### EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3. 1915:

Store Opens 8:30 A. M.

# "Billy" Sunday's Sermon Today

WEJECT: "HE WIST NOT THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD HAD DEPARTED FROM HIM"

valateenth chapter Judges, 30th verse, "And he wist not," meaning Samson-he didn't realize that the spirit of the Lord and departed from him; he walked out and shook himself as, aforetime; he weighed as much; he was as strong physteally: his mind was as active, but although he possessed all that there was one thing that was necessary to make him as he had been-he wist not that the spirit of the Lord had left him."

"A man may have a fine physique; be may have strength; he may have greatpens; he may have a beautiful home, and church may be magnificent and fault-

the spirit of the Lord you are as Paul areas and the church is merely four walls

hals, and the endren is interely four walls with a roof over it. "Nothing in the world can substitute for the apirit of God; no wealth, culture nor anything in the world. By power we do not mean numbers; there never has been a time when there were more members in the hurch than today; yet we have the the set of the progress in the number of members in the church with the increased number of the church with the increased number of people in the nation. Our nation has grown to be 90,000,000 of people, but we are not correspondingly keeping pace with the number of church members; God's church has not increased correspondingly in power as it has in numbers, and while in-creasing in numbers it has not increased in spiritual power. I am giving you facts, t fancies. We are not dealing with ories. I am not saying anything against church; you never had a man come inte this community who would fight parder for the church of God Almighty than I would. I am talking about her sins and the things that sap her power-and by power I do not mean numbers. If you had an army of 100,000 and increased another 100,000 it ought to be doubled n power.

#### AMERICA WELL INFORMED.

"In the church of God today you know ere are a lot of people who are nothing ut derelicts and nothing but driftwood. By power I do not mean culture. There er was a time when the people of America were better informed than they are today; they have newspapers, telemes, telegraphs, rural delivery, fast trains. You can leave home and in five days you are in Europe. You can leave nome today and tomorrow morning you are in Chicago. If something happens in Japan or China tonight you can read it before you go to bed. The islands of the are our neighbors.

sea are our neighbors. "You can est dinner in Chicago and breakfast in New York. "By power I do not mean wealth. We are the richest people on the earth; nine-teen-iwentieths of all the wealth or all the money in the United States today is in the hands of professing Christians, Catholic and Protestant. That ought to mean that it is in God's hands; but it desan't. They are robbing God. I was in a church in Iowa that had three mem-bers who were worth \$20,000 each and In a church in 10 wa that had three mem-bars who were worth \$200,000 each and they paid their preacher the measly sal-ary of 400 a year, and I will be horn-swazgled if they did not owe him \$400 then. If I ever skinned any old fellows I did those old etingy coots. A man who desmit pay to the church is as big a swindler as a man who desmit pay his swindler as a man who doesn't pay his procery bill, and he is dead-beating his way to hell. You let somebody else pay your bills, you old dead-beat. God hasn't any more use today for a dead-beat in the church that he has for the man who cem't pay his grocery bill-not a bit! "I kick when a man rides up to the hurch in a \$5000 limousine, throws a arter in the collection plate and growis

THE INFLUENTIAL CHURCH. A stranger once asked: 'What is the t powerful and influential church in

some one will understand, so even the elect of the spirit are deceived. Try the spirit, whether it be of God, and in all ages when the church has stood for some-thing she has had power. That is why many a preacher is a failure today; he is a compromiser. That is why the church is a failure; she is compromising with the men that sit in the scats and own saloons and whom she never re-bukes; she is compromising with the men who rent their property for disordering burkes, and a compromising with the men who rent their property for disorderly houses, and whom she never rebukes. They are living off the products of shame, and if they buy food and clothes for their wives and children from such money, they, too, are living off this product of shame. We have lost our power because we have compromised. we have compromised

"When I played baseball I used to at-tend every theatre in the country. Since I was converted I have not darkened a theatro's door in 23 years, except to preach the Gospel. We've lost our power because we've lost our faith.

SOCIAL LEADERS.

