

BENEFITS OF SUNDAY REVIVAL POINTED OUT BY MANY ENTHUSIASTS

Thousands Admit Good Wrought by Strenuous Campaign—Souls Saved, Homes Rebuilt and Saloons Hard Hit.

Philadelphia has just gone through the greatest religious revival in the history of the world. Eleven weeks and two days ago, on January 2, "Billy" Sunday, the greatest enemy of sin and the devil in the land, stepped from the Chicago Limited in Broad Street Station and was cheered to the echo by thousands of men and women who had been waiting the way for him to begin his greatest evangelistic campaign.

"Since Jesus Came Into My Life" was the most popular hymn that thrilled the night breeze. And the many thousands who sang it did so with true emotion and enthusiasm. They all felt that something new and great has come into their lives. Today, they went forth to their various occupations, in mills and shops, in banks and offices, on the rumbling trains and speaking trolleys. But they were different men and women.

Besides these there were thousands of other persons who had found Christ through the straight-from-the-shoulder sermons of the evangelist, sermons thrilled with the spirit and teachings of the Master.

THE REVIVAL AND CITY. What has this great revival meant to Philadelphia? What will it mean to the City of Brotherly Love in the years to come? These questions are in the minds of many today. The true answer cannot be given. No person would venture to do more than guess as to the good wrought by the revival. Some of the critics who have been saying Sunday among the canyons from the beginning, continue to scoff at him and the results. Some say "it will have a bad effect in the future." None of them can give any proof that their assertions are true. It has never been anything like it before. If the results prove the same in this city as in other cities where "Billy" has spoken, no person can truthfully say that he has done any harm.

RESULTS IN FIGURES. But to revert to the definite results in figures as compiled during the campaign. What has been the result? More than 2,500,000 men and women heard Sunday preach. About 45,000 persons took their stand for Jesus Christ in the tabernacle meetings. The exact number of cards giving the names and addresses of converts, which the officials of the campaign have turned over to the churches, was 41,724. Besides these there were 615 students of Princeton who "hit the trail" when the evangelist spoke in the college town. Many others "hit the trail" at his meetings outside the tabernacle. Members of the Sunday party also led hundreds to profess conversion at the scores of meetings outside the tabernacle.

PREACHED IN SERMONS. "Billy" preached 147 sermons in the tabernacle. He was received by President Wilson in the White House. He addressed a meeting of distinguished representatives of the Government in Convention Hall, Washington; spoke at more than a dozen parlor and shop meetings, and addressed the students of Princeton Theological Seminary, Haverford College, Swarthmore College, Bryn Mawr College, the West Chester State Normal School, many private schools and gave a sermon before the New Jersey State Assembly, in Trenton.

SOME OPINIONS. When asked for an opinion on the benefits and results of the campaign John Wanamaker said: "It is too early to tell the results of Mr. Sunday's campaign. His work will tell better in 10 days or to weeks from now than it does today. It is not like a flash of lightning; it is a change of atmosphere and will show for itself in the coming weeks."

The Rev. Dr. Floyd Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, said: "The results of Mr. Sunday's campaign have surpassed my most sanguine expectations. Thousands of persons who hitherto took no interest in religion have had their hearts warmed and have turned their faces to God. Of course, there are many who will continue to rebel against the church as a single day in the past, but this is to be expected. Mr. Sunday's work is a lasting one. It will not end with his departure, but continue to influence the lives of those who heard him for years. Too much cannot be said in praise of his work."

The Rev. William H. Roberts, stated clerk and ex-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, said: "Doctor Sunday's work has been effective. It has influenced not only the city but the suburbs for 50 miles in every direction. I have come in touch with at least 100 persons in this city who have been brought to Christ by his work. Many Presbyterian pastors in and out of the city report to me large additions to their congregations of persons who have been brought to Christ by his work. Christians have been revived everywhere and hundreds confessed Jesus Christ as their Saviour. It is now easy

to talk religion and I have no doubt that many more conversions will result because of this fact. Joseph M. Steel, chairman of the Executive Committee, said: "Mr. Sunday's campaign was delightful. We could not have asked for it to be better. It was a great success. Mr. Sunday's work in Philadelphia has meant much for the present and future good of Philadelphia. In the years to come its influence will keep moving on." George C. Shane, executive secretary, said: "There has never been anything like this campaign for the good of Philadelphia. It is not possible to estimate the benefits that have come to the city through it. It means more for the future than for the present. I'd rather see the City Hall removed and the necessary building erected to arrive than to see the good Mr. Sunday has done here during the past week. The city could better afford the loss of the City Hall than the loss of the good Mr. Sunday has brought to it. The whole country has been made better also."

"BILLY" SUNDAY BIDS FAREWELL TO CITY

Continued from Page One. Listened intently. Then he smiled a broad smile and tears of joy came into his sharp, gray eyes. Thousands of men and women were singing the stirring hymn which resounded in the tabernacle time and again during the 11 weeks of the campaign. "Since Jesus Came Into My Life" was the favorite hymn sung by the thousands who came to bid "Billy" and "Ma" farewell and wish them "God-speed."

