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AND WHY NOT THE HALL OF SHAME?

Miss May Yohe. Clara Ward, Princess de Chimay. Miss Olga Nethersole. Mrs. Lillie Langtry.

A Distinguished University President Declares That We Need a Place to Pillory Our Monumental Thieves, Perjurers, Mountebanks and Rascals.

PRESIDENT James H. Baker, of the University of Colorado, has declared that at this moment we need a Hall of Shame quite as much as a Hall of Fame.

The great men whose names are inscribed in the Hall of Fame of New York University would live in the memory of mankind even if they were not remembered in stone, but there is great danger that the deeds of the wicked men and women who are now doing incalculable harm to mankind will soon be forgotten and that, if they serve any purpose at all, it will be to lead the rising generation astray by the example of profitable sin punished inadequately or not at all. Therefore, it is suggested that they should be held up to perpetual infamy by inscribing their names in a Hall of Shame.

President Baker's address in which he promulgated this idea, was delivered at the baccalaureate ceremony of his university. It was beyond question the most vigorous, original and daring discourse made by any university president in many years.

These were the strongest passages in President Baker's speech:

"In America's great metropolis is a Hall of Fame, where are inscribed the names of men who have done most good for their country. Some one has suggested that we build a Hall of Shame, where may be inscribed yearly the names of those who have done most harm to their country. This sentiment I can subscribe to in its fullest measure.

"It matters of right we have adopted easy ways; we do not like to interfere with wrongdoing. The administration of justice is inefficient and the laws are despised. Criminals do not understand the leniency of justice or the tolerance of the people. We have been casting our pearls before swine, and daily they turn again and rend us. And this condition will last until law arises and smites shameless greed and dishonesty hip and thigh, from Dan to Beersheba.

"When utterly wearied with fresh exposures of crime we sometimes dream of a land where there are no political bosses, no corrupt legislators, no public officials controlled by unjust influences, no municipal robbery, no graft—a land where there is no dominant power of any selfish interest, no bribery of courts or officials or voters, no stealing of franchises or public lands, no railroad discrimination, no adulterated or poisoned foods, no preventable railroad accidents—a land where there is no neglect of official duty, no contempt for the laws, no delay of justice, no dishonorable party policy, no unnecessary burdens for public service—a land where the government is conducted for the people's benefit, where the poor are not very poor and where the rich are not very rich, and all riches are honestly gained; where democracy keeps faith with its ideals."

The Hall of Fame was established in 1900. The Council of New York University received a gift of $250,000 for the purpose from an unknown donor, who is understood to be Miss Helen Gould, daughter of the late Jay Gould.

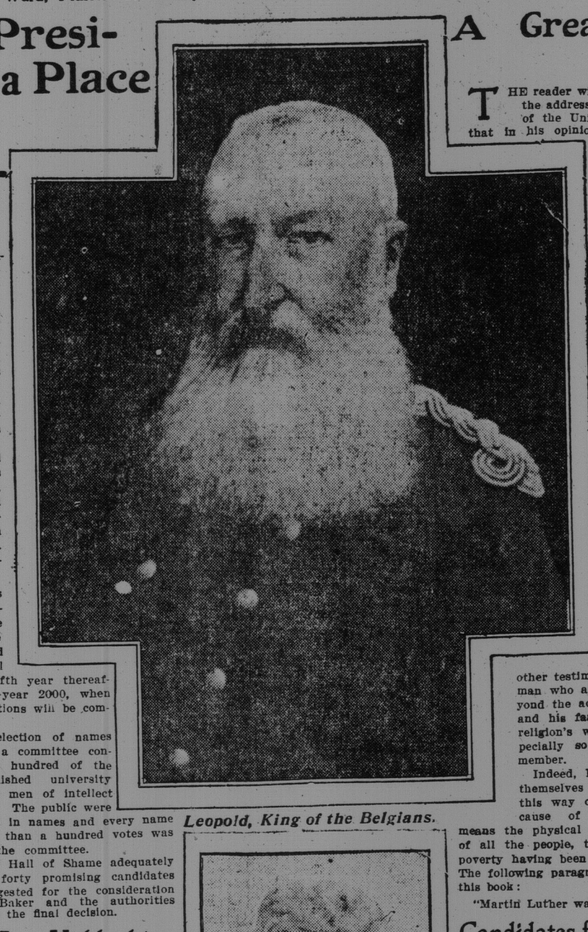
A beautiful hall was erected by the firm of McKim, Mead and White, the architects. It is in the form of a semi-circle, of majestic effect, connecting the University Hall of Philosophy with the Hall of Languages. On the ground floor is a museum 200 feet long by 40 feet wide, consisting of a corridor and six halls to contain mementoes of the names that are inscribed above. The colonnade over this is the most characteristic feature, and is 400 feet long by 40 feet wide, with provision for 150 panels, about 2 feet by 6 feet, each bearing the name of a famous man, with a quotation from his writings or speeches.

