

SECRETARIES TAKE NAMES ON "TRAIL"

Forty-Four Prominent Omaha Men Selected to Assist Sunday in Work at Tabernacle.

G. C. EDGERLY IS IN CHARGE

Forty-four secretaries have been appointed and have agreed to serve at the "Billy" Sunday meetings.

It will be the duty of these men to be in front of the evangelist's platform at every service, particularly the evening meetings, to take the names of the "trail hitters" just after they have grasped Mr. Sunday's hand and acknowledged their intentions to turn a new leaf, acknowledge Christ and lead a Christian life.

The men are all carefully picked. They

must be alert, quick and sympathetic. They will be provided with cards, on which they will write the names, addresses and church preferences of the converts.

With a large number of secretaries the names of several hundred converts can be written in a very few minutes each evening.

The secretaries will be under direction of G. C. Edgerly, and among them are many well known business and professional men of the city. They are as follows:

- J. H. McMillan, Dr. H. B. Hamilton, E. U. Solomon, Dr. P. J. Ryan, H. D. Rice, T. N. Crosby, Henry Wantan, W. B. Wyman, Ernest Freeman, Cecil Vesey, E. H. Kenworthy, R. H. Bessey, Leslie Griffith, Lester Ladd, George Crosby, Colonel Patterson, C. H. Walrath, J. L. Cameron, James Hodges, T. H. Weirick, E. P. Sweeney, W. Wallace, J. H. Ready, E. A. Finlay, C. L. Schneider, George Meekel, G. W. Cain, W. N. Halsey, W. P. Knapp, John R. Collins, W. B. Wyman, D. D. Hall, G. W. Noble, J. M. Lowe, T. P. Timmon, F. M. Bayles, E. H. Jones, J. L. Cameron, James Hodges, Harry C. McClain, Judge Sutton, W. R. Bassett, L. W. Devalon.

Sundayisms at the Tab as Caught by Our Staff Artist



Know God Through Bible.
We have out loose from the Bible, and any man who is living contrary to the Bible is a sinner, whether he feels like a sinner or not. Every man who is living contrary to the laws is a criminal whether he feels like it or not. A man who breaks the law of God is a sinner and is on the road to hell, whether he feels like it or like a saint. Jesus came into the world to reveal God to man, and man reveals him to man. The only revelation we have of Jesus is through the Bible. You have got to know the Bible to know Jesus. You have got to know Jesus to know God; that's how I get through here. There is no revelation for God to make of himself greater than he has made through Jesus Christ. It is not impossible for the human intellect to have a greater conception of God. Every man needs Christ. Jesus is the savior that he needs and he has got to know the Bible to show what it is that makes Jesus the savior. He needs a savior and now is the time to accept a savior and be saved. That's what the Bible says.

Holy Spirit Necessary.
Then you need the Holy Spirit; without him you can not do anything. The spirit of God works through clean hands. There are too many dirty hands, too many dirty people trying to preach a clean gospel. I have known men that have preached the truth and God has honored the truth, although their lives were not as they should be, but God honored the truth and not the people who preached the truth. But if they had been Christians themselves then God would have honored them more because He would have honored them and the truth.

Prayer, three-fourths of the church members have no family prayer. I will bet my life against a cancelled postage stamp today that half the people here did not read the Bible nor pray before you came here today. You wash your hands, wash your face, dress yourself, you get your breakfast, your dinner, you read the Bible. No. Did you pray? No. If you cared for the physical manhood and womanhood the same way that you care for your spiritual manhood and womanhood, you would be just as dried up, and useless, and weak physically as you are spiritually. I have a physical nature that demands food and care. Then, too, I have a spiritual nature that demands food and care, and the word of God. You let your spiritual life starve. That is the reason your pew is full of driftwood; that is the reason that religion is but a mirage.

Pray God to give you power. Pray God to give you power to carry on His work after you have become converted. I don't preach a sermon that I don't pray God for help, and I never finish a sermon that I don't thank God that I have preached it. I never finish a sermon but that I ask for power to carry on the work, strength to carry it along. So I get ready by praying. I never preach a sermon that I don't soak it in prayer.

