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REV. BILLY SUNDAY.

Rev. Billy Sunday is conducting a revival campaign in Columbus, Ohio. We will give you a few extracts from the reports of his sayings:

"Don't go and talk religion to your grocer when you've got a grocery bill months past due. Go down and pay your debts before you ask him to become a Christian, and he'll have more faith in you and in the church.

There are in this country 180,000 churches, with 2,600,000 communicants, but there are 67,000,000 who do not profess Christianity. The downright truth is that the forces of hell are making more progress than the forces of righteousness. Do you know there are more than 200 deserted churches in Ohio alone?

Out of every 259 people in the state, one is insane, and if the rate of increase in insanity continues there will not be a sane person in the country in 200 years from now.

TOO MANY FALSE ALARMS.

"You say religion makes men insane. You are a black-hearted liar. It's hell that makes people mad, and sin and the devil. It is hypocrisy to pray for things you aren't willing to work for. You've got too many men who call themselves Christians who are frauds and cheats, excess baggage and false alarms.

WORKERS, NOT KNOCKERS, WANTED.

A large number of men and women, laboring for a thing, will get results, quite irrespective of its merits, but how much greater results will they get, working with God? God wants workers, not knockers. It requires neither brains nor heart to find fault.

Let me give you some facts. The Protestant churches of New York City have over 50,000 fewer members now than they had a year ago. The Baptist church is holding about one-fourth of its members, the Methodists one-half and the Presbyterian church one-third. Every one of these fails to reach the great unchurched multitude. At a recent church conference, 7,500 churches made reports they did not have one single accession on confession of faith in twelve months—not one. In twelve months 378 churches got 239 people to accept Jesus Christ."

REVIVAL RESULTS MENTIONED.

I tell you we've got the bars too low. Most any old hog with a veneer of respectability can come grunting along and break into a church with the word orthodox written above its doors.

All the Congregational churches of Boston and Chicago spent together \$444,000 in twelve months for a total accession of 1,306 people. Why, we did more than that in one day at McKeesport, where 1,500 people came down the aisles and grasped me by the hand. The trouble is people are not working. It cost \$620 to win a single soul to Christ in Indianapolis. Then they rage and howl about the amount of money I get. Why, it averages less than \$2 a person that accepts Christ. In New York the per capita cost is \$545; in Boston, \$465; in Denver, \$445; in Chicago, \$425. In the south it is only from \$60 to \$75. Why? Because in the South 56 per cent. of all men are church members, while up here in this part of the country only 22 per cent., and on the Pacific coast just 6 per cent.

PREACHERS AND CHURCH MEMBERS WHO PATRONIZE PLAYS.

We've lost our power because we have re-

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fused to separate the church from the world, to live the way we ought to live. We don't have to gad to theatres. I wouldn't give a snap of my finger for a theatre-going preacher or a theatre-going church member.

STINGY ONES ROASTED.

Why, some men are so stingy," he added, "they won't give up a dime to the church without saying, 'God be with you till we meet again.' Some men are so stingy that if you ask them to join in singing Old Hundred they'd sing only 99 to save 1 per cent. Some men are so stingy that they sing through their noses to save wearing out their false teeth."

Faith in God as a necessary requisite for power was explained by the evangelist. "You must believe before you'll see," he declared. "We've grown materialistic. You've lost faith because you've lost your birthright, which is power.

"Many of you never open your Bibles unless a baby is born, or some one dies, or is married. You wouldn't open the Bible then if you didn't want to keep up the family records.

I HATE A COWARD.

"Your birthright is power and you sell it to stick your feet under the card table of society. Men are selling their souls because they can't endure the sneers and the scorn of those who can't do right and who won't see others do right. I hate a coward, especially a religious coward."

If a city sags morally, the trouble is not with God, but with the citizenship. I plead for a revival that will send the drunken man home to his wife sober, that will shut up every brewery, every grog shop, every red light district. I plead for a revival that will make this world what God wants it to be.

