

SPEED, NOT BATTING, MADE BILLY SUNDAY GREAT BALL PLAYER

Evangelist of Today Kept Old-time Pitchers Guessing, But Was Never Known as a Slugger.

There is a contrast between the "Billy" Sunday that hits so hard in the tabernacle and the "Billy" Sunday that faced the National League pitchers as a member of the Chicago White Sox...

When "Billy" goes into the ballpark to take his hit he is not the same man who can see him pull up to his shoulders and push out his elbows like the graceful foot-footed batsman who steps into the box to hit the ball.

HIT HARD AT TIMES. "Billy" kept the old-time pitchers guessing. There were times when he hit the ball hard, and there were times when he laid down little bunts and beat them out.

Sam Thompson, of the Phillies, Governor Tener, who then played with the Chicago team; Ed Pop Anson, Ed Delahanty and Conroy, as well as other stars of their day, led Sunday at the bat.

His absence from the game on October 3, 1888, cost him a chance to decide a championship, even though he was on a second division team.

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High-water mark in 1887. In 1887, out of a season of more than 100 games, Sunday played in 43 and had a batting average of .332.

Yet there were times when Sunday was a terror with the bat in the early part of the season of 1888 the box scores show that he was hitting the ball hard.

"Billy" had a better record in 1890, the last year he played the game, and was frequently spoken of as the leader of his team at bat in the newspaper reports of the individual games.

"The Phillies lost the second game," the writer says, "but errors by Larpque and Sunday gave them five runs in the first inning."

"Billy" sometimes made costly errors, but in the evangelist's own words, that is the subject of another sermon.

"Billy" was hitting well just before the accident. On June 2, "the best hitting was done by Sunday, who, out of five times at bat, cracked out two singles and a double."

After his accident Sunday again hit well, and when he was transferred to the Phillies later in the season he hit consistently and was often seen in the box score among the heavy hitters.

They had the championship belt in their bonnets strong, and they wanted Sunday to help them out. "Billy" was a valuable man to the team, despite his light hitting, and when he once got on the bases his speed made him one of the most dangerous base runners in the game.

Sunday fires shells in devil's forts. Continued from Page One. Sunday is trying to attract crowds through preaching on "foolish, popular subjects."

"Billy" said: "There are many foolish, short-sighted ministers who are satisfied if they can only draw a large crowd. Some are as crazy after sensation as the yellowest newspaper that ever came off the press."

And, as the evangelist made this statement, he sneered at the clergymen, shook his head and the perspiration from his face ran down his cheeks.

"There are some of you people in this big crowd that have the devil in you. Maybe you don't treat your wife square. Maybe you cheat on your wages. Or maybe you don't do the devil's work. If a church is packed to the roof it means the devil is in the house."

SUNDAY CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES TODAY

At the Tabernacle. 2 p. m.—Mr. Sunday will deliver his sermon: "Why Could Not We Cast Them Out?"

17 m.—Members of the Sunday party will address employees of the Electric Storage Battery Company, the Collins Paper Company, the West Philadelphia shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and a combined meeting of the Electric Storage Battery Company and the Collins Paper Company employees.

STATISTICS. Attendance. Yesterday afternoon 18,000. Yesterday evening 19,500. Approximate grand total, 581,000.

Yesterday afternoon 521.65. Yesterday evening 921.51. Grand total, 18,568.67. Average contribution from each person .05.

disciples, excepting Peter, James and John, who were with Him, surrounded by a crowd questioning them because they seemed to be unable to cast the devil out from a little boy brought to them by his father.

Now, listen to this. What was the result when Jesus came on the scene? The father quietly slipped away from the multitude and spoke just two words, softly and quietly: "Have compassion, and in an instant, the child was whole."

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"The Age of Grace." This was the "Age of Grace," he said, but a world catastrophe would follow it, as disaster had closed the other ages.

"Billy" Sunday surprised the audience. It was prepared for nearly any subject, but the talk on the ages was not the rigorous, crushing arraignment the tabernacle crowd had expected.

"The girl who goes wrong has a black heart," he said. His talk dealt mainly with the future and the coming of a new age. The millennium would follow the "Age of Grace," he said, and Christ would come on earth. Then would follow the "Age of Grace."

"The Hobbie Skirt" and "The Merry Widow Hat" and other such nonsensical tommyrot. If there wasn't so many March hare sort of fellows breaking into pulpits you could have to sweat more and work harder.

"The object of the church is to cast out devils." The father had brought his child there because he thought the devil had cast out the devil. But now the case seemed hopeless and the devil was showing his greatest power.

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CROWDS COMING THROUGH PARKWAY FROM SUNDAY TABERNACLE



This is a scene enacted every day when the congregation flows out from the auditorium and moves along between the rows of columns extending from Logan Square.

SUNDAY'S SERMON TODAY

SUBJECT—"WHY COULD WE NOT CAST OUT THE DEVIL?"

"In the gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter and the 28th verse: 'Why could not we cast him out?'"

"When Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration with Peter, James and John and reached the valley below He saw the remainder of the disciples surrounded by a multitude of people questioning them."

"The Lord cannot only drive the devil out, but He can keep him from coming back. Salvation is a double-barreled proposition. It can save you and make you stay saved."

"The deepest sorrow comes through our own flesh and blood. The highest joy also comes through the successes and high achievements of our own flesh and blood of our friends."

"The while the mother and father were rejoicing over the devil being cast out, the disciples came to Him and asked: 'Why could we not cast him out?'"

"The disciples hadn't been praying and fasting. They had been quarreling among themselves as to who should be the greatest in the kingdom of God."