"Our leading members are leaders in nothing but card parties and society; they are not leaders in spiritual things.

A man comes to me and says Mrs. Soand-so is one of my leading members. I ask, 'Does she visit the sick?' 'No.' 'Does she put her arms around some poor sinner and try to save her for Christ?" 'No.' And I find she is a leader in nothing but society, card parties, dances and bridge whist clubs. I don't call that kind a leading woman in the church; she is the devil's bell wither. That is true. I tell you people what I call your leading woman: She is the one who gets down on her knees and prays; she is the one that can wrap her arms around a sinner and lead her to Christ; that is a leading church member. You have it doped out

"Did Martin Luther trim his sails to "Did Martin Luther trim his sails to the breeze of his day? If he had, you would never have had a Reformation. I will tell you why we have lost our power; I have told you what I don't mean by power. Samson wist not, so the spirit

by power. Samson wist not, so the spirit of the Lord departed. "First, we have lost our power because we have failed to insist on the separa-tion of the church from the world. You have lost. The church is a separate body of men and women; we are to be in the world, but not of the world. Neither in your methods or impressions; she is all right in the world, all wrong when the world is in her, and the trouble with the church today is that she has suring a world is in her, and the trouble with the church today is that she has sprung a leak. The flood tides of the world have swept in until even her pews are en-guifed; yet, even the choir loft is almost submerged. We have become but a third-rate amusement bureau. The world has got to see a clean cut line of demarca-tion between the church and the world tion between the church and the world. So I believe.

"If there's anything the church of God needs it's to climb the stairs and get in an upper room. "I believe it is through the sound of

Ged. Come out from among them—and there is another bunch I have no use for, the come-outers. People who won't come out to any church. I would keep my hen roost locked when they are around. I know there are faults in the church, but that is no reason for you to say you

won't go to church. "Years ago, down in Fhillips' Academy, in Andover, there was developed a stu-dent who knew God. Some students go to Berlin, or Leipzig, or Munich and 'dream out a few heresles over beer mugs.' They go to Europe to 'brush up.' Sometimes they put a parenthesis around the college and allow a student to silp over from the academy to the seminary. The trouble with the church today is that too many are skimming the wire, like the gripman on a cable car."

SUNDAY'S ATHLETIC TACTICS FORM INTERESTING STUDY

#### Evangelist Walks Quarter Mile on Platform at Each Service.

"Billy" Sunday will have walked more than 32 miles on the platform of the tabernacle before the close of his cammost powerful and influential church in this town?" "That big stone Presbyterian church on the hill." 'How many members has 15?" 'I don't know; my wife is a member." 'How many Sunday school members?" 'I don't know; en wife is a or more than a quarter-mile upon each occasion. During these same sermons "Billy pounded the pulpit 21 times, or an aver-age of 77 times at each service. At this rate he will have emphasized his points rate he will have emphasized his points by this means 9009 times before the close of his nine-week campaign. On January 20, "Billy" completed the fourth week of his campaign in this city and had 13,585 conversions to his credit. The first call for converts was made on January 19; the average number of per-sons responding to his invitation at each service has, therefore, been 356. On this basis he will have 23,146 additional con-verts to his credit when he leaves Philaverts to his credit when he leaves Philadelphia. The average length of the sermons delivered by "Billy" has been about 6000 words. On this figure he will have deliv-ered sermons aggregating 702,000 words when he preaches his 117th and last ser-mon in this city.

