

CHURCHES AND THEIR WORKERS RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES OF ALL DENOMINATIONS

100,000 CONVERTS IS RESULT OF SUNDAY'S CAMPAIGN IN CITY

The Rev. George G. Dowey Says Actual Number of Adherents Greatly Exceeds "Trail Hitters" at the Tabernacle.

More than 100,000 "trail hitters," instead of the 20,000 officially reported, is the result of the "Billy" Sunday campaign in this city, said the Rev. George G. Dowey, organizer of the "Billy" Sunday Bible classes and secretary of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association, today. Thirty thousand converts, the number who have "hit the trail" at the tabernacle, does not give an adequate conception of the far-reaching effects of the revival, he said, for reports from pastors in various parts of the city show much greater results. At least 70,000 men and women have "hit the trail" in the churches, is Mr. Dowey's opinion, bringing the actual number of converts up to not less than 100,000.

A weekly report from pastors of all churches of the city has been requested so that the actual figures showing the direct result of the campaign may be obtained.

REPORTS OF PASTORS.

"I asked one pastor in West Philadelphia, for example, how many converts he has had to date," said Mr. Dowey. "He replied that 33 persons have become converts, only 15 of whom previously 'hit the trail' at the tabernacle. The other 18 made their confession of faith in the churches."

"Another minister in South Philadelphia reports 125 converts, only 15 of whom were converted at the tabernacle. Both these ministers have large Bible classes in active operation. Another church reports 210 converts, only 25 per cent. of whom came from the tabernacle. On a single Sunday afternoon a minister reported his men's Bible class received five 'trail hitters' from the tabernacle and 10 converts from the church."

"These are merely a few facts and figures which have come to my attention. It is interesting to me to gather such records from all over the city, and I am therefore making arrangements to gather a weekly report from pastors concerning the results of their churches."

"There are many unique and exceptional incidents in connection with the campaign. One extraordinary case is that of a man who, when brought into a men's Bible class in an aristocratic part of the city, came reluctantly, just to satisfy a group of half a dozen men who urged him to join. He became interested in the work. The first member he brought was a Jew. The second was a Chinaman. He became so absorbed in the work that he became a Christian himself and converted both the Chinaman and the Jew to Christianity."

MANY UNIQUE CONVERSIONS.

"Incidents of this kind are occurring in Philadelphia so frequently now that they would fill volumes," he continued. "In asking all the ministers to send me data concerning the influence of the campaign in their churches, I am asking for the number of men in their Bible classes and the number of converts received. A report like this will stimulate other large cities to revival activity."

FEAST OF PURIM TO BE OBSERVED TOMORROW

Services Commemorative of Delivery of Jews From Haman's Hands.

The Feast of Purim will be celebrated by all the religious Jews in Philadelphia tomorrow. Services will be held in all the Orthodox and Reformed synagogues throughout the city.

Purim has always been celebrated on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Adar. It is held in commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews from the hands of Haman, the Prime Minister of Persia during the reign of Ahasuerus (Xerxes), the King of Persia. Haman had planned for the destruction of all the Jews in his kingdom, but his plans were frustrated by the discovery of his plot by Mordecai, who was the uncle of Esther, who was the Queen of Persia. Haman's plot was the disclosure of his plans, and he lost his powerful position and was hanged.

The word "Purim" when translated means "Lots." This holiday is called "Feast of Lots," because it was upon a lot that Haman had had lots cast to decide his plans, and the Jews rejoice at the failure thereof.

At both the morning and evening services the large scrolls in the synagogues are unfurled and the "Book of Esther" is read.

THE "BILLY" SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

CENTRAL TRUTH OF TOMORROW'S LESSON.

February 28, 1915—International Series—1 Samuel, vii, 3-17.

