

Such a Cloud of Witnesses

"Stories of American Christians"

Temple Baptist Church
January 10, 2021



Proverbs 11:28-31

28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; **and he that winneth souls is wise.**

31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: **much more the wicked and the sinner.**

William Ashley Sunday



Ames, Iowa

November 19, 1862

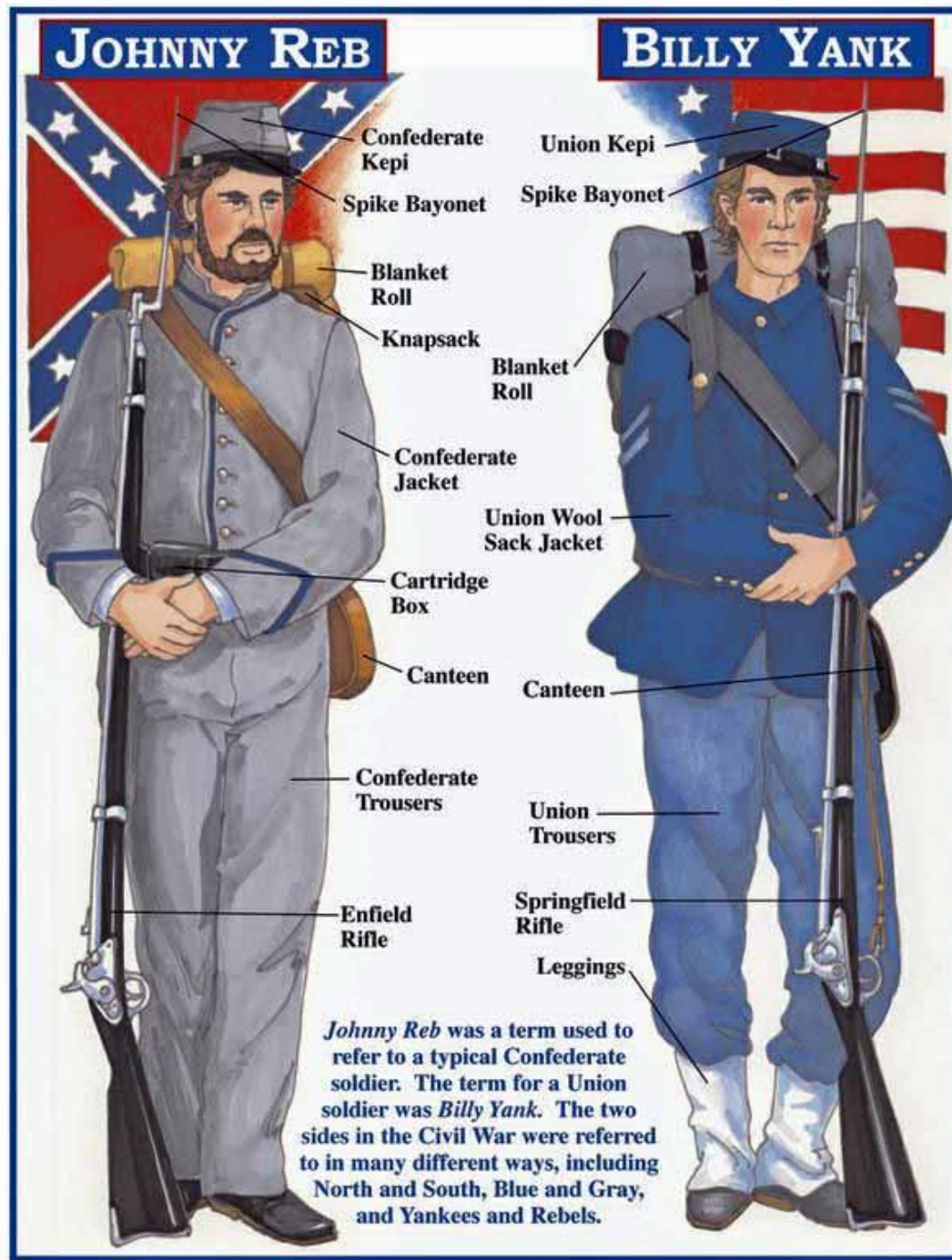


Civil War

655,000 Dead

214,000 Combat Casualties

441,000 Other Causes



Iowa Soldiers Orphan's Home 1872



Iowa Soldiers Orphan's Home



Nevada, Iowa

- Scotts Family 1874



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF NEVADA, IOWA, LOOKING NORTH FROM COURT HOUSE.

