outlined the work of his department, and discussed his plans and hopes for its future development.

Mr. Grist placed particular emphasis on the employment division of the department, and told the Civitans:

"The idea that we want to work out in our employment division is to procure for you the most suitable person or persons for the position or positions that you desire to fill, thereby keeping a square peg out of a round hole and doing away with misfits in our economic and commercial life."

The commissioner prefaced his remarks by saying that in his travels over the state it has been a "revelation to me that so few people in North Carolina know anything of the department of labor and printing."

Mr. Grist explained that the department "as it is now being administered is divided into five divisions. The first is the labor division, the chief duties of which are to collect information and statistics concerning labor and its relation to capital, the wages of labor, the earnings of laborers and their educational, moral, and financial welfare." In addition, this division collects information with relation to mining, milling, and manufacturing industries.

The second division is the employment division, the design of which is to "connect the jobless man or woman with the manless or womanless job. In discussing this division, the commissioners pointed out that through the various offices over the state, 35,519 registrations have been recorded since January 1st, and of this number 32,140 have been referred to employment, and 30,000 of those referred have been placed in employment."

The speaker humorously told of what he had learned of human nature, since taking office, and told of instances of men suited for manual labor wanting "soft collar" jobs, and particularly of negro boys and men wanting places as chauffeurs.

"I sincerely believe," he said, "that the employment division of the department of labor and printing is as essential as any other division of any department of the state or federal government."

"It is as much a public function to place the idle people of our population into productive employment, as it is the function of our government to provide ways and means of education. I will explain this statement by saying that when a man is placed in employment, he is taken off the streets and ceases to be a loafer, thereby removing him from temptations and crime and elevating him to self-reliance and self-support, rendering a distinct service to society and

the state."

The commissioner discussed the division for the deaf, headed, as required by law, by a mute, and the speaker paid a tribute to the "efficiency and loyalty" of those "who can neither hear nor speak."

The printing division is headed by an assistant commissioner, who is a practical printer. Under his direction, the state's printing is procured under contract on a competitive basis, and the work of this division "is a means of saving the state several thousand dollars per year on its printing and paper bill." The miscellaneous supply division does a similar work in regard to miscellaneous supplies for the state, "enabling the state to buy its supplies direct from the jobber."

The division of farm labor was inaugurated last spring, as a subsidiary of the employment division, Mr. Grist explained, whose duty is the procuring of farm labor for farmers when crops are in need of harvesting. The work of this sort was first rendered through growers of eastern North Carolina at the harvesting of their crops last spring, and later a similar attempt was made to serve the cotton growers.

"If, through the farm labor division, I am able to procure sufficient

help to assist eastern North Carolina farmers in harvesting their crops so they can get them on the market in ample time, thereby commanding a good price for their products, eastern North Carolina, within a very few years, instead of being a bankrupt, boll-wool ridden section of our state, will become as prosperous as any other," the commissioner predicted.

He also discussed the division of service to the World War veteran, created by the last general assembly, and told of its work, with its headquarters in Charlotte.

The commissioner said he felt that the department was not doing all he would like for it to do, but that it was hampered by lack of funds, personnel, and inadequate legislation to carry out some of the plans he had in mind.

Henry V. was the first English monarch to enjoy himself at tennis. Henry VII. and Henry VIII. were both players of the game and the latter added a tennis court to the palace at Whitehall. Queen Elizabeth, though not an active enthusiast enjoyed watching the game.

Women comprise fully 50 per cent. of the staffs of all the newspapers in Holland.



Miss Mendillo as Arlin in "The Bohemian Girl," to Appear at Charlotte in Auditorium Machine and Night, Friday, December 18.