REVIVALS—Ancient and Modern

By GEORGE G. DOWEY

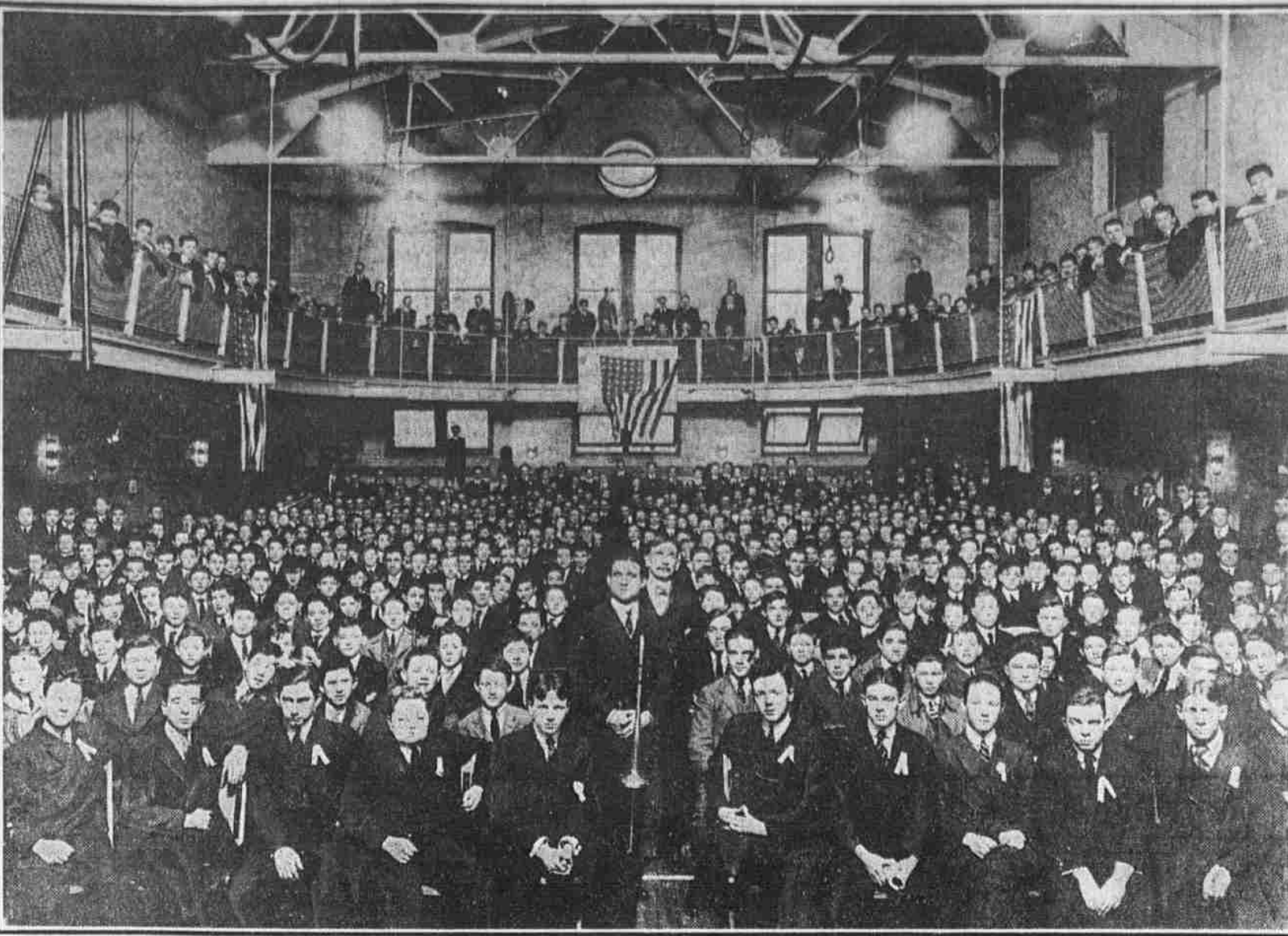
"Billy" Sunday's method of conducting a revival is considered by many a modern method, but in truth it is as ancient as the prophets of Old Testament times. This lesson is the story of an ancient revival. Analyze it, and we find that the same principles obtain in a real revival at any time.

God's people had been playing a losing game for over 200 years. Year by year they were yielding their personal and political independence and their property to the enemy, the Philistines. At times they wondered if God were a living reality to allow such a condition among His people. Suddenly they realized the fault was not with God but in themselves, and they talked about having a revival. Who would conduct it? It had to centre around some personality; some man who was right with God himself, who knew the right principles and methods of conducting a revival and who could speak with authority to the people. Samuel was that man. If he were here today he would be called a modern evangelist.