Fifteen classes of men were chosen: authors and editors, business men, educators, inventors, missionaries and explorers, philanthropists and reformers, preachers and theologians, scientists, engineers and architects, lawyers and judges, musicians, painters and sculptors, physicians and surgeons, rulers and statesmen, soldiers and sailors, distinguished men and women outside these classes.

Fifty names were to be inscribed on the tablets at the beginning and five additional names every fifth year thereafter, until the year 2000, when the 150 inscriptions will be completed.

The final selection of names was made by a committee consisting of one hundred of the most distinguished university presidents and men of intellect in the country. The public were invited to send in names and every name receiving more than a hundred votes was submitted to the committee.

To start the Hall of Shame adequately the following forty promising candidates have been suggested for the consideration of President Baker and the authorities who will make the final decision.



Leopold, King of the Belgians.

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick.

The Names and Faces of Some of the Most Unblushing

Leopold, King of the Belgians, debauchee, tyrant and oppressor of the Congo Free State; has killed 50,000 natives.

Clara Ward, Princess de Chimay, international disgrace to womanhood; left her husband for a wandering musician.

Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey, tyrant; has permitted the massacre of 200,000 Armenians.

May Yohe, actress, adventuress, corrupter of youth; ran away with Putnam Bradlee Strong, who pawned his mother's jewels.

Stanford White, debauchee and destroyer of innocence.

Patrick McCarren, political boss and race track gambler.

Judge Isaac H. Maynard, stealer of election returns in New York State.

Count Boni de Castellane, profligate and bad husband; has squandered $8,000,000 of his wife's (Anna Gould's) property.

Mrs. Lillie Langtry, actress, adventuress and wicked wife; left her husband who died of grief.

General Trepoff, oppressor of the people; caused murder of 1,000 Russian workmen in St. Petersburg.

Madame Humbert, colossal swindler and liar; obtained $2,000,000 by fraud.

The Czar of Russia, tyrant and poltroon; has nearly ruined his country by his vacillations.

Chancellor W. R. Day, hireling of Standard Oil, and sycophant.

W. T. Jerome, negligent public prosecutor; has failed to prosecute the New York Insurance criminals.

General Weyler, oppressor of the Cubans; brought on war between United States and Spain.

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, monumental swindler; obtained about $200,000 by bogus collateral.

Prince Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, brutal husband of the Queen of Holland; beat his wife.

Miss Olga Nethersole, actress and impersonator of shameless women; produced the disgusting French play "Sapho" in New York.

General Jacob Smith (Hellroaring Jake), military bully and torturer of Filipinos; administered water cure to the natives.

Ogden Armour, meat packer and public poisoner; ill treated workpeople and maintained unclean stockyards in Chicago.

A Great English Preacher Says Christians Should Not Make Fortunes.

THE reader will have learned from the address of President Baker, of the University of Colorado, that in his opinion the chief causes which lead men and women to qualify for the Hall of Shame are greed and the desire to get rich quickly.

This view is shared by a great number of earnest and thinking men in all parts of the world, who are desirous of promoting the happiness and virtue of mankind. It is expressed in a somewhat different way from that of President Baker, but with equal strength by the Rev. James Paterson Gledstone, one of the most eloquent and popular ministers of Great Britain. In a volume entitled "Should Christians Make Fortunes?" just published by Headley Brothers, of London, the author, Mr. Gledstone, presents a remarkable array of Scriptural and other testimony showing that the man who accumulates wealth beyond the actual needs of himself and his family is the Christian religion's worst enemy—and especially so if he be a church member.

Indeed, he finds the churches themselves and their pastors in this way often injurious to the cause of Christianity, which means the physical and spiritual welfare of all the people, the important vow of poverty having been long ago disregarded. The following paragraphs are quoted from this book:

"Martin Luther was poor, and saw clearly that money was a hindrance to the spread of Christ's Kingdom.

"Whitfield and Wesley were both poor. Their determination to take the gospel to every one who was without it was the cause for which they were excluded from parish churches, and on no occasion were these incomparable preachers ever heard in an English cathedral. And a great mercy it was that they had no worldly power to lean upon.

"In his old age Wesley was alarmed to see how money saving and its consequent money loving had eaten into his societies. He felt like a shepherd who had unwittingly let a wolf into his sheepfold and saw it ravening and tearing.

