

CHURCHES AND THEIR WORKERS—RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES OF ALL DENOMINATIONS

"BILLY" SUNDAY'S PLAN OF WINTER CAMPAIGN IN CITY

Ministers Will Discuss Program of Evangelist's Work at Central Y. M. C. A. on Monday.

Initial plans for the campaign to be waged by "Billy" Sunday, the baseball evangelist, in this city during the coming winter, will be discussed at a meeting of the ministers of the city in the Central Y. M. C. A. on Monday at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. George G. Dowe, who was secretary of Mr. Sunday's campaign in Scranton last year, will be present and outline the program it is hoped to carry out to make the meetings in Philadelphia greater successes than any the evangelist has ever held.

There has been much discussion of the after-effect of the Sunday visits, and, following an extensive study of Sunday's methods and their immediate and after-effects in Scranton, the Rev. Asa J. Perry, pastor of the Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church, 33d and Spruce streets, has prepared the following statement of his observations for EVENING LEADER readers:

"It was my privilege to visit Scranton during the Sunday meetings, and I was thoroughly convinced that Mr. Sunday was producing results, but I had some doubts as to their permanence. I was

therefore, greatly pleased to have the opportunity of studying them at first hand while supervising the First Presbyterian Church during the summer.

The following facts especially impressed me: First—Billy Sunday had made it easy to talk about religion. Ministers after the campaign one could approach the question of personal religion, via the "Billy Sunday route," with almost any one, and almost anywhere. The dinner tables of rich and poor alike, the stores and offices, the hotels and restaurants, the street cars, the trolleys, the public places, all seemed to have open doors into the religious world.

Second—Billy Sunday had electrified the churches and their members. Churches that almost if not quite, had closed their doors, previous summers, were not only open, but well attended. The prayer meetings were splendidly attended. The men's Bible classes were particularly interesting. The churches where previously there had been no summer prayer meetings, probably the average attendance was 100, while the men's Bible classes which had been very small had grown to a membership of more than 200, and the summer attendance ran from 75 to 90. The church conversations were phenomenal. The spirit all through the church was most enthusiastic.

Third—Billy Sunday had changed the lives of multitudes of men. I saw men of the most diverse backgrounds, rich and poor, educated and ignorant, young and old, who had been "born again." Some of them had been notorious sinners, and now are tried as righteous saints. The Philadelphia men's classes were in the best condition that I have ever seen. The men were not only more religious, but more energetic. The men's Bible classes were particularly interesting. The churches where previously there had been no summer prayer meetings, probably the average attendance was 100, while the men's Bible classes which had been very small had grown to a membership of more than 200, and the summer attendance ran from 75 to 90. The church conversations were phenomenal. The spirit all through the church was most enthusiastic.

Fourth—Billy Sunday had insured the continuation of the revival by securing men to carry on the work. In the personal work, and by enrolling them in Bible classes and workers' bands. The revival has been carried on in a manner perfectly unimagined at the time of "Billy Sunday's" visit. The men's Bible classes and other "clubs" of "born again" men have been organized for good and the end is not yet. You ought to hear these men when they come to Philadelphia next winter.

Fifth—The success of the Billy Sunday meetings was in no small degree dependent upon the work done before he came, especially the effect of the "prayer bands" and the "prayer meetings" held all over the city. That is a word to the wise who desire to have their Philadelphia work successful.

Sixth—I am personally convinced that Billy Sunday has done more for the city than any other evangelist in the world. This is God's work and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The Friendly Path

How often we hear people say: "I'm so sorry! If I had only known I can't forget my mistake," and scores of other expressions of regret because of their failures. We see them going about with hanging heads, frowning brows and sad faces written on their faces.

Are you one of these? We sincerely hope you are not. "Time is the most precious thing we have," and it is filled constantly with thoughts of "what might have been" there will be no room with him for thoughts of "what is to be."

Every man must build his future on thoughts of it. No one should waste his time living with regrets, for, as the poet has said: "Time is the most precious thing we have." And no matter how great are the regrets over our past we can live worth-while lives only by keeping ourselves strong and ambitious by concentrating the strength that comes through looking out for tomorrow.

Nothing has ever been gained by any man through living in the sadness of his past. He who looks to the future, men in fact as well as in name. We once heard a hoary-headed professor—a philosopher—say: "Young men, don't talk when you are young. You are not old enough to have such great value that idle talk comes out of your mouth that may do invaluable good."