Billy Sunday & Baseball



Baseball - 1839

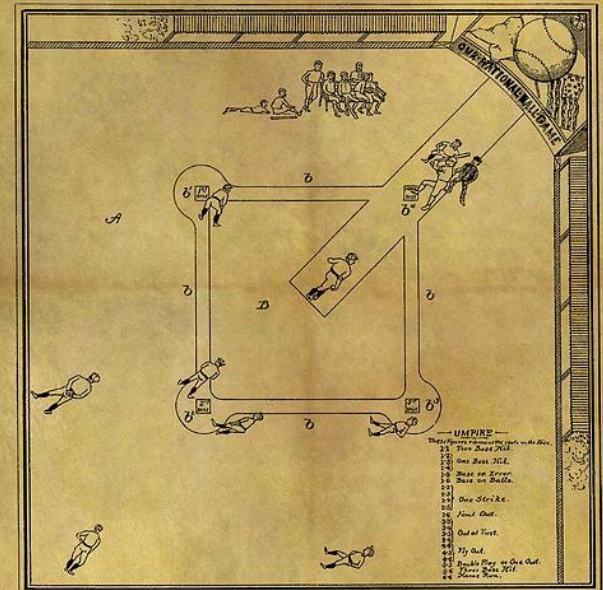


BASEBALL

E. K. McGILL.
GAME.

No. 367,991.

Patented Aug. 9, 1887.



Witnesses:

N. W. North
H. F. Riley

Inventor:

Edward K. McGill
by *R. S. Dwyer*
his Attorney.

Abner & Mary Doubleday

Marshalltown, Iowa

- Fireman 1880



MAIN STREET SCENE, MARSHALLTOWN, IA.

