

NEW YORK MINISTER PRAISES SUNDAY FOR MESSAGE HE BRINGS

Men of Street as Well as Learned Theologian Appreciate Speech of Noted Evangelist.

By REV. DR. CHAS. L. GOODELL
Pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, of New York.
The marvelous thing to me about "Billy" Sunday is the universality of the message which he brings. On the Day of Pentecost the multitude was confounded because every man heard the message in his own tongue. You would expect that the man of the street would enjoy "Billy" Sunday's racy speech—it is a language which he uses. As I passed through the heart of the business section of Philadelphia I stopped to hear three speakers addressing as many different groups, evidently of their friends. Each one of them, in language that would give "Billy" the run for his money, told his crowd that "Billy" was their friend, that it was God's truth he was preaching and that after all the church was the one place where a man could be helped and that Billy's talk to the church was like the act of a mother who might be compelled to take her boy over her knee for his own good. I went to the home of Mrs. Wilson, at Overbrook, and heard "Billy" speak to a crowd which filled every nook of the mansion. Here were representatives of the literary and social circles of Philadelphia, and before he was done they were as much under the magic of "Billy's" speech as the men I had met on the street. Smile, laughter and tears chased one another across their faces, and if he had given the opportunity I am sure scores of Philadelphia's best people would have struck the trail across the parlor floor. Seated by Mr. Sunday's side I could watch the deepening conviction on the faces of his audience. At the tabernacle, a little later, I saw learned doctors of divinity who had been under the spell of his message for days. I knew how careful they were in the distinctions of theological subtleties, and I wondered how they would relish a message which was so utterly devoid of any attempt at systematic theological outline. But these men came to me and said eagerly: "Isn't it wonderful? What a glorious gospel he preaches! They all seemed to feel that it was no time to discuss theories. It was rather a time to say, "Your heart is as my heart; give me thine hand." Until Sunday appeared the greatest evangelist, measured by audiences and permanent converts, was Moody. I heard Moody in his most successful meetings, and there was nothing comparable to Sunday's movement, either in numbers or in depth or permanence of religious impression. Opposition to Moody was as great among sticklers for forms of speech and theological niceties as it is against Sunday today, from the same class of people. Sunday helps persons to understand that true religion is not a creed—it is a life; that the church has its mission to the world and that a religion which is not being worked out at the tip of the finger as well as at the tip of the tongue is not worth having. If the church is the salt of the earth let it get to its task of saving the world from corruption. If it is the light of the world let it get busy in the darkness. If it is a life-saving station on the shore of time let it get busy looking after the shipwrecked. The least virtuous in a life-saver is dignity. Get hold of a man any way you can so that you pull him out of the maelstrom or save him from a wreck. This is "Billy's" message as it comes to me—a message that the world is dying so get and all classes and conditions of men feel that it is a message to their hearts from the living, loving God. We need that man in New York.

C. L. Goodell SUFFRAGISTS SEE VICTORY

New Jersey Women Confident of Carrying Franchise Amendment.
Absolute confidence in the final success of their cause reigns in the camp of the suffragists of New Jersey today. Not only are they sure the Senate will pass the amendment in passing and the suffrage amendment in the people, it is believed, will endorse it by a great majority next September. The Camden County Equal Suffrage League held a meeting this afternoon in the Cooper Park Library Building to lay plans for the campaign. The president of the Camden Board of Public Education has offered the league the use of all public school buildings tonight meetings. Mrs. E. Ward Kelly, president of the Camden County Equal Suffrage League, said today: "I feel sure that the Senate will follow the course of the House of Assembly in passing the bill providing for the submission of the suffrage amendment. I feel confident the people will ratify the amendment next September." Mrs. Frank Garrison, chairman of the Press Committee of the league, said: "I am particularly pleased with the Assemblymen from Camden County. They have stood by us loyally. Most of the members of the House were very nice to us and treated us with respect and dignity. I believe the people will give their assent to the enfranchisement of the women by a large majority." The plan of campaign outlined by the league this afternoon includes the organization of the suffrage forces of Camden in each ward and precinct and the head of the city organization will be the City Executive Committee and city chairman. Each precinct will be divided into blocks, with one woman in charge of each block. Every doorbell will be rung and the every voter approached personally on the question of woman suffrage.