Just as with our thoughts, let us prevent the useless ones from crowding out of our minds those noble ambitions that make us of service to our fellows and ourselves and, therefore, men in fact as well as in name. Let us follow the path that leads through the valley of hope, where the sunshine of happiness is sifted gently through the broad branches of realities of thought. PHILLIPS.

BIDDLE BIBLE CLASSES BUSY

Number of Meetings Are Scheduled For the Morrow.

The annual autumn meeting of the directing first vice presidents and counselors of the Drexel Biddle Bible Classes of the Middle Atlantic States will be held at the summer home at Lansdowne this evening. There will be about 100 men from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Philadelphia in attendance.

The Rev. Dr. J. M. Palmer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, 33d and Spruce streets, will be the guest of honor. He will speak on "The Influence of the Bible in the History of the World." The Rev. Dr. J. M. Palmer will also speak on "The Influence of the Bible in the History of the World."

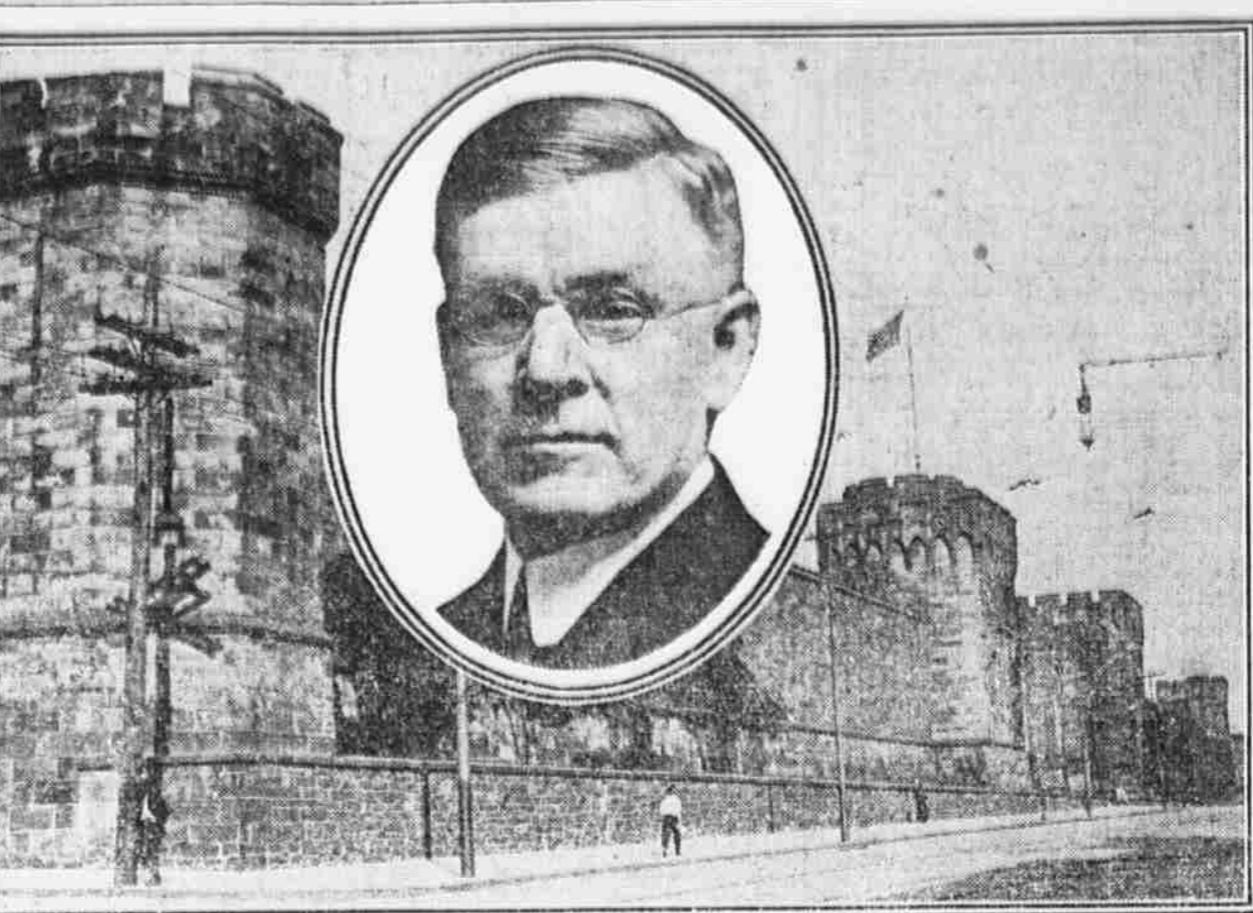
Several new Episcopal bishops are to be consecrated in the early fall, among them being one to fill the vacancy existing in the diocese of New Jersey. The House of Bishops is to meet next month in Minneapolis, Minn., when Bishop-elect will be chosen for Nevada, Spokane and Cuba.