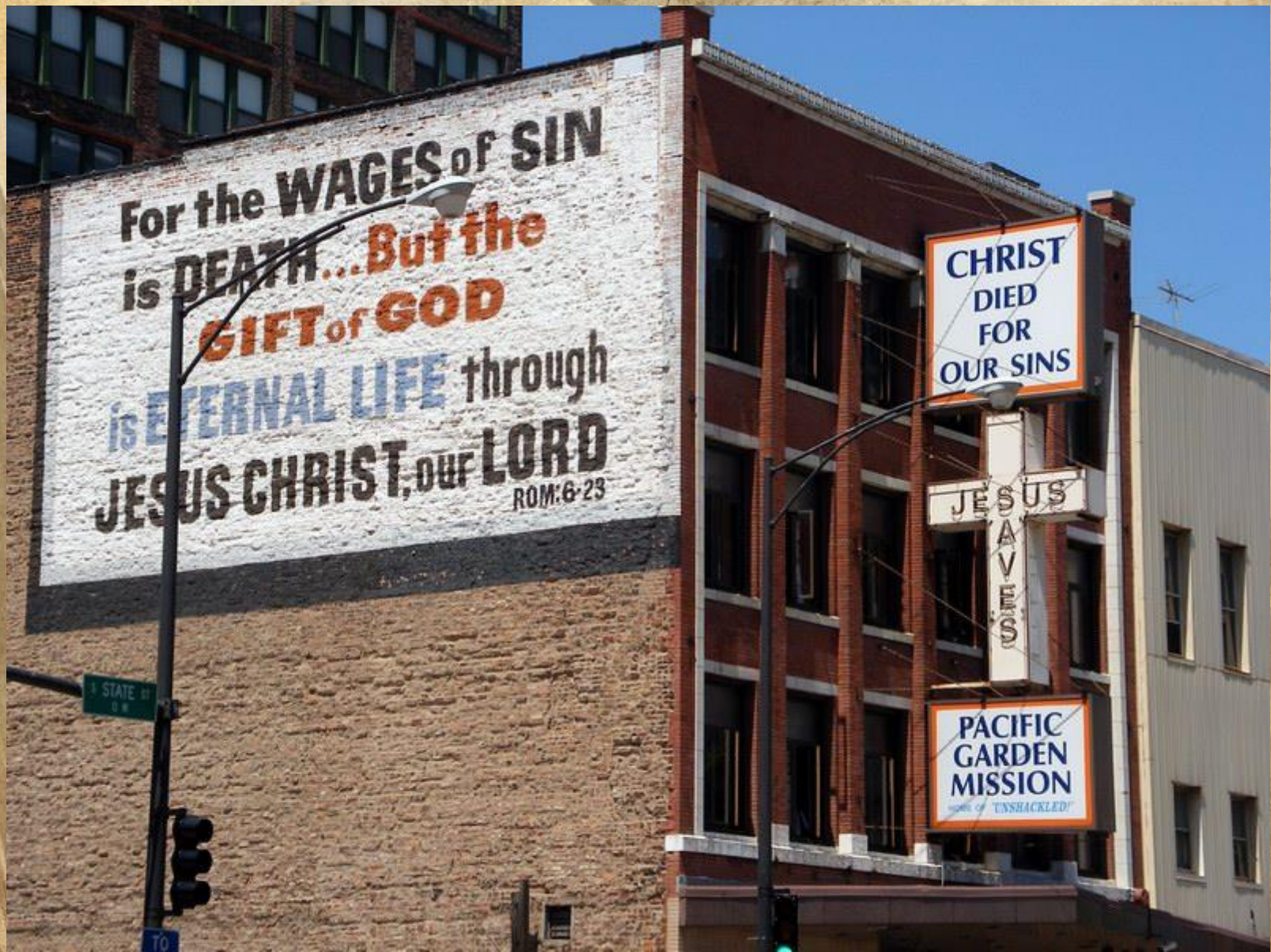
June 1920-

Professional Baseball

- Chicago 1883



Pacific Garden Mission 1877



Street Preaching

-George Whitefield 1740



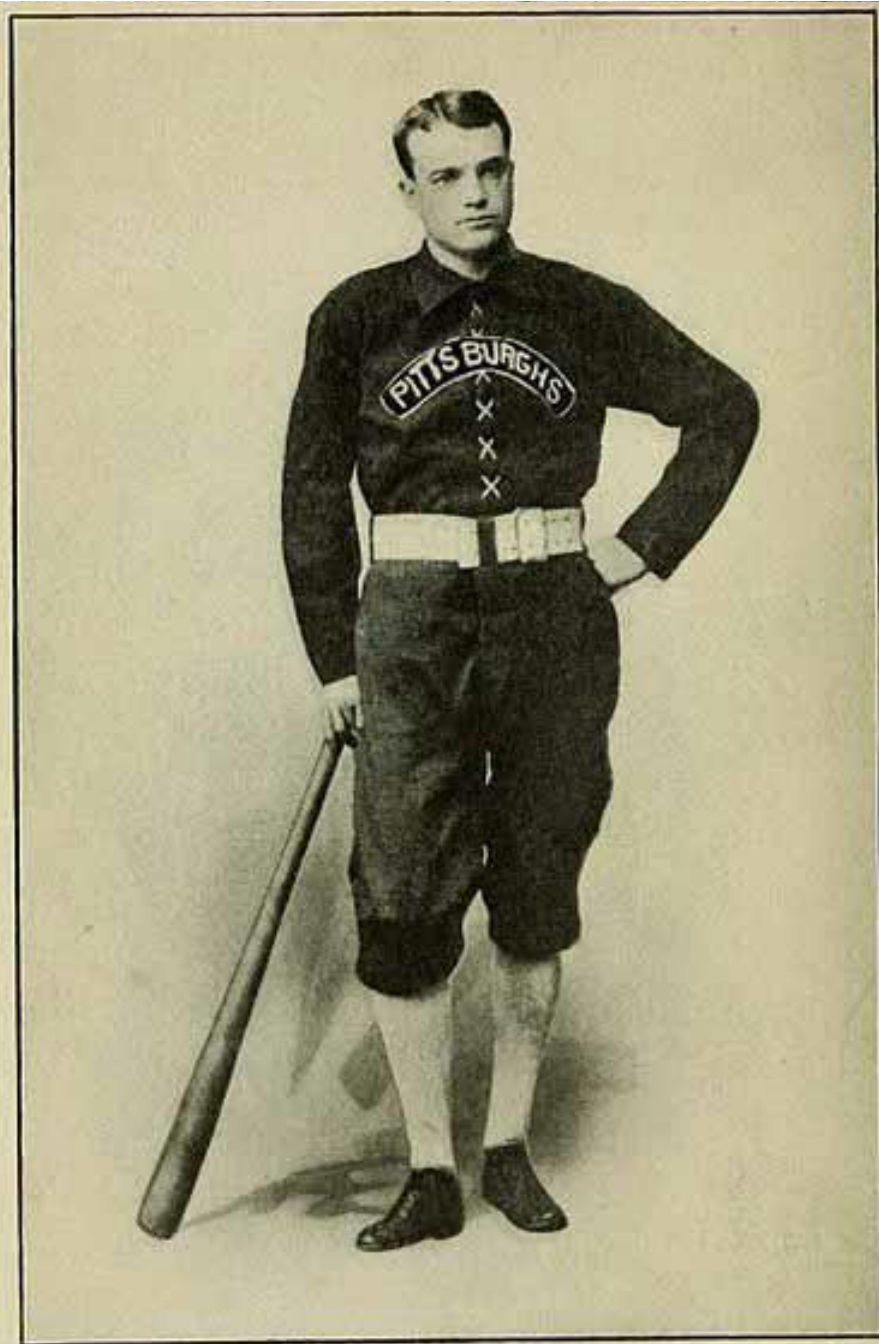