N. Y. RUM MEN FEAR SUNDAY

Saloonkeepers Concerned Over Possibility of Revival There.
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Owners of the 30,000 saloons here are showing more concern in the proposed visit of "Billy" Sunday to New York than they have ever shown in any other reform movement. "Sunday may be all right in Philadelphia but he will never do it in New York," is the way the liquor interests also up the celebrated preacher's expected revival campaign here. The saloonkeepers are not at all backward in saying that they fear a revival movement such as the evangelist probably will open in the shadow of the Great White Way may result in a bootlegging for the prohibition cause. Fears are entertained that he will give out information to show the exact law of New York is a joke as far as closing on Sunday is concerned. Some of the owners of the hotels and places of amusements are paying close attention to the effort that is being made to bring Sunday to New York. These establishments are supposed to close at 11 p. m. but few, if any, live up to that regulation.

SUNDAY'S SERMON TODAY

"THE WITHERED HAND IN CHURCH"

"Luke vi, 6: 'Jesus went into the synagogue on a Sabbath, and he found there a man with a withered hand.' "He was not dead waiting for an undertaker to take him to the graveyard; he was not blind and groping his way to the coffin; he was not deaf or dumb. I have known many men who found it impossible to do certain things because of a withered hand. A withered hand is worse than no hand; it seems to be always in the way. It is no better than a dead hand; there is no work it can do, no design it can execute. "A man may be a great genius, but he is greatly handicapped with a withered hand. You can see what a barrier it would be to him. He may have the genius of a Raphael, but he is only half a man. "The hand is one of the most important members of the body. None of his ideas could find expression on canvas, in marble, or in architecture, because he had a withered, useless hand. He may be as full of music as Paderewski, but he could never play a piano because of his withered hand.

A FAITHFUL SERVANT.

"The hand is man's faithful servant: it always obeys his commands. It is the hand that carries the food to the mouth; it is the hand that will put a gun to man's shoulder and murder his dearest friend; it is the hand which rocks the cradle; it was the hand that built the ships in which Columbus discovered America; it is the hand which builds our battleships; it is the hand that makes our cannon and rifle; it was the hand that lowered the forests and built homes in the wilderness; it was the hand that wrote the Declaration of Independence; it was the hand that built the locomotive, the steel mill; it was the hand that wired it and lighted it; it is the hand that builds the telescopes that enable us to study the heavens; it is the hand that sends a message that speeds like the wind under the sea to a country you have never visited; it was the hand that wrote the Bible; the hand that built the pyramids; the hand plucked the fruit in the garden of Eden and the world is suffering from the result today; the hand held the surgeon's knife which prolonged your life; the hand of Judas took the betrayal money; the hand secured Jesus; the hand placed the crown of thorns upon His brow; the hand nailed Him to the cross and the hand took Him down; the hand rolled the stone away and discovered that He had risen. "You can find persons with withered hands everywhere. They cannot do the work in the world they would do because they are handicapped. The drunkard can't do what he ought to do because of drink; the woman who lies causes her womanhood to wither; she can't live the kind of life she would live, because she is withered. In every church there are people who cannot do what they would do because they have given themselves to the devil; they are withered. You say you can't do personal work; it is because you are withered. "God has given Philadelphia an opportunity thousands of cities want; certainly you'll not miss it. God gives every one a chance to speak to some one about Jesus, to try to lead him to the Lord, and it is the man with the withered hand who does not do it. Some people now on the road to hell have had their opportunity, but didn't improve it, and they lost out. "Don't be like the priest who saw the Levite living injured and didn't turn aside to minister to his needs. If he had he might have been as famous as Paul and Peter, but he didn't. He had his chance and missed it. I think it is an awful thing to miss a chance God throws at your feet. It is an awful thing for a church to miss a chance to do something for God. You have an opportunity such as you have never had before to win souls to Christ.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