#### SOME MINISTERS ARE CURSE TO GOD, SUNDAY DECLARES

Evangelist Delivers Stirring Sermon to United Presbyterian Preachers.

to United Presbyterian Preachers. "I'm tired of hearing of God as a great bis kiss-and a hug," declared "Billy" Sunday before the United Presbyterian "Sout-Winning" Conference, in the Sec-ond United Presbyterian Church, Race street, near 16th, today. "God is lot more than that, and don't you forget it. He's the God of Law and of Justice. We must pay our debts to Him, just as we pay our debts to men. "God's Marvelous Plan of Redemption as Revealed in the Gospel" was the subject of Mr. Sunday's sermon. Bellef in the divisity of Christ, the substitution of Christ on the cross for man and the Re-suprection were emphasized by him as the three cardinal points on which Chris-tianity was founded. "Doh, it's wonderful!" he exclaimed. "Every church bell rings, every song is sung, every sermon is preached around the stree points. "Us great!" he crief. "It's spough to

those three points. "It's great!" he cried. "It's enough to make oven a United Presbyterian shout."

make even a United Presbyterian shout." he continued with a smile, turning to the Rev. T. C. Pollock, pastor of the Oak Park United Presbyterian Church, who had introduced him. The pastors laughed, but became serious again when the evangelist launched into a tirade against the preachers who do not be-lleve in the divinity of Christ. "Such a man is a curse to God." he said. "All this knocking of Jesus began back yonder with the Pharisees and it has come from Gallies to Philadelphia. It's the same old gang, the Pharisees and the rest of the bunch. Mr. Sunday's sermon was preceded by

the rest of the bunch. Mr. Sunday's sermon was preceded by an address by the Rev. Dr. G. W. Bull, of Beranton, Pa., who spoke on "The Pen-tecostal Power." "Christ is on trial in this city." he de-clared." And you are needed on the wit-ness stand. It's a critical time now. I would testify in any court against any minister who denies the regenerating spirit of Jesus Christ, for such a minister has no message for the neople.

spirit of Jesus Christ, for such a minister has no message for the people. "Idolatry of talent and fine-turned phrases in the pulpit means 'Farewell, Pentecostal power!' Some persons are more shocked over Mr. Sunday's slang than over the sin it describes and assails, more shocked over his diction than over the devil it fights."

the devil it fights." The delegates to the conference at-tended the services in the Tabernacle this afternoon, after which the Rev. J. Knox McClurkin, of Pittaburgh, chairman of the "Billy" Sunday Campaign Com-mittee in Pittaburgh last year, spoke at the church. "Mel" Trotter, of Grand Rapids, Mich., will speak this evening.

AGAINST PUBLIC AID TO POOR

Secretary of Organized Charitles Says It Produces "Professional Parasites." To have Councils' Finance Committee To have Councils' Finance Committee grant additional appropriations for the un-employed, according to R. M. Little, sec-retary of the Society for Organizing Charity, would result in many persons becoming profesional parasites.

Mr. Little said today that before Chair-man John P. Connelly, of Councils' Finance Committee, had introduced the ordinance providing \$50,000 for the unemployed, about 220 families had their appli-cations on file in his office seeking aid. This number increased to 400 shortly

after the appropriations were granted. "The applications for ald decreased," said Mr. Little, "when it became generally known that our organization refused to have anything to do with the distribu-tion of the fund." Since last November, Mr. Little said that his society, with five puld workers and 25 volunteers, had helped more than 700 families in the Kensington section, and that \$3500 had been spent in clothing and food for destitute families.

### SUNDAY FOR LOCAL OPTION

Evangelist Believes Citizens Should Decide Liquor Question. The Glenn State-wide prohibition bill

was commented on today by "Billy" Sun-day. The evangelist declared himself for prohibition, but said that if prohibition could not be obtained, he was for local

option. "There isn't a bit of doubt in my mind," he said. "that the people ought to be given a chance to say whether they want the saboon to go. If they say that they don't and won't pass a prohibi-tion law, then I say 'good-night' to the people of Pennsylvania." WANAMAKER'S

He who would serve the people of Philadelphia best must serve day in and day

out and year in and year out, patiently, strongly, faithfully and untiringly.

The Wanamaker February Sale of *Furniture* 

is the highest sort of service that a great store can possibly give. A February Sale of Furniture is an original idea with this store. It has been developed in this store to its highest degree. It is preceded always by months of patient, faithful, untiring preparation, always devoted toward the object of getting better furniture to sell for lower prices. It is presented with all the strength at our command, and it results this year as all years in bringing new friends and in fastening old friendships with



### 300 Men's Fine Worsted Winter Suits Special at \$22.50

When we say that they represent the "bolt ends" of the manufacturers of our best ready-to-wear suits, a good many men will understand-they will understand that this is one of the rare opportunities to get the finest suits that come into any clothing store in Philadelphia at approximately the usual wholesale price.