Horse Sense in Preaching. Pure hearts. If I have any inkling in my heart the Lord will not come in. We need a wise head. We need horse sense in preaching. We need horse sense in what we do. I think God is constantly looking for a company of men and women that are constantly alive. There are too many dead ones. He needs men and women that are always at it, not only during the revival; we need to be full of faith, dead in earnest, never give up, a bulldog tenacity and stick-to-it-iveness for the cause of God Almighty. That is what God is looking for. Many have done things just for the applause of the world. Newton would study all night to get a sentence to embody a thought. Reynolds would sit for 36 hours without food to get the right word to write an ode. Wesley used to travel from 4,000 to 7,000 miles a year on horseback in the days of Itinerant Methodism and get most of his rest and sleep right in the saddle. Beacher Caywright, an itinerant preacher in Illinois in the days of Lincoln, traveled from Cairo to Holland, Ill., riding horseback—what would he do? He used to have to swim rivers five to seven times a day; he would have to find a foot log and cross the foot log; take off his clothes and leave them on the opposite bank, come back and get his horse and swim across; night would overtake him and he would sleep on the prairie, lying down there without anything to eat.

Church Apathetic to Loss. The church of God has not smelled gunpowder for 50 years. That is what the matter with it; it has become proud, haughty, arrogant, self-centered, and apathetic to men's lost condition; there is not a church in Christendom that has not occasion to thank God for Lyman Beecher. He preached and John Newton was converted. Scott heard Newton and Scott was converted. A peddler went to a home and sold a Bible where there was a little boy named Richard, who read it. Richard Baxter wrote "Saints' Rest." Philip Coleridge read "Saints' Rest" and he wrote "The Rise and Progress of Religion." Willberforce read the "Rise and

Progress of Religion and he wrote "Practical View of Christianity." Doctor Chalmers read "Practical View of Christianity" and he wrote the "Expulsive Power of New Affections." Doctor Chalmers got the idea for his book when riding in a western stage coach and he noticed that the driver whipped the off mule whenever he came near a projecting log or rock when they were going along the gorge of 2,000 feet deep and he beat him. He said:

"Why do you abuse that mule?" and the driver pointed to the ledge of rocks in the path. "I am afraid he will shy and fall over and if I beat him just before we come to it it takes his mind off it and he goes by;" and thus Dr. Chalmers got the idea of expulsive power of new affections. Get Jesus Christ and the cards will go out. Get Jesus Christ and you won't need to do the cheap skate leg shows. Let the Bible come in and the novels will go out.

Classes of People to Help. There are five classes of people and this classification will touch every man and woman whether in Omaha, New York or London. Many work in every community who cannot attend church. If you get in a railroad car there are lots of people who must work on Sunday. Certain work must be done on the Sabbath. Christ recognized that fact when he walked through the corn field and plucked an ear of corn and the gang that walked after him saw him pluck and eat the corn and cried out: "He breaks the Sabbath; he eats corn on the Sabbath." Those old scoundrels would not give him anything to eat, but they tagged along there and he turned around and said: "If you had oxen and they fall in a pit on the Sabbath, will you leave them

there or will you take them out? Don't you lead your horse to water on the Sabbath or any other day, then have a little bath or some people think if they don't build a fire on the Sabbath, but sit around and eat a cold lunch they are honoring God. If somebody smiles, they say: "Oh, don't smile on the Sabbath." Doesn't the Lord have a hard time of it? But for the five classes which include all of you:

First, those who cannot attend church and you will always find some are sick, shut in, some have to work in hotels and restaurants, the meals in your house have to get your meals, the railroad men have to get out, the furriers must be kept going in the steel works.

Second, those who can attend and who do not attend church. There are 1,000,000 people that can and don't attend church. Some folks never darken the church door until they die and they carry their old carcass in to have a large funeral; that it is no compliment to any man and it is an insult to manhood, and disgrace to the individual that he never darkens the church door. But he darkens the door of the drug shop any day.