Street Preaching

- 1886



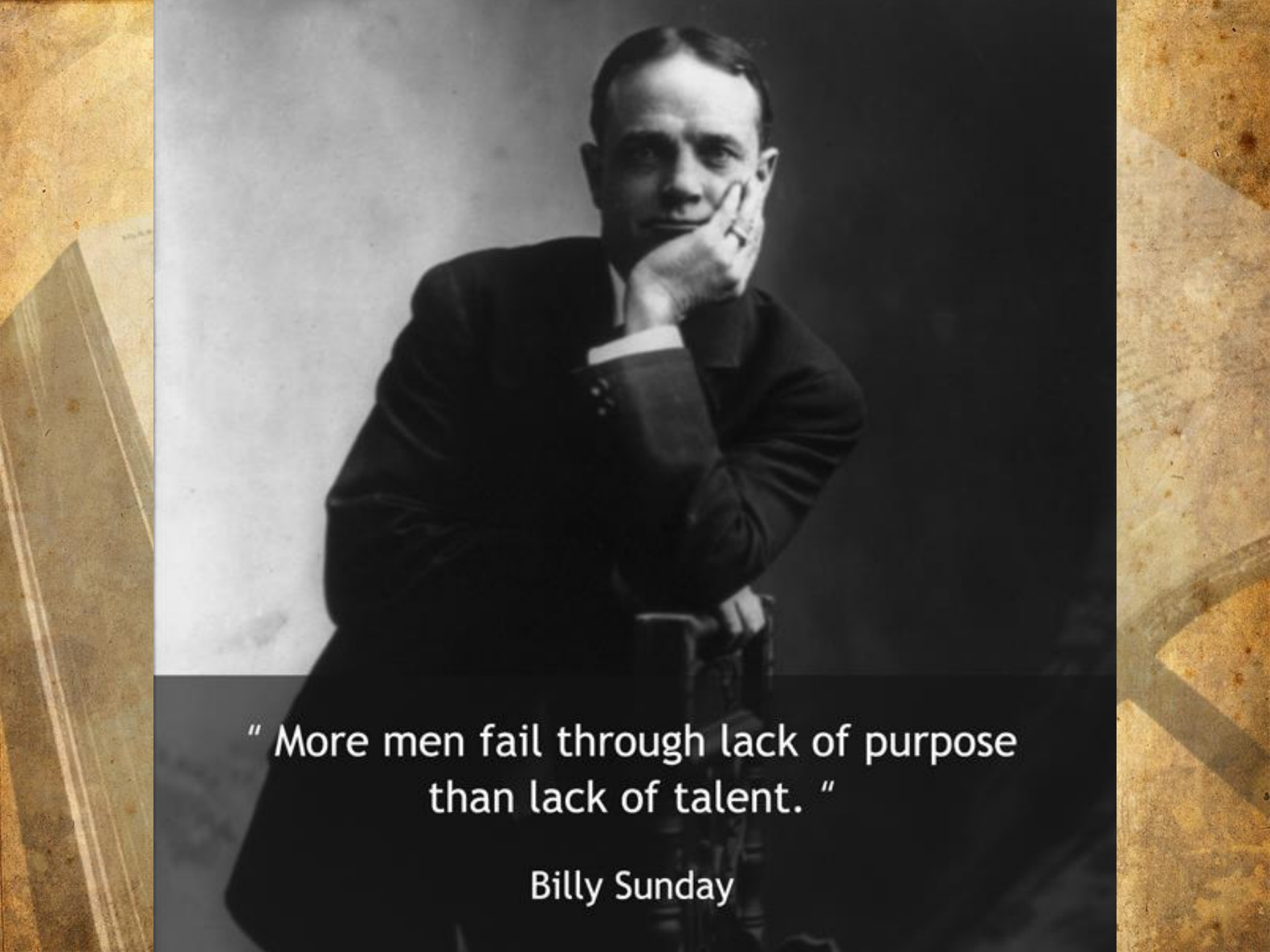
Professional Baseball

-Pittsburg 1887



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BILLY SUNDAY IN NATIONAL LEAGUE UNIFORM.

A black and white portrait of Billy Sunday, a man in a dark suit, sitting and resting his chin on his hand. The background is a gradient of light to dark. The image is framed by a textured, aged paper border on the left and right sides.