"When Wesley was seventy-nine years old, and therefore had a long experience on which to base his conclusions, he wrote to the members of his society, saying:

"'Money lovers are the pest of every Christian society. They have been the main cause of destroying every revival of religion. They will destroy us if we do not put them away. A man not worth a shilling enters our society. Yet he freely gives a penny a week. Five years after he is worth scores of pounds; he gives a penny a week still. Every one is covetous whose beneficence does not increase in the same proportion as his substance.

"It was computed that Wesley gave away in his lifetime between £20,000 and £30,000 (between $100,000 and $150,000), the earnings of his pen. He died worth nothing.

"The noble band of men and women in the United States who fought the battle of negro emancipation—Garrison, Whittier, John Brown, Phillips and others had no fortunes on which to fall back but worked hard for their daily bread.

"When the church at Brooklyn told Beecher that his anti-slavery sentiments were objectionable he replied that he could do better without Brooklyn than it could do without him; he could easily return to his simple life in the West.

"It is said of an ancestor of Emerson that he nightly prayed that no descendant of his might ever be rich.

"Several years ago a preacher in Westminster Abbey had the courage to declare that the West End (the enormously wealthy section of London) is the greatest danger to the British Empire. It is the pestilence which breeds in masses of wealth that is worse than any physical scourge. This is the concrete evidence, visible to us, of the curse which lurks in hoarded money; a testimony to the wisdom and goodness of the dehortations of the New Testament against laying up treasures on earth.

"The language of James, of Peter and of John is just the same as that of Paul and of our adorable Lord and Master with regard to riches and rich men.

"James has some terrible words for rich men (Chapter v. 1-6): 'Go to now, ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver are rusted, and their rust shall be for a testimony against you and shall eat your flesh as fire. Ye have laid up your treasure in the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who mowed your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth out: and the cries of them that reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath. Ye have lived delicately on the earth, and take your pleasure; ye have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned, ye have killed the righteous one; he doth not resist you.'

"Suppose the Christians of this land try and show that it is not an increase of capital we want, but an increase of men and women who are something better than human weeds—stalwart, hardy, God-fearing men and women. One rejoices in some efforts that are being made in this direction, but they would be increased in number and in efficiency if Christians were greatly less occupied in laying up capital for themselves. The men and women are the real capital; in them lies every potency and possibility. They can turn the earth into better than gold; into harvests of plenty and a home of contentment.

"We may not confound things temporal with things spiritual, for our aim all through has been to uplift and dignify the spiritual—but there can be no question that when spiritual things are put first they immediately touch and transform earthly things and these again affect the others.

"A nation that has a large body of men who do not enter into competition to be rich, but are models of industry, frugality, honesty, temperance, would soon feel a new regenerating force at work within her. Every kind of industry would be remodelled."

Candidates for This Suggested Hall of Shame.

Nelson Morris, meat packer and public poisoner; kept his employes in unsanitary workrooms.

General Orloff, oppressor of the Russian Baltic provinces; has killed 5,000 poor peasants.

Governor Peabody, public oppressor; helped to keep the Idaho miners in the bull pen.

Senator Depew, traitor of the United States Senate; took improperly $20,000 a year for influencing the Legislature.

Senator Platt, traitor of the United States Senate; uses his office in the interests of the United States Express Company.

Senator Aldrich, Standard Oil representative in the Senate.

James H. Hyde, squanderer of other people's money; misused funds of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Richard A. McCurdy, betrayer of insurance policy holders' interests; received improperly $140,000 a year from the Mutual Life Company.

Hannah Elias, adventuress and corrupter of old age; got possession of old Mr. Platt's vast property.

George B. McClellan, Fraudmayor of New York; his supporters threw his opponent's ballots into the river.

Ex-Mayor Van Wyck, abetter of police brutality and corruption; called Devery "the best Chief of Police we ever had."

W. S. Devery, brutal and corrupt Chief of New York Police; removed from office for neglecting to suppress crime.

Richard Canfield, leading gambler and destroyer of youth; Reginald Vanderbilt lost $300,000 in his New York house.

W. E. Corey, president of the Steel Trust and bad husband.

Charles W. Morse, head of the cruel New York Ice Trust; has doubled price of ice to the New York poor.

T. D. Sullivan, leading New York political thug.

Russell Sage, miser and millionaire; held a poor clerk in front of him to avoid a madman's bomb, and refused to compensate the clerk for his injuries.

Alexander Dowie, false religious leader and preacher; has squandered $5,000,000 of his deluded worshippers' money.

Abraham H. Hummel, lawyer and convicted suborner of perjury; obtained divorce for Charles W. Morse.

Thomas Taggart, politician and professional gambler; kept the great gambling casino at French Lick, Ind.