Third, those who can and do attend church and who are moved by the preaching. There are lots of people who come out of curiosity; some one tells a lie and they say, "Let's go down and hear that fellow, 'Billy'" and they come down to find somebody stringing them; they find I am preaching the truth to them, for a fellow knows the truth when he hears it. A saloonkeeper down here said: "I dare not go, dare not hear him any more. If I do I will lose my job." He knows what I preach is the truth and he knows

he is dead wrong and there are no mistakes like that. Fourth, those who can go to church and those who do go to church and are moved by the preaching and convicted but not converted. Every man that hears the truth is convicted. That saloon keeper is convicted, he knows what I preach is the truth and he knows he cannot do that and be a Christian. Talk to those men about Jesus Christ. Get them to take their stand for righteousness. Fifth, those who can and do go to church and are convicted by the preaching and converted. They need strengthening. They are converted now, but they need the benefit of your experience. You say, "Where will I find these people to talk to them?" Where won't you find them? Where can you find a place where they are not? You will only find one place where they are not and that is in the cemetery. Right in your neighborhood, right in your block, how many are saved unless they are born again, are Christians? Are your children, Christians? If they are let them alone and get after somebody else's husband and children. Don't sit down and thank God that your husband and children are Christians. Suppose I were to say to my family, my George, my Nell, my Paul, my Helen are Christians. We are all Christians, let the rest of the world go to the devil. There is too much of that spirit in the church today.

Work All the Time. Go from house to house. Go to the people in your block, in your place of business. Have you said anything to the telephone girl when you called her up? You are quick enough to jump on her when she gives you the wrong number. Have you said anything to the delivery boy—to the butcher? Have you asked the milkman? Have you said anything to the newsboy that throws your paper on the doorstep? Have you called them up at the newspaper office? Have you said anything to the girl that waits on you at the store, to the servant who brings your dinner in at home, to the woman who scrubs your floors? Where will you find them—where won't you find them? Notice these facts: First, out of Jesus Christ there is no salvation; second, that all have sinned; and that all who came to repent shall not be cast out. None are saved unless they are born again. Remember faith and not feeling saves the people. I never talk to any man, "How do you feel?" No, sir. Feeling is the result. Faith is required. God requires us to believe to be saved. Obedience and blessing always walk arm in arm. They never trail. The Bible is the only guide. There is no salvation in hell. The man that preaches future probation lies. If the man don't settle it before he dies, he never has a chance. It is all over with it. What is the use of me ruining my throat if these old sinners have a chance to be converted in the other world? Let them go. When you look around and see young men and women with their character forming, and realize that they are forming for life, it astounds and distresses us how so many men and women can be so indifferent. People come to me and say: "Mr. Sunday, you work so hard, I worry about you." Great God! You are so lazy I worry about you. The indifference of a lot of people astounds me 40,000 times more than my energy astounds you. How can you see people go to hell and doing nothing to save themselves I cannot understand. They won't wait upon the Lord to renew their strength. I go home many afternoon so tired that I think that I won't come back at night, but I come back by night just as fresh as a daisy. Why? Because the Lord refreshes me. And no man or woman does any harder or works any harder than I do. This is not egotism but the truth. Be natural. I try to be. I have no more pulpit manners than some others have on the street. Just try to be folks all the time. If there is anything that God loves it is folks; and not the codfishy, doggy aristocracy. I don't have one tone of voice here and another when I go to the grocery. Here is something you can all do. Invite the unsaved to come, and talk with them in private. Speak with them at home. Write them a letter. I wouldn't send anybody a postcard. I would spend two cents instead and send him a letter. With all the means we have in this city, it should not be hard to reach the unsaved. Copyright, William A. Sunday.

Sunday Pleads for More Workers to Help in the Church of the Savior

"Billy" Sunday preached at the Tabernacle yesterday afternoon on how to win souls to Christ. His text was: Prov. 11:30: "He that winneth souls is wise."

There are many people who want to win somebody for Jesus and they are willing to be told how to do it. I believe there are hundreds and thousands of people who are willing to work and who know something must be done, but they are waiting for help; I mean from men and women of ordinary ability. Many people are sick and tired and disgusted with just professing religion; they are tired of trotting to church and trotting home again. They sit in a pew and listen to a sermon; they are tired of that not speaking to anybody and not engaging in personal work; they are getting tired of it and the church is dying because of it; there is nothing to it. A lot should wake up and go to the rescue and win for Jesus Christ.