" More men fail through lack of purpose
than lack of talent. "

Billy Sunday

Young Men's Christian Association

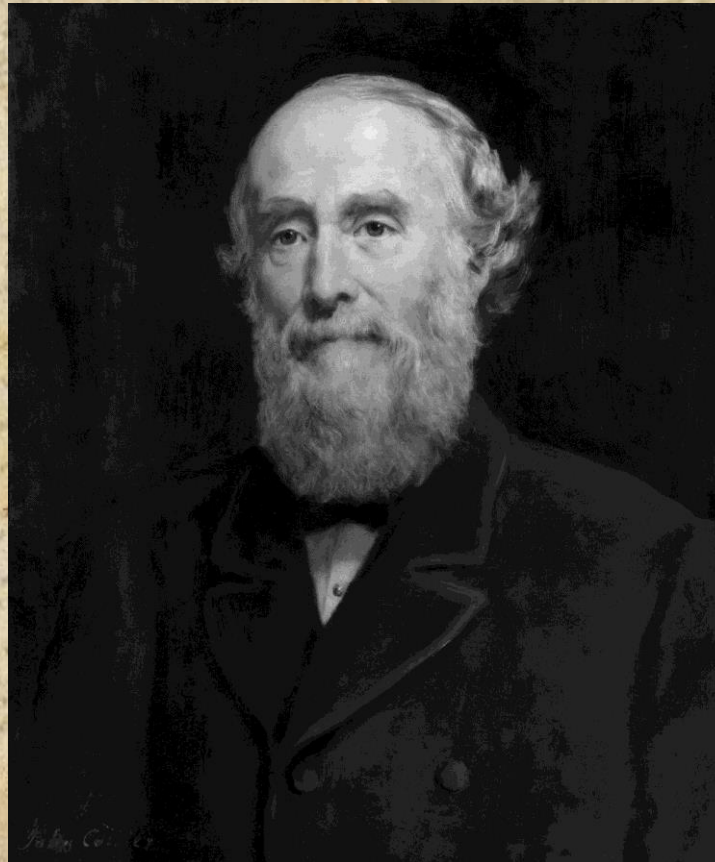
1891



Common International Logo
Former U.S. Logo



Current U.S. Logo
since July 2010



1844- Sir George Williams

John 17: 21

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: **that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.**



Helen A. Sunday. Pa 41-10

Helen
Thompson
Sunday
1888



Christian Endeavor Society

BILLY SUNDAY & FAMILY

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Helen
Sunday

“Nell”

“Ma”

Matthew 10:25-27

25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, **how much more shall they call them of his household?**

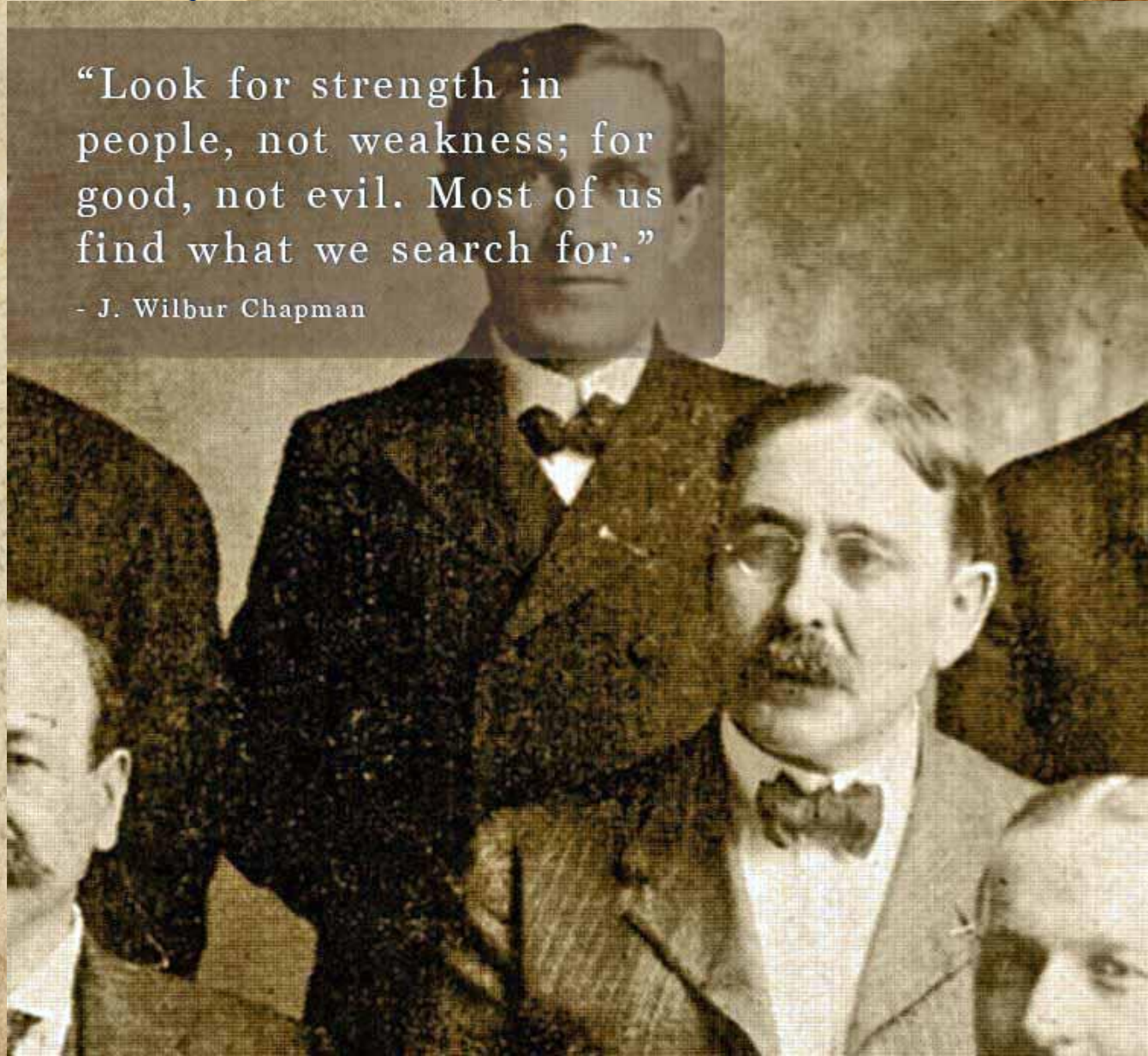
26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