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Sparks From "Billy's" Anvil

God Almighty has no double standard to pawn. Neither should you have, for, if you ask me three questions: 'Do you believe I am virtuous? Have you lived as virtuously as you ask me? If I had lived and done as you have done, would you be standing here asking my hand in marriage?'"

There are thousands of men in Philadelphia so outrageous that they ought to be made to take a bath of lye, carbolic acid and formaldehyde, and compelled to lead a decent life for two years before they touch the hand of a decent woman or the doorbell of a decent home.

God didn't make hell for man. He made it for the devil and his angels. But if you're fool enough to worship the devil you can go to hell!

God Almighty enjoys a little fun sometimes. That's the reason He made monkeys and parrots and donkeys—and some of you!

I don't care anything about your wealth. I don't care anything about your political or social drag. I don't care a snap about anything you may be, if, when you die, the only epitaph you deserve is, 'He used to live, but your life has been a horrible failure!'"

Don't go to the dance, the most damnable, hellish, low-down institution on the face of God's dirt, the clutch of the devil, the ruination of more girls than anything this side of the pit of hell. You little dunces, it will ruin your womanhood, and wash you of every streak of morals you have in the world!

Society takes no note of that young girl keeping company with that 'good-for-nothing' fellow. Society takes no note of that young fellow drinking at their banquets. It waits until she is on the road to maternity and he is a ragged, maudlin, staggering drunkard, and then slams the door in their faces.

Suppose every moral leper in this city were compelled and impelled to go down the street shouting 'Unclean! Unclean!' Suppose every moral leper were compelled to make a revelation to his wife and every wife were forced to make a full revelation to her husband? Gee, but wouldn't the divorce lawyers be busy!

delphians the truth. The trouble these days is that people imagine different religious organizations are subsidized and are hirelings of capital! Concluding his remarks, the clergyman said he belonged to an organization which was known as the A. O. L. H., which he later explained meant "Ancient Order of the Loving Heart."

Employees of the Electro-Dental Company, 33d and Arch streets, were addressed at noon by "Bob" Stover, who plays a trombone at the tabernacle. He urged the men to attend the meetings at the tabernacle.

Jack Cardiff, "Billy" Sunday's athletic trainer, at a noon meeting today, told 400 employees of the Electric Storage Battery Company how he came to give up prize fighting and vaudeville work to join the Sunday party.

Cardiff was greeted with cheers as he mounted the platform and pulled off his coat. After assailing "boozers" he related the story of his conversion in Canton, O., three years ago, where he left a lucrative position on the vaudeville circuit to join forces with "Billy" Sunday.

"Every man who lays a nickel on the bar-room table for a glass of beer is in the pay of the devil, whether he knows it or not," said Cardiff. "When men are awakened to their duty to God," he said, "the days of the red light district and the saloon will be ended."

Seated on bales of cotton, several hundred women and men employed in the Dobson Mills, Falls of Schuylkill, today heard Mrs. William Asher, who is attached to the staff of "Billy" Sunday, speak on the evangelistic revival. Before Mrs. Asher spoke a musical program was rendered.

Mrs. Asher invited the women and men to visit the tabernacle and hear "Billy" Sunday speak. The meeting today was one of a series of noonday sessions which Sunday plans to hold in mills, factories and other industrial establishments of this city.

Mrs. "Billy" Sunday did not get to the noon meeting for working girls held at the factory of the A. M. Collins Manufacturing Company, American street and Girard avenue, today, but it was a good meeting just the same, and the young working women showed their appreciation of the efforts of the evangelists to guide and instruct them.

"Sunday" Sidelights

"I've heard 'Billy' Sunday called everything from a clown to an angel," one remarked. "But yesterday's sermon was anything I have ever seen or heard of on stage. 'Billy' Sunday is simply a genius."

Mrs. Dobson Altman was among the many who loved "Billy's" pranks yesterday. She had a smart, appreciative remark from her white spats to her small white toque and veil.

Being good-looking evidently has disadvantages. One of the most famous members of the police force has established a reputation for gallantry and liteness, especially toward both men and women who are setting calls for years. Consequently at times he is besieged with questioners. Far from complaining, he performs his duty in cheerful mood.

"I wonder if he is being converted," a friend remarked. "What makes you ask that?" "Well, maybe he doesn't need it; he certainly looks good to me."

"Billy" says God hates loafers. E. B. Ackley, Mr. Sunday's secretary, says that, no doubt. But he is naturally industrious. A few of his daily chores include two piano recitals, morning and afternoon, at the tabernacle; the operation of 200 ordinary, 200 card, 100 appeal and 100 other letters, answering an immense quantity of telegrams, and, incidentally many foolish questions. No one into the proverbial column. His "God's judgments are like fainting women—hard to be carried out," was heard on several occasions in the audience yesterday.

"I had a 'hell' of a good time," one man remarked as he donned his overcoat. "If the old dignified person back here preached like that, it would sure be a busy day for the undertaker. Nature's deaths would be there plenty. It's the casual comment of one man who was shaking with laughter yesterday. 'You bet,' said his friend, 'but I'll be the church seats would have to be set off at auction. They sure would be a great demand.'"

"I certainly wish I had his nerve and nerves," one man said. "I wouldn't buckwheat cakes help him any. I would if he eats celery."

\$400,000 for Wilmington Streets. WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 14.—Members of City Council and the Street and Sewer Department last night conferred on the subject of new street paving and it is probable that within a few days a bill will be prepared and presented to the Legislature providing a loan of \$400,000 for street work.

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