Some say that a revival is abnormal. I say you lie. Some say it is followed by a reaction. I say you lie again. But even if it is, I claim it is better to have a man sober for a year than not at all. If you call in a doctor to look after your little one, and by his ministrations he preserves it to your arms for twelve months, don't you think the doctor is worth all he cost?

REVIVALS ARE NEEDED.

A revival is needed whenever religious conditions are not ideal. You might as well expect to sink the battleship Ohio with a shotgun, or hell to sing the doxology, as to expect the spirit of God to come in an atmosphere of discord. One reason the world doesn't join the church is because the church has joined the world. When you can get more people to go to a literary meeting than to Bible study, great God, you need a revival! Some men have their religion and their property in their wife's name, but you've got to be more than a brother-in-law to religion if you expect to go to heaven.

"Most of our Sunday school teaching is a disgrace and a shame. If you taught in that lazy, unprepared manner, they wouldn't stand you in the public schools for 15 minutes. America needs a panic in religion. This world doesn't need informing so much as it needs reforming.

Some ministers say the day of the revival is over. No; the day is over with the preacher that says it. Some say we need a revival of ethical culture. They say 'read good books, think good thoughts and you will go to heaven: You'll go to hell, that's what you will.

PREACHES AGAINST EVILS.

No one has ever heard me say an unkind

word against any minister, but I have preached against their practices. Show me a church served by a preacher with no concern for souls, and I will show you a third rate amusement bureau with religion left out. Your churches in Columbus have been cold, indifferent, critical. You can't scald a hog in ice water, you know. You have become mildewed and damp. The devil hates a revival, but he is dead stuck on the attitude that some of you take towards me. There never has been a time when business men were more willing to put their time and money in a campaign like this."

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly meeting of District No. 4 convened with the church at Port Maitland on Friday, Nov. 29th. Meeting opened at 7.30 by singing. A very interesting discourse was given by Mr. Peters, who, being a converted Catholic, was asked by the pastor to assist in our meeting.

On Saturday afternoon our business session opened at 2.30, the President in the chair; singing; Scripture reading, 1st Cor., 13, by Pastor S. H. Clark; prayer by Mr. Peters.

Roll call of the different churches: Port Maitland, Bro. Warren Sollows, Sister Charles Adams; Brazil Lake, Sister Rebecca Cann; Sandford, Bros. Edgar Landers and Albert Shaw; Cedar Lake, Lalia Wetmore.

Port Maitland reports: God blessing those who had been true; no desire to look back, but press on to higher ground. Bro. S. H. Clark is our pastor.

Brazil Lake reports: The Lord is blessing us as a little church; our young converts are making good progress in the Christian way; we have a good pastor and appreciate his labor with us.

Cedar Lake reports: While we praise God for what he is to us, we are still looking to Him for greater blessings. Our prayer services are great seasons of refreshing to us; interest is good. We expect to have our new church ready for use in the near future.

Sandford reports: Bro. S. H. Clark is our pastor, and labors faithfully with us part of his time. Prayer meetings regularly maintained. Our missionary meetings are very interesting. Have much to praise God for.

The following officers were elected: S. H. Clark, President; Warren Sollows, Secretary; Sister Charles Adams, Treasurer; L. A. Landers, Highway Agent.

Moved and seconded, that Bro. Peters be given a seat in the Quarterly Meeting.

Moved and seconded, that the President write to Mission Board and see what they will do toward the support of Bro. Peters at New Tusket.

Meeting adjourned to meet at evening service.

Meeting opened at 7.30; singing; preaching by Rev. Plumstead, of the Yarmouth Pentecostal Church.

Sabbath morning, love feast at 9.30, led by Bro. Peters, which was a season of great refreshing. Preaching at 10.30 by Rev. Plumstead.

Sunday afternoon and evening services, led by Bro. Peters, telling of the many sacrifices it had been necessary for him to make in order to leave all and follow the Lord.

WARREN SOLLWS, Secretary.