27 What I tell you in darkness, **that speak ye in light:** and what ye hear in the ear, **that preach ye upon the housetops.**

J. Wilbur Chapman 1893

“Look for strength in people, not weakness; for good, not evil. Most of us find what we search for.”

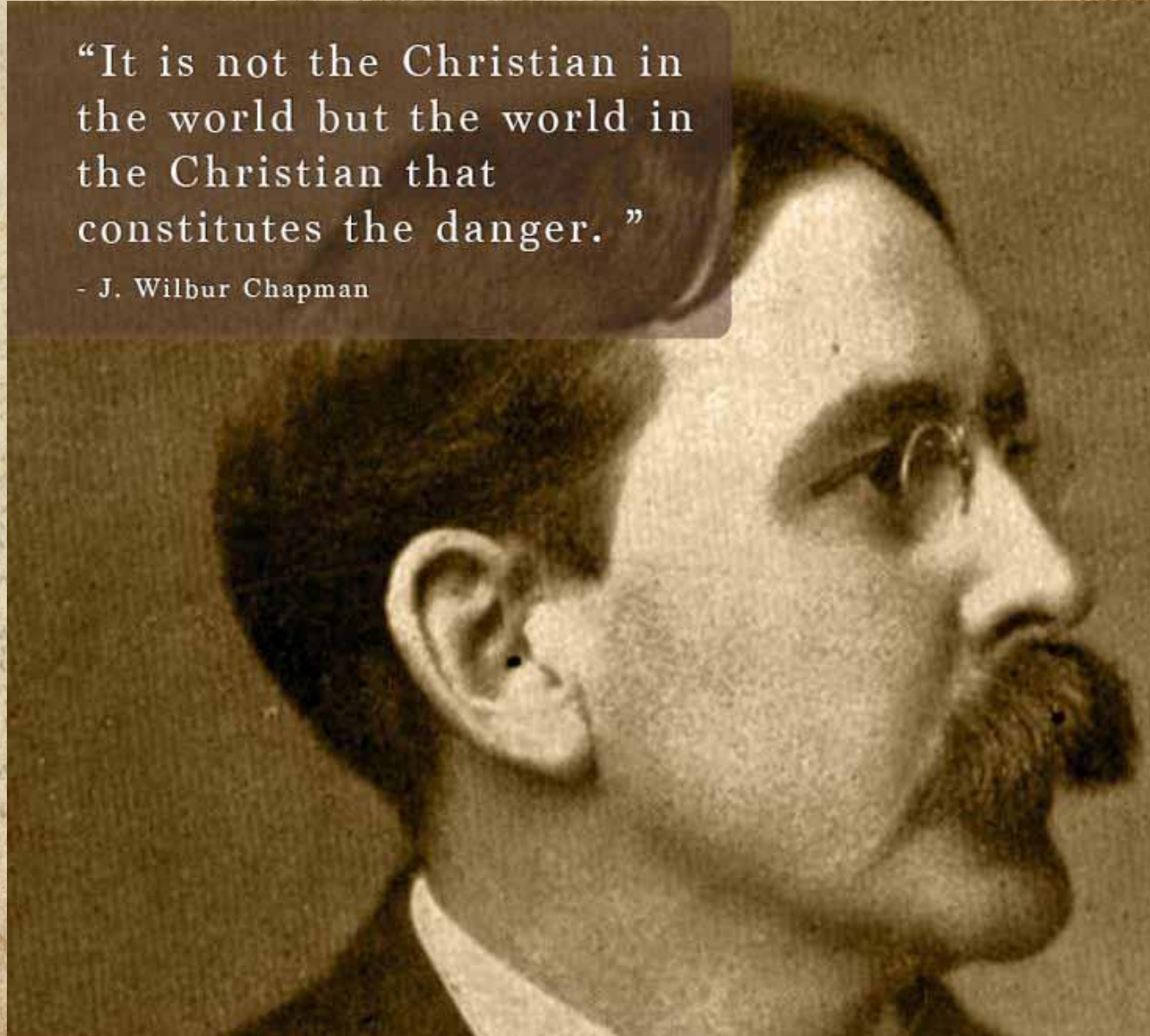
- J. Wilbur Chapman



J. Wilbur Chapman 1893

“It is not the Christian in the world but the world in the Christian that constitutes the danger.”

- J. Wilbur Chapman



J. Wilber Chapman 1896



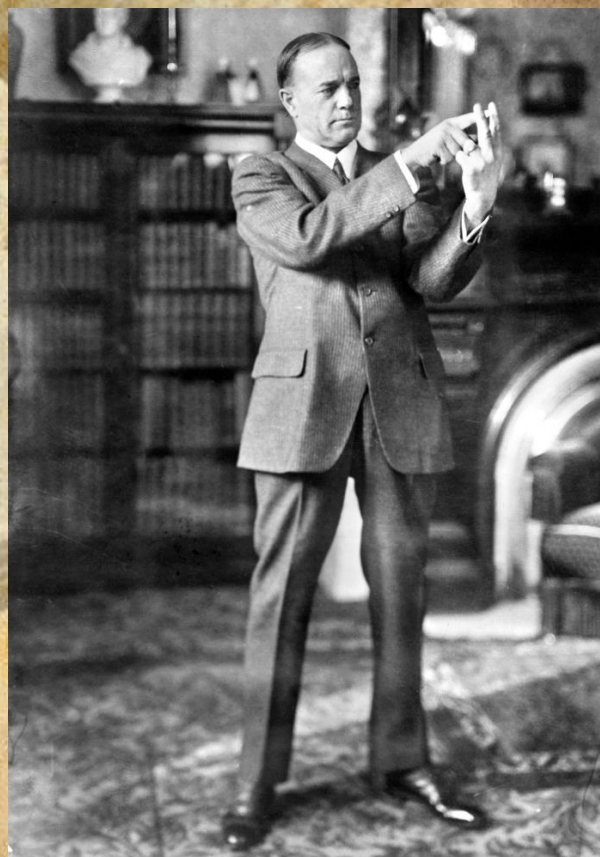
Anything that dims my vision for Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps me in my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me; and I must, as a Christian turn away from it.

— J. Chapman —

The Kerosene Circuit 1897-1905



Goes National 1906-1917

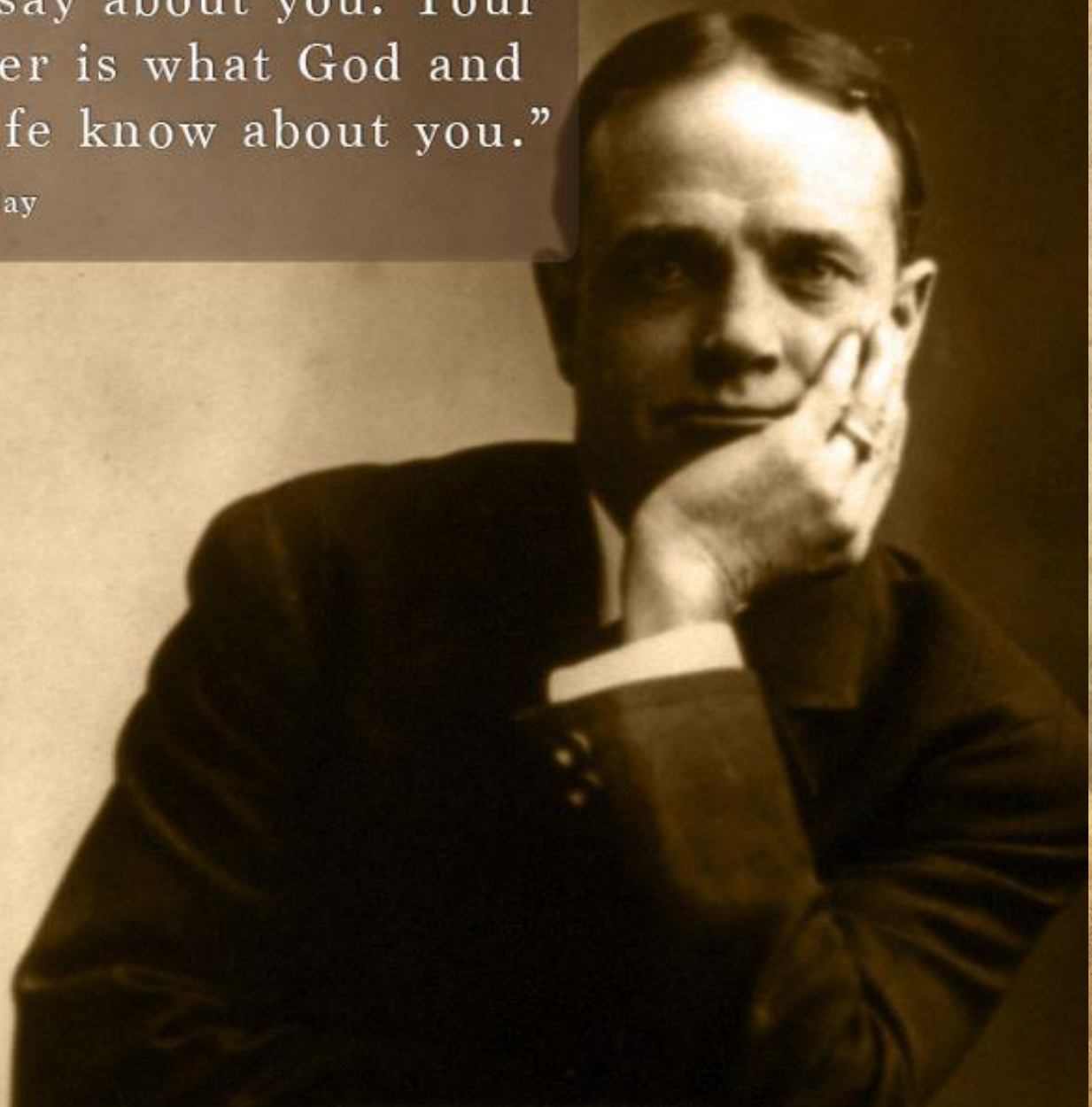


Salida, Colorado 1906



“Your reputation is what people say about you. Your character is what God and your wife know about you.”

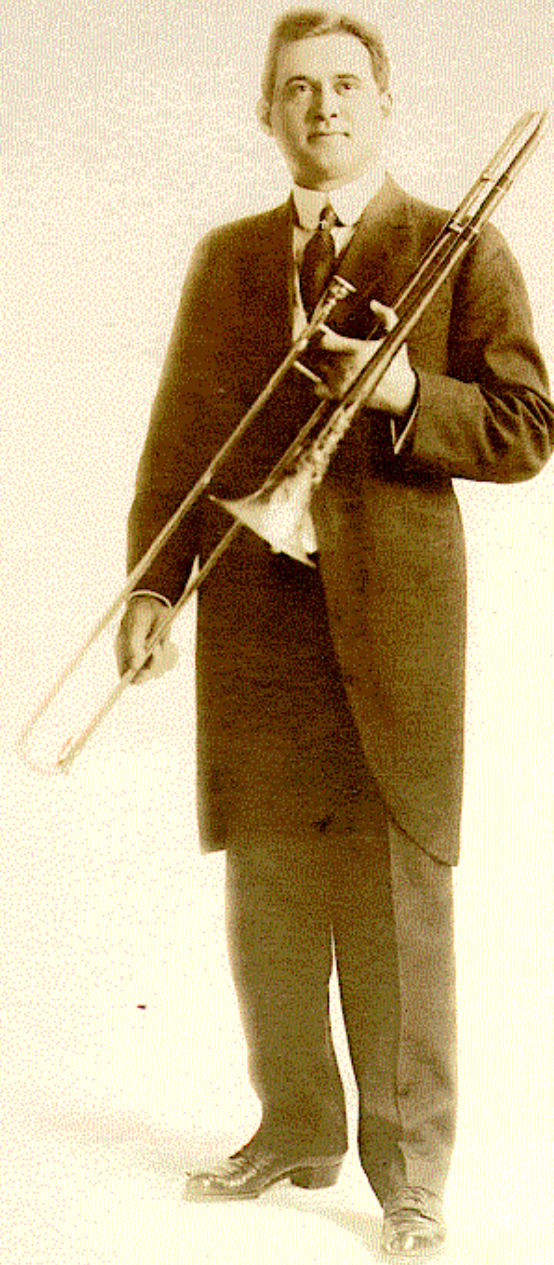
- Billy Sunday



Goes National 1906-1917