"In India there are men who have stood so long with their arms extended the members have withered. They have lost control over them and can no longer bring them back to their body. I have known men who have had their hands in their pockets so long it would be impossible for them to pull one hand out with a dollar for the Lord. "The hands have withered. Some people have a lifted booze so long they can't do anything. They are withered and they can't open their Bible; some play cards until their hands are withered and they can't do anything else. You have as much right to play cards as you have, but if I did you people wouldn't have much respect for my religion. If you did, I wouldn't give three whoops for you. Many cannot take the hand of a husband or of a member of your lodge and ask him to come to Jesus because their hands are withered. God is giving you your opportunity now; see if you can improve it. "Jesus took an ordinary talent and used it for the Lord and God gave him power to save thousands. There are men looking into my face this afternoon who have more brains than Moody, but the trouble is they are not willing. They will drift along like a round peg in a square hole and haven't moved anything for the Lord. "Jesus went into the synagogue on a Sabbath day and he found there a man with a withered hand. He said, 'Stretch forth thy hand,' and when he had done so, Jesus returned it to its normal condition. Don't look only in the great shop; you can find them in the church, the choir loft, among the stewards, vestrymen and elders, in the young people's society; everywhere you find people who have had their opportunity and didn't improve it.

MANY MISS CHANCE.

"Jesus Christ says to you with little ability, 'Stretch forth thy hand.' You say: 'I have never done personal work'—stretch forth thy hand. You have never prayed in public—stretch forth thy hand. God will loosen your tongue. You say you have no family altar in your home—stretch forth thy hand. You are afraid to ask God's blessing before you eat—stretch forth thy hand. I don't care where I am, in a fashionable hotel, in a modern dining car or in your home, I don't put anything in my body without first asking God's blessing on it. If you gulp it down like a hog from a swill trough, that's your business. "Saul missed his chance and his hand withered and the scepter dropped. David didn't miss his chance, he picked up the scepter and climbed upon the throne. Judas reached forth his hand for the gold that betrayed Christ, and his name is spoken with disdain. Adam and Eve reached forth their hands and ate the forbidden fruit and the world is suffering from it today. Pilate, poor Pilate, had his chance, but he missed it. Those who walk the streets of heaven had their chance and they improved it; see if you can improve yours. "Bring your small store and Jesus Christ will meet the needs of Philadelphia. If you haven't much ability, bring it to the Lord and see what He will do with it. "The boy's sardines and biscuits when brought to the Lord became a banquet for thousands. Bring your little store and let Him improve upon it. It is just as easy for Jesus Christ to make a loaf as to create the world. The world is hungry and waiting, so give it something to eat. JUST DO YOUR BEST. "Bring what you have," said God. You can't all sing like prima donnas or sing the scale like Fred or Rode; bring what you have. Don't be a bench warmer; get into the game. Never sit silent while somebody is slandering the Lord. Put Him into your business and tell people it is safe to come to your place to deal because Jesus Christ is your senior partner. Do you deliver the goods? Say 'Yes; but I can't deliver my manhood.' Do something for Jesus. "I'm preaching to the God who took Enoch to heaven. I'm preaching to the same God who made the water gush from the rocks; the same God that locked the lion's mouth for Daniel. God never changes. You change. He doesn't."

ANSWERS MAIL IN PARK

George C. Shane Has Novel Plan to Elude Ticket Seekers.