Brand new from the tailor's, they represent the last Winter work of one of the best makers-the last of the cloth he had on hand. And that he should send these suits to the Wanamaker Store and not elsewhere, was a business obligation, because we had bought so much merchandise from him throughout the Winter.

No more Winter suits so good will come on the market this season. It's the last good chance to buy fine suits for the rest of this Winter and all of next Winter. (First Floor, Market)

## 175 Suits Special at \$10.50

These in the Men's Lower-Price Store on the Subway floor.

All worsted and cheviot suits specially priced at little above half their regular selling figures. All likely to go in a day. (Subway Floor, Market)

Store Closes 5:80 P. M.

nembers?' 'I don't know; my children

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#### SPIRIT OF THE LORD.

"Samson wist not, the spirit of the Lord ad departed. So might we have money, so might we have members, increase in ture; we have not increased in power. I mean spiritual power. Power to bring bings to pass by way of reform. What to I mean by power? I have told you that I did not mean. By power I mean ana I did not meen. By power I mean with the power of God comes upon you and enables you to do what you could and enables you to do what you could and the uthout that power. That comes to rea through confidence and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. There was a time that he church had more members and the church had more members and the has today; there never was a time when she had more members and the has today; there never was a time when she had more money than she is today, more culture; but there was a tone when she had more spiritual power and today.

today. The she was a separate funditution. Was not living for the devil like she today. And the church had not be-a clearing house for the forces of We are told that at Pentecost, tom of fire came upon the supertant compare.

#### COMPROMISER ASSAILED,

I dan't mean this gabby stuff they a got today that they call the things the spirit; I don't mean that Jabber-2 and froth and fo ming at the mouth 2011 can't understand a word they will hallove they will talk in language

-BEBORTS ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. YOT'S BUCK . Not and sold running water, den Turk Ave. & Both

### SUNDAY SUBSTITUTES FOR "MA"

Addresses Prayer Meeting in Gethsemane Baptist Church.

"Billy" Sunday addressed a prayer meeting in the Gethsemane Baptist Church, 18th street and Columbia avenue, this morning, and although more than 200 persons had gathered there expecting to hear "Ma" Sunday speak, they did not

persons had gathered there expecting to hear "Ma" Sunday speak, they did not seem disappointed at the substitution. "Billy's" talk was extemporaneous, but briaf and to the point. He said in part: "Don't tell me you can't work for God because you have so many impediments in your way. There are mighty few of you who have as many natural impedi-

because you have so many important to in your way. There are mighty few of you who have as many natural impedi-ments to overcome as I had when I first started. When I was a boy, I had a poor memory. When I had to recite a poem in school, I invariably forgot it completely, or else became completely toncue-tied. "When I wanted to speak at prayer meetings, the same things happened. I either forgot what I wanted to say when I got on my fest, or else I became tongue-tied and couldn't open my mouth. But I made up my mind to conquer these weaknesses. With God's help I did it, and you can do the same thing. "Fray! Frayer can work wonlers for you, but you've got to be right with God hefore He will do anything for you. Get on the job!"

### Unitarian Christianity

Christianity The last twenty-five years have witnessed an advance of Unitarian-iary in this country which is highly gratifying to those that love its work. More new societies have been expended in the work than in any previous similar period. Never had Unitarians such great harmony of spirit, never so strong an organi-ration as now. Led by as able a body of ministers as they have ever had, reinforced by ministers coming from other denominations with in-cruits far in excess of all losses, and ecotance of their views by churches still named orthodox, the Unitarians are facing a most hopeful future. The State Women of the ment part through their effective alliance of Unitarian and Other Lib-erat Christian Women. The Philadelphia League, a local fing at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the First utreet (February 4). A cordial in-vitation to be present is extended to an address by the Rev. E. H. Ree-man, of Laucaster, on the subject: The Unity of Aim and Work

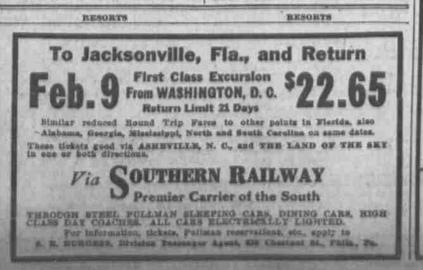
The Unity of Aim and Work of Unitarians and Other

#### Liberals

Liberals During the month of January about 10,060 Unitarian tracts have been distributed in this city. They have been taken willingity from the book room and the churches, not one so far as we know, having been thrust upon an unwilling recipient. This certainly indicates a consider-able and intelligent interest in Uni-tarianism. What can be the cause of it? If you enjoy meditation upon ideals that are as great as they are beautiful, visit

### The Unitarian Bookroom

1815 North Logan Square



### stronger bands. (Fifth and Sixth Floors)

# **Fashion Sale of Silks**

Three very busy days have considerably cut down quantities in every direction, but there are still left good assortments of some of the best and most popular silks.

Crepe failles .....\$2.25 Printed tussah .....\$1

Imported black silks in a large variety of fashionable weaves, all unusually priced. (West Alale, First Floor, Chestnut, and Subway Floor, Chestnut)

### Women's Fur Coats at Late Season Prices

A limited number of (Hudson seal or sheared muskrat) coats have just come from the furriers-coats whose early season prices were a third more. Those at \$60 have selfcollars and printed broche linings; those at \$90 and \$125 have skunk collars. And all three styles have the new flare which gives the new silhouette.

(Third Floor, Chestnut)

### The New Spring Coats In Strictly Tailored Styles

Covert cloth promises to be such a fashionable Spring fabric that at least five of the new models are developed in it.

You may have the three-quarter-length coat in covert cloth cut almost like a man's frock coat with straight lines and the natural waist line sharply defined at \$30.

Also in covert cloth are a number of the smart little hip length box coats, quite full at the hem, which is sometimes emphasized by strapped bands of velvet. They are \$25 and \$80.

For those who want dark colored coats are black and navy blue serges and black gabardines, three-quarter length and semi-fitted, some with belts. They are \$25.

#### (First Floor, Central)

### 500 Women's Dresses Going at Very Little Prices

Odds and ends of our Winter stock, but mostly recent enough in fashion to be perfectly wearable through the early Spring months. We have marked them—regardless of early season prices-like this:

\$4.50 each for 100 charmeuse and serge dresses. \$6.50 each for 100 charmeuse and serge dresses. \$10.75 each for dark velvet dresses.

\$12.50 for other serge and charmeuse frocks.

\$15 each for other velvet dresses.

\$15 each for admirable serge dresses and for others of charmeuse

And \$15 each for some very interesting evening dresses.

(First Floor, Central)

### **Odd Mussed Table Cloths** Lowered in Price

Several hundred in this group comprising all desirable grades and makes, and in lengths ranging from two to four yards; all at good savings. (First Floor, Chestnut)

### Some Queer Chinese Wood Baskets

shaped very like a big scallop shell, are among the new things coming into the Oriental Store. They and other baskets with handles are each \$1.75.

So are charming milky white "paste" bowls and spills which have been out of the market for some months. \$1.50 upwards. White porcelain bowls are somewhat cheaper. Chinese sacred lily bulbs are 15c each. Planted in

pebbles and water now, they will bloom for Easter. (Fourth Floor, Central)

### New Shipments in Wanted Undermuslins

Nightgowns of fine nainsook with embroidery and lace and others with machine embroidery and scalloped. Either at \$1.

The new circular ruffle wash petticoats, trimmed with embroidery and lace, \$2.75 to \$5.

(Third Fioor, Central)

JOHN WANAMAKER