The words were sung by as many thousands as could crowd into the station. They were caught up by other thousands who filled the floor of the depot. The singing could be heard across the city. A few minutes before, as Sunday and members of his party arrived at the station, they were greeted by approving cheers and songs by the thousands of persons. The entire tabernacle through had marched to City Hall immediately after the meeting and sang "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" and other joyful hymns until it was time for the train to pull out of the station.

POLICE GUARD NECESSARY. The assistance of a large detail of police was required to get Sunday and "Ma" to their home from the tabernacle and from their home to the station. At the house there were thousands waiting to wave "Billy" farewell, and Sergeant Kelly and Policemen Bradley and Parsons, who escorted the evangelist, had to make a path to the waiting automobile.

On the arrival at the depot it required the assistance of 50 policemen to force a way through the clamoring crowd in order to evade the crush. "Billy" and "Ma" were taken to the station platform through a private entrance from 15th street, much to the disappointment of the throng. When the starting and cheering had subsided that Sunday was in the train and it went with him once more. Finally, after much persuasion, after personal friends had massed around him and flashlights had been taken by newspaper men, "Billy" and "Ma" were escorted to the train platform by a private entrance from the side of the depot, and there the evangelist stood for several minutes, waving his hat, laughing gleefully and strengthening his arms in response to the thousands of voices that called for a speech.

"BILLY" DEEPLY TOUCHED. It would have been impossible for any person four feet away from him to have heard a word he might have uttered, so the pleadings were in vain. The crowds quickly realized this, and then, as one voice, they began to sing "Since Jesus Came Into My Life." As a path was made by the policemen through the throng of personal friends for the evangelist to pass, another hymn was begun to wave "Billy" farewell. "Ma" was escorted to the train platform by a private entrance from the side of the depot, and there the evangelist stood for several minutes, waving his hat, laughing gleefully and strengthening his arms in response to the thousands of voices that called for a speech.

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SUNDAY CAMPAIGN STATISTICS Attendance. Approximate grand total, 2,700,000 Average attendance at each service, 18,600 Converts. Grand total (press tally), 44,598 Number who signed pledge cards, 41,724 Average number of conversions at each service, 381 Collections. Current expense collection \$57,000.00 Collections for charity, 21,344.18 Sunday thank offering, \$2,565.22 Total collections, \$180,909.40 Average contribution from each person, .05 Miscellaneous. Number of sermons preached at the tabernacle, 147 Cases treated at the tubercular hospital, 1,178 Babies cared for at the tubercular nursery, 5,200 Outside meetings conducted by members of the Sunday party, 800 Largest number of converts at one service, 961 Smallest number of converts at one service, 84

was unable to get inside the big wooden building to hear him. At all the services "Billy," "Ma," "Rodey" and Bentley D. Ackley and the other members of the Sunday party were cheered to the echo, and the "glory row" brought to Sunday his greatest joy. The cards that were signed and turned in for the day numbered 158, but the total number who "hit the trail" was at least 300.

"HIT THE TRAIL." At the women's meeting, in the afternoon, 501 cards were obtained by the secretaries. The total number of converts at this meeting was 100. With the converts of yesterday the total number of "trail-hitters" was brought up to 41,724, according to the figures compiled by the newspapers. The total number of cards sent through the postoffice to churches and churches was 41,724. Of these 351 went forward last night, at the close of the farewell sermon. Among these was Curtis D. Pose, secretary to Mayor Blankenburg, who, a few minutes before Sunday started to preach, conveyed to the evangelist the personal thanks of the Mayor for the good he has done for Philadelphia.

The last time "Billy" announced before his sermon was that all the cash offers turned in at the meetings yesterday were to be turned over to the executive committee to be given to the poor of Philadelphia in the manner the officials saw fit to distribute them. They amounted to \$23,125.

When "Billy" left he took with him a letter from Edward H. Bonnell for \$2,565.22, a steel amount of the thank offering received by Mr. Bonnell as treasurer of the committee for Sunday. The sum will doubtless be increased by several thousand dollars today and during the week, as many checks were turned in at the tabernacle and others were received by Mr. Bonnell this morning.

HIS FAREWELL MESSAGE. As he stood on the steps of the Pullman coach, "Billy" gave his last formal message to the people of Philadelphia. It was as follows: "For 11 weeks Philadelphia has focused the attention of the Christian and civilized world—and of worlds beneath and above

this one—while the united hosts of the Christian church have fought and won a great battle for God. "It isn't easy to sever these ties that bind us to the army of ushers, secretaries, doormen, policemen, firemen, newspaper men, committee men, pastors and all who, in a hundred ways, have so elaborately expressed their appreciation and affection and have opened their palatial homes and their churches and places of business for the use of his car. "In all my 18 years' experience in evangelism I have never met a response more prompt, co-operation more cordial and constant and hospitality more open hearted and gracious and genuine. I'm gravely and indelibly on the tablets of memory is the rich experience of a brief residence in the City of Brotherly Love, and the discovery that the nature of her people is still true to that ancient name."