Persistent pastors pestering R. Sunday's George C. Shane, with clerical din have worn him thin and given him a pain. They're driving him to Fairmount Park, in spite of storm and gale. The surgeon says he'll have peace in opening his mail. Persistent pastors seeking tickets of admission to the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle have driven George C. Shane, executive secretary of the Sunday Campaign Committee from his office in the Stock Exchange Building to the sylvan quietude of Fairmount Park to open his morning mail and transact the larger part of his business. Mr. Shane is wearing what experts in facial expression might call a hunted look. Daily the line of pastors and other persons at his office door has grown until now, when he remains in the office, he is kept busy all day long handing out tickets. In desperation he finally hit upon the scheme of attending to his own business in his automobile. He tried to do this outside the office, but the eagle eyes of various clergymen spotted him and then he remembered Fairmount Park. He goes there every morning now, having his chauffeur drive his car into some quiet byway where only the chirping of birds interrupts the rasp of his paper knife opening envelopes or the scratch of his fountain pen.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Louis H. Hamilton, 1314 N. 28th st., and Margaret Hillard, 414 Brown st.
John J. Gibson, 3333 Market st., and Helen Edward J. Henry, 1714 S. Cleveland ave., and Mary E. Moore, 5000 Market st.
Walter S. Thompson, 5015 Haverford ave., and Sophie M. Kaiser, 1921 1/2 51st st.
Charles A. Zimmer, 1033 S. Juniper st., and Hans E. Oskman, 1925 W. Passyunk ave.
Hiram B. Grone, 2208 N. 31st st., and Margaret J. Crowe, 3309 Galmer road.
Frank MacMorris, 2907 E. Toga st., and Elizabeth B. Wilhelm, 4458 Harley st.
Chester D. Longfellow, League Island, and Margaret E. Haines, 3021 S. 19th st.
David K. Johnson, Richmond, Va., and Nettie M. Jordan, 1820 S. 21st st.
John M. Mayer, 941 Winton st., and Lillian F. Shinn, 834 Winton st.
Bernard Flaherty, 104 Grandview st., and Esther Eberstein, 618 Cross st.
Anthony Malina, 1223 Brandywine st., and Helen Katis, 1023 Brandywine st.
Alo Salikoff, 3116 W. Berks st., and Nan B. Bodek, 219 W. Berks st.
Charles W. Hummel, 235 N. 25th st., and Katherine G. Durbin, 1420 Brandywine st.
Nik Janko, 604 Fairmount ave., and Anna Erick, 68 Phousook road.
John Brown, 2701 East st., and Matilda Heiland, 2728 East st.
Alfred J. Lynn, 1008 Westminster ave., and Elizabeth H. Carville, 2444 Montrose st.
Joe Marcinak, 1810 Spring st., and Mary Frawiecka, 2730 Buckius st.
John Artman, 4448 Elizabeth st., and Ella Lee, 4448 Elizabeth st.
William J. Crowley, 202 S. 57th st., and Fieda E. Brockway, 1625 S. 57th st.
William Reed, 420 N. 19th st., and Mary E. Aggett, Camden, N. J.
Albert H. Boudas, 429 S. 12th st., and Katherine Walsh, 628 N. 12th st.
James R. Smith, 1625 S. 57th st., and Katherine F. Giblin, 2004 Orthodox st.
Frank Strampello, 1149 S. Marshall st., and Mary E. Schwappeler, 1625 S. 57th st.
Patrick Marron, 1223 S. 21st st., and Katherine Brennan, 2115 Titan st.
Daniel E. McKinney, 1149 C st., and H. Rebecca Clevenger, 2714 S. 57th st.
William G. Wood, 162 Mifflin st., and Frances M. Taylor, 1110 S. Front st.
Philip Gonsouano, 1823 S. 57th st.
Paraskens Rusarenko, 413 Green st., and Mary G. Gonsouano, 413 Green st.
Bronislawa Skutnowska, 2021 Webb st.
George Jeffers, 2000 Belgrade st., and Nellie E. McLaughlin, 2702 S. 57th st.
Edward L. Alkman, League Island, and Florence M. Witting, 2004 Orthodox st.
Julian Borzuck, 219 Wharton st., and Amelia Litwinowicz, 219 Wharton st.
Alexander Nikitchuk, 429 W. 12th st., and Prisko Rusakov, 410 Buttonwood st.
Robert W. Pierce, Franklin, N. J., and Katherine Lang, 400 N. 40th st.
Michael Jecino, 1028 Wood st., and Aneta Jesurak, 2828 Anna st.
John Zebrowsky, 2563 Emery st., and Ceslawa Grabowski, 2415 Emery st.

Unitarian Christianity

"There are two steps that can take us forward in the path to perfection, and these two steps must be forever repeated. To hear and to do. To learn and to obey. To study and to practice: These are the steps of personal progress. Life itself is these two things: science, or something to be learned, and an act, or something to be done. And always there is something more to be learned, something more to be done. Seen in a religious light, all that is worth learning is truth, reality, or the knowledge of God, of His world and His laws. All that is worth doing is the will of God, which is His other name for whatever is reasonable, right and fit." These words of the late Charles Gordon Ames, a former pastor of the Girard Avenue Unitarian Church, form a good introduction to the notice that the men of the Girard Avenue Church, 1520 Girard avenue, invite all other men to meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday, the 2d, to hear an address on

The Social Gospel of Unitarianism

The speaker will be the Rev. E. H. Reardon, of Lancaster, who was formerly a Congregationalist minister in England. Mr. Reardon believes that in Unitarianism he has found the gospel for the working world, and he speaks with winsome force. Come and hear him. For Unitarian Literature Consult THE UNITARIAN BOOK ROOM 1815 North Logan Square

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