It has been stated that the practice of allowing dioceses to draw successful men away from the mission fields to their bishoprics is to be discouraged, and, if possible, stopped.

Beginning with October 11, the Rev. Asa J. Perry, pastor of Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church, 33d and Spruce streets, is to preach a series of sermons at the morning services on "The Old Testament and the New Testament." The Rev. Dr. J. M. Palmer will preach on "Our Religious Heritage." In the evening there will be a rally of the Brotherhood, and an address will be made by Franklin Spencer Edmonds.

Rally day is to be observed tomorrow in Trinity United Evangelical Church, Duval and Baynton streets, at all the services, and the Sunday School officials are using all their efforts to have every child in the church. The Rev. Dr. J. M. Palmer will be the guest of honor. He will speak on "The Influence of the Bible in the History of the World."

Religious Brevities



EASTERN PENITENTIARY AND "PREACHER WARDEN" MCKENTY

will preach in St. John's Episcopal Church, Third and Brown streets, tomorrow morning, on the subject, "The War and God's Philosophy of It." The evening his sermon will be on "The War and the Papacy."

The country is conscious of the strength that has come to her through her territorial support. The general business, her industry, commerce and merchandising, is continuing, although, of course, it has fallen off to some extent. But there has been no great boosting of prices, resulting in a program of the United States would come to her aid to save her from defeat.

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The Rev. Dr. A. Pohlman will celebrate the 12th anniversary of his work as pastor of Temple Lutheran Church, 2d and Race streets, tomorrow with special sermons and services.

NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH DEDICATED TOMORROW

A beautiful \$25,000 church, which has just been erected by the congregation of the Tabernacle Evangelical Lutheran Church, at 59th and Spruce streets, is to be dedicated tomorrow morning with elaborate exercises.

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Warden McKenty Firm Believer in the Parole System

Head of the Eastern Penitentiary Tells How Convicts Are Made "Fit" to Face Life Again.

Warden Robert McKenty, of the Eastern Penitentiary, is generally becoming known as "The Preacher Warden," and it will not be surprising if some of the colleges and universities award him the degree of doctor of divinity before many more commencement seasons pass.

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"Not only have we established vocational schools, but we teach the foreigner to read and write the English language, and permit all who desire to study and learn anything they may want to become electricians or civil engineers, for we have correspondence courses in such practical work, and the men are glad to take advantage of the opportunities.

PUTS HOPE INTO MEN. "Both these things make them hold up their heads and feel like men who can look the world squarely in the face and begin again, determined to accomplish something because they do not have the handicap of having no skill or ability for any definite thing that will make them self-supporting and able to support their oft-times unfortunate families.

"Now, let us see what the parole system does for men who are fitted for honest employment. The law requires that the men must have employment and must have responsible persons to stand as their moral backers after they have finished their minimum sentence in here. What is the result of this? Instead of the men going out like whipped dogs and diving into the first den they find in the Tenderloin, they march out with their chins in the air and with a look of hopefulness on their faces.

"They've got jobs. They are probably going to receive a larger envelope for their work than they have ever received in their lives, and perhaps their first hundred dollars are before them. They have certain feelings of independence and respect. And they are found that when they leave under these circumstances they seldom come back, and as our reports show, they make good in their work and become citizens of value in the world."

KEEPS HIS EYE ON THEM. Among them are many who have worked out their parole period, but the warden keeps an eye on them, and knows that they are doing well. Several of the men paroled are in business—one or two of them well known here—and are making profits of as much as \$1000 every month, and the average earnings of the men on parole is \$40 a month. This is believed to be a fair wage when it is considered that most of them are working in the country or small towns and cities.

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Practical Christianity. "Practical Christianity"—that's the thing that "Bob" harps on from morning until night—and sometimes far into the night, for many are the times when it is after midnight when he arrives home from the outside of the city, where he has been driving home some of his "common sense" arguments in the hope that there may be sufficient aid to greatly reduce his official family.

Helpfulness is Best. "Practical Christianity" means unselfish helpfulness," says Warden McKenty. "And that is what is needed most among the church people to keep men out of prison, and to make men out of prisoners when they get out. Church people can do more to keep men out by practicing what they preach. The little things they do during the weekdays go toward pointing the way for the tempted to right living. All the big things that church people can do on Sundays are found to have fallen from the unfortunate."

Religious Notices

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