The central truth is suggested by the five principles (in verses 3 to 8) Samuel laid down as fundamental to a real revival. Compare with present day successful revivals and note the similarity. (1) They were to "gather together"—that meant unity of all the 12 tribes for a common purpose. (2) Prayer—maybe they had cottage prayer meetings. (3) They were to put away idols—that meant repentance and separation from the things that crowded God out of their lives. (4) They were to "prepare their hearts toward God"—that was the exercise of faith. (5) They were to "serve Him only"—that meant undivided service. Now read the rest of the chapter and see how these principles worked. In verse 7 we learn that the Philistines (they typify the world, the enemy of the church) went up and tried to break up the revival, but in verse 13 we read "The Philistines were subdued," and in verse 14, "The cities which the Philistines had taken were restored to Israel."

This was truly a "modern" revival in ancient times. The same is now in operation in Philadelphia, where the church is "gathered together" for prayer, repentance, faith and undivided service. Note the effect upon the enemy—rebellion, then submission and restoring of ground to the church. It is the victory for the church. Observation of the same principles will bring victory to any community, any church, or to an individual life.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HEAR "RODEY"



The audience of 600 which greeted Prof. Homer A. Rodeheaver, of the "Billy" Sunday party, at the North Branch Young Men's Christian Association, 1013 West Lehigh avenue, Wednesday, February 24. Sixty-five of them "hit the trail."

GEORGE LONG TO TALK ON "TWICE-BORN MEN"

Superintendent of Inasmuch Mission Will Speak Tomorrow at Central Y. M. C. A.

George Long, founder and superintendent of the Inasmuch Mission, Locust street between 10th and 11th streets, will relate the life histories of many regenerated men in an address, "Twice-Born Men," at the men's meeting in the Central Branch Young Men's Christian Association auditorium tomorrow at 8 o'clock.

Himself a convert, Mr. Long knows the problems of the underworld perhaps better than any other man in Philadelphia. In the mission which he founded, as a result of his experiences, he comes in daily contact with the entire range of human misery, and in his address he will illustrate with some of the most recent and striking cases which he has encountered.

There will be no meeting of the Drop-In Bible Class in the lobby tomorrow. Instead, the members will attend the regular meeting in the auditorium, after which they will join their friends and march in a body to the tabernacle for the evening services. They will be under the leadership of the director of the class, Thomas L. Lawton, who will be in the lobby to distribute the badges which are necessary to secure the reservations made at the tabernacle for the party.

Shop meetings in connection with the Sunday campaign will be held at noon every day during the week. A special meeting for the office forces of the high valley and the Pennsylvania Railroads will be held Friday afternoon, March 5, at 4:30 o'clock, in St. Paul's Church, 34 street and Williams alley. Prof. Homer A. Rodeheaver, chairman of the "Billy" Sunday party, will be the speaker.

George H. Strecker will speak at the boys' meeting at the 1st Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets, tomorrow afternoon at 8 o'clock, on "Floating Cities." The lecture will be illustrated by 125 stereoscopic slides.

North Branch Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Henry Fisher has been elected chairman of the board of managers of the North Branch Young Men's Christian Association. The other officers elected are: T. Clark Dill, vice chairman; C. E.

The Friendly Path

Schieffelin, recording secretary, and Charles W. Shelmire, treasurer. John G. Sonnenborn, cashier of the Ninth National Bank, has consented to serve on the board.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, connected with St. Simon's Protestant Episcopal Church, attended Communion service in a body last Sunday morning, after which they took breakfast at the Y. M. C. A. Accompanied by Bishop Rhinelander, the Rev. George J. Galenta, rector of St. Simon's; George H. Strecker and J. K. Shroyck, officers of the society, 60 members marched from the church.

Dr. Finlay M. Wilson will conduct the Bible lecture Friday evening at 8 o'clock, speaking on the subject, "Christ's Power Over Death."

Walter H. Wood, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of this city, will give the vocational guidance lecture Wednesday evening, March 3, at 8 o'clock.

RELIGIOUS BRIEVITIES

The Rev. William Muir Auld, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, will preach on "Churchmanship" at the morning service tomorrow, and in the evening on "Abuse of Pulpit." At the mid-week service on Wednesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Auld will speak on "Called to Be Saints."

The Rev. Dr. George Chalmers Richmond will preach at Old St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church tomorrow morning on "Why Can't the Diocese Have Great Episcopal Preaching?" and, in the evening, on "The Failure of Billy Sunday as a Preacher of Modern Righteousness, or Why He Fails as Rockefeller."

"Faith" is the subject of the Rev. Dr. R. K. Yerkes, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Woodland avenue below 34th st., tomorrow morning.

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PLAN TO CONSERVE 'BILLY' SUNDAY'S WORK

Drexel Biddle Bible Classes Arrange for Aggressive Campaign.