"FOR THE LAST TIME." "Billy" last words to the people in the tabernacle as he concluded his farewell sermon and prayer, before the "trail-hitters" began, were: "Now, for this last time," he trumpeted with his hands, "who'll give me his hand this last time in this farewell meeting, and say, 'The best I know how, I'll give my life to Jesus Christ.'"

The rush of men completely filled the aisles for some time. Finally, toward the end of the hand-shaking, two women found their way to the front. Although it was a "men-only" meeting a few of the braver women had managed to get inside. Two of them shook "Billy's" hand, while the others tried in vain to do so.

In his sermon Sunday said that he had come with the crowd: "With Jesus Christ you're seated; without Him you're lost," and he was going to leave with the same creed on his lips. If he had said anything that Christ did not like, he added, he was sorry and declared that he had spoken as best he knew how for the redemption of Philadelphia. He made a special appeal to the churches to take care of the converts.

SUNDAY THANKS ALL. Previous to the evening sermon, while thousands were clamoring for admittance, Sunday thanked the members of the committee, mentioning Joseph M. Steel, the chairman; George C. Shane, the executive secretary; Pen T. Welch and others. He thanked John Baker Tuttle, head of the ushers; the ushers, the doorkeepers, the firemen, the policemen, the secretaries,

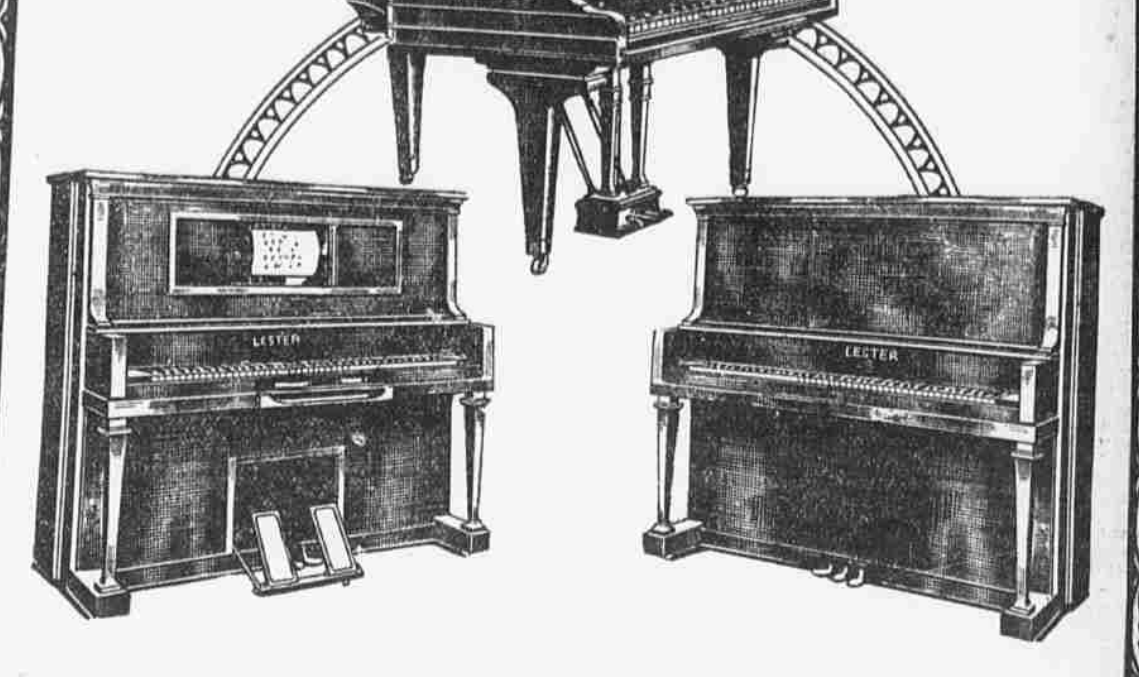
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the newspapers and all others who had helped to make the campaign a success. When he mentioned John Wanamaker, in thanking him for the use of his car, there went up a great cheer, and for several minutes the crowd applauded and called for the merchant to speak. Mr. Wanamaker was not disposed to speak. "Billy" himself pleaded with him to say a few words. Mr. Wanamaker only stood for a minute back of the platform, and sat down without speaking. To the ushers, doorkeepers, secretaries and policemen Sunday paid special tribute for their excellent work. In speaking of the newspapers, he declared his belief that the space given to the campaign would have cost more than \$1,000,000, if it had been bought at regular advertising rates.

LETTER FROM BRUMBAUGH. Previous to these addresses the Rev. George G. Dowey, secretary of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association, and organizer of the "Billy" Sunday Bible classes of more than 50,000 men, spoke and presented a letter from Governor Brumbaugh, thanking the people for standing back of him in his local address, had said that if Pennsylvania's Legislature passes the local option bill, a large part of the credit would belong to Sunday for his battle against rum, and the meetings in the tabernacle when thousands took their stand for the prohibition law. The letter from Governor



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