Ordinary People Extraordinary Things

Bruce Ballast

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The statistics appear to show that in eastern Massachusetts, for example, the addition to the evangelical churches for five-year periods after the Great Tabernacle meetings in Boston were not so large as for five-year periods before.

And most pastors have observed that the quality of the material brought into the churches under these influences is not so high as that gained by the devoted work of the local church by its own methods among its own clientage.

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"Moderates and Liberals"

What they wanted was a revivalism which would be both intellectually respectable and emotionally fervent, which would show some awareness of the need for social reform and yet not substitute socialism for regenerating individuals.



They felt that a more practical application of the Christian message was needed, but did not want the churches to take any stand on the controversial issues of capital and labor. In short, they wanted to have their cake and eat it too.

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1911 650 full-time evangelists

1,200 part-timers

1912-1918 35,000 revivals

1914-1917 \$20,000,000 per

year – "Professional tabernacle evangelism."

Billy Sunday 11-19-1862 12-23-1862





During the first three years of his life Billy was anything but a healthy child, and his mother and her relatives often despaired of his life. He was small at birth, lacking in strength, and for some reason did not gain rapidly, as his brothers had done.

Then an old French doctor, living in the neighborhood, prescribed some herb remedies that seemed to be just the thing, for the soon had the boy going toward robust health.

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As I saw the ball rise in the air I knew it was going clear over my head into the crowd that overflowed the field. I turned my back and ran. The field was crowded with people and as I ran I yelled, "Get out of the way!" and that crowd opened like the Red Sea for the rod of Moses.

I ran on, and as I ran I made a prayer; it wasn't theological, either, I tell you that. I said, "God, if you ever helped a mortal man, help me to get that ball!" I ran and jumped over the bench when I thought I was under it, and stopped.

I looked back and saw it going over my head, and I jumped and shoved out my left hand, and the ball hit it and stuck! At the rate I was going the momentum carried me on and I fell under the feet of a team of horses.

But I held onto it and jumped up with the ball in my hand.

Billy Sunday

11-19-1862 1886 Conversion

12-23-1862 Mrs. Clark

1874 Heizer leaves 1890-91 YMCA

1893-1895

1876 on his own JW Chapman

1833 - 1891 1895 First revival



Billy Sunday

1917 New York

1919 Prohibition



Billy Sunday "Two dollars a soul"



In his examination before the Presbytery, the former ball player was plied with questions for an hour or more by the professors of theology and the learned members of the body. He answered their questions to their entire satisfaction, and his orthodoxy was pronounce sound in every particular...



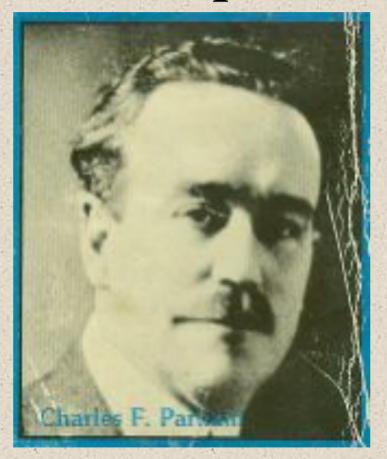
Occasionally some erudite professor would ask him a question that was a poser, to which he would immediately reply: "That's too deep for me," or "I will have to pass that up."

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I had scarcely repeated three dozen sentences when a glory fell upon her, a halo seemed to surround her head and face, and she began speaking in the Chinese language, and was unable to speak English for three days.



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