Personal Work at Home. I want to say to the deacons, stewards, vestrymen, prudential committee that they should work and the place to begin is at your own home. Sit down and write the names of five or ten of your friends, and many of them members of your own church, and two or three of those not members of any church; yet you mingle with these people in the club, in business, in your home in a friendly way. You meet them every week, some of them every day, and you never speak to them on the subject of religion; you never bring it to their attention at all; you should be up and doing something for God and God's truth. There are always opportunities for a Christian to work for God. There is always a chance to speak to some one about God. I am not going to theorize, we are dealing too much in theories and speculations. This or that interpretation of some dogma or doctrine is not going to give you spiritual power. You carry your religion with you by the bare truth. Be out and out for God. Have a heart to heart talk with some people and win them to Christ. The first recorded words of Jesus are these: "What yet not I must be about my Father's business?" He was lost and they found him sitting in the temple and he had the old Pharisees and doctors of the law tied up in a bunch. That whole bunch had brain fever trying to keep up with him and he was only twelve years old. His mother found him and said: "Son, don't you know we have been searching for you?" He answered: "What yet not, I must be about my Father's business?" and from then until now he has been calling us to go forth and do his work. Mothers should plead with their children, and they in turn should plead with their friends for religion.

Church Too Indifferent. The trouble is we are too lackadaisical in religion, indifferent and dead and lifeless. That is the spirit of the committee today in the church. I think the multitude in the church will have to get converted themselves before they can lead anyone else to Christ. It is my firm conviction after sixteen years of experience in the work that half the people in the church have never been converted, have never been born again. I take up a bottle of water, uncork it and take a drink. That is experimental. One sip of water can convince me more of its power to slake thirst than 40,000 books written on the subject. You know quinine is bitter because you have experienced; you know fire will burn because you have experienced; you know ice will freeze; it is cold, you have experienced.

A man must experience religion to know God. All you know of God is what you read in some book or what you hear somebody else talk about; you haven't lived so that you could learn first handed, so most of your religion is second handed. There is too much second hand stuff in the church. It is your privilege to know and to have salvation. Jesus said to Peter: "When you are converted, strengthen thy brother." You are not in a position to help anybody else unless you have helped yourself. God doesn't save on the installment plan. A man is either on the road to heaven or on the road to hell. God doesn't do things by halves.

Need Bible in Personal Work. It has been said that God made the birds without wings and they hopped and crept around, but didn't sing, and after a while God put wings on them and they commenced to sing. Not on your life! When God made the bird he made them all. God does not have to double on the trail and back-track. When the Lord does a job he finishes it right and you can't improve on it. The trouble with a lot of you church members, you spend too much time dreaming over "The Lady of the Lake," Milton, Bacon, Shakespeare, Chaucer and a lot of such things—you can quote Shakespeare by the yard for the devil and he will give you the ha-ha. If you take the word of God he will take the crown. So many church members know nothing about the Bible. A preacher will take a text from the Bible and get as far from it as the east is from the west. A young preacher just out of the seminary said: "Must I confine myself, my preaching, to the Bible? Just like a little schamp would say, 'must I confine my roaming to the Atlantic ocean.' Imagine a little minnow saying: 'Must I confine myself to the Atlantic Ocean?' 'Must I confine myself to the Bible?' Just as if his in-

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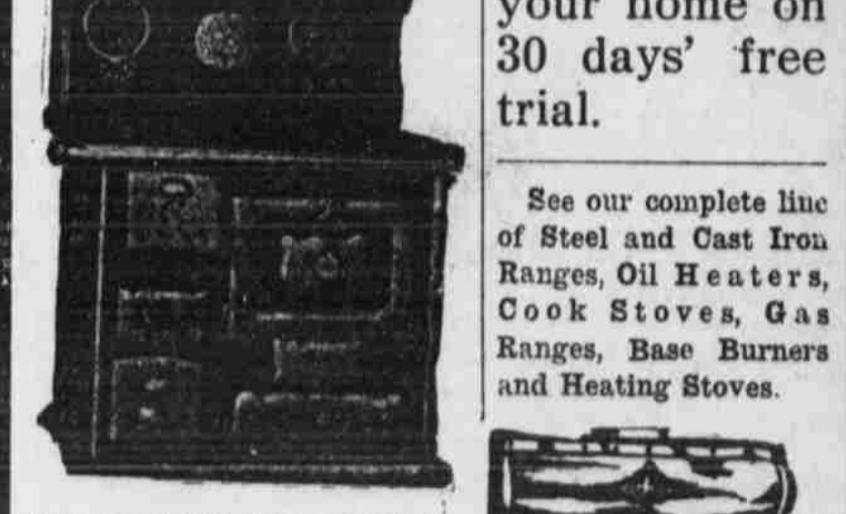
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