Plans for an aggressive campaign to conserve the work of "Billy" Sunday at the close of his campaign have been made by the chief directors of the Drexel Biddle Bible Classes of Philadelphia and the speakers of New Jersey.

A series of rallies will be held, at which speakers of national prominence will make addresses. There will be no regular meetings of the classes during the campaign.

The first rally will be held in the Allegheny Avenue Baptist Church, March 15, and will be followed by others at the Messiah Reformed Church, March 25; the Fourth Baptist Church, April 8; the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Redemption, April 14; the Holy Trinity Parish House, April 22; the Bethany Presbyterian Temple, May 6, and in Camden May 17. Rallies are also planned for Germantown and Wilmington, at the last named place on April 15.

The fourth annual service of the classes will take place in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Rittenhouse square, on Thursday night, April 29. Acceptances have already been received from four Episcopal bishops and 120 clergy of 12 denominations who will occupy the chancel and reserved seats. The classes will march around the square into the church, headed by three bands. The Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, rector of the church, will deliver the anniversary address and the music will be under the direction of Ralph Kinder.

The fourth session of the Drexel Biddle Bible Classes Baseball League will be opened on May 1. It has been decided to limit the number of teams to eight, and entries must be in the hands of Judson J. Adams, director of athletics, by March 20.

"Ma" Sunday to Speak "Ma" Sunday will address a meeting in the assembly hall at the Young Women's Christian Association tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Many of the "trail hitters" from whom Mrs. Sunday has secured a declaration of faith will be present.

DR. GEO. CHALMERS RICHMOND'S SERMONS are now on sale at Jacobus Reeser's and the Socialist book stores. The Rev. Dr. Charles B. Howker, rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Lawrence, Mass., will preach on "The Church and the World" at the Epiphany service, 10th street above Chestnut street, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at 8 o'clock.

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"Hitting the Sawdust Trail"

BY AMOS R. WELLS

With hope in our hearts and with light in our eyes, We are hitting the sawdust trail. With our souls firmly set on the ever-lasting prize, We are hitting the sawdust trail. We have said goodby to the sorrow and the sin, To the hard, broad way that so long we've traveled in; And the true, dark joy we are setting out for us, As we're hitting the sawdust trail.

'Mid the sneers of our foes and the prayers of our friends, We are hitting the sawdust trail. We're the ones of the world with the song of heaven blends, As we're hitting the sawdust trail. Let them laugh, let them mock, in their silly, headless glee, Our eternity at stake, and for trifles what care we? From the doom of death to be ransomed, to be free, We are hitting the sawdust trail.

We have seen enough of the devil and his ways, So we're hitting the sawdust trail. We have lived enough of the wicked, weary days, So we're hitting the sawdust trail. Oh, the glad release from the wretched and the vile! Oh, the glow of hope in the happy, crowded aisle! Oh, the sweet home joys and the Saviour's loving smile, As we're hitting the sawdust trail! —Christian Endeavor World.

MISSIONARIES DEPICT PERILS IN FAR EAST

Massacres and Hostilities Terrifying Natives of Persia and West Africa.

Massacres and hostilities in Persia and West Africa have so far left the missionaries untouched, but greatly inconvenienced, according to the latest bulletin issued by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The American flag is their greatest asset for protection.

"This may be the last letter I can send for some time," writes a missionary from Tabriz. "All the Armenians that can get vehicles of any kind are fleeing from the city and the Europeans are being driven out. We have also left or are leaving. Our Consul, the only neutral one, plans to stay. From Urmia we hear that the troops have gone or are being withdrawn, but we can get no other word from them."

"Here there has been great excitement. Every room in the Boys' School property is full of our own people or those in some way related to us. As it is the property that can be best held, because it is near the city, it is being held."

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"You should have seen our house New Year's morning. In the evening friends and after midnight refugees from Maragha arrived. We had 30 guests the next day. One missionary's wife with a little baby not a month old rode on horseback, carrying the baby, and her husband led the horse."

A lack of medical supplies and food is reported in a letter from the Rev. Dr. G. H. Finney, in Benito, Spanish Guinea, who says that money ran out long before Christmas, compelling the missionaries to borrow from trading firms.

"The night of December 23 was the most terrible I have ever been through," writes the Rev. Dr. W. S. Lehman, from Benito. "We were not in danger ourselves, but we suffered in seeing what innocent people—men, women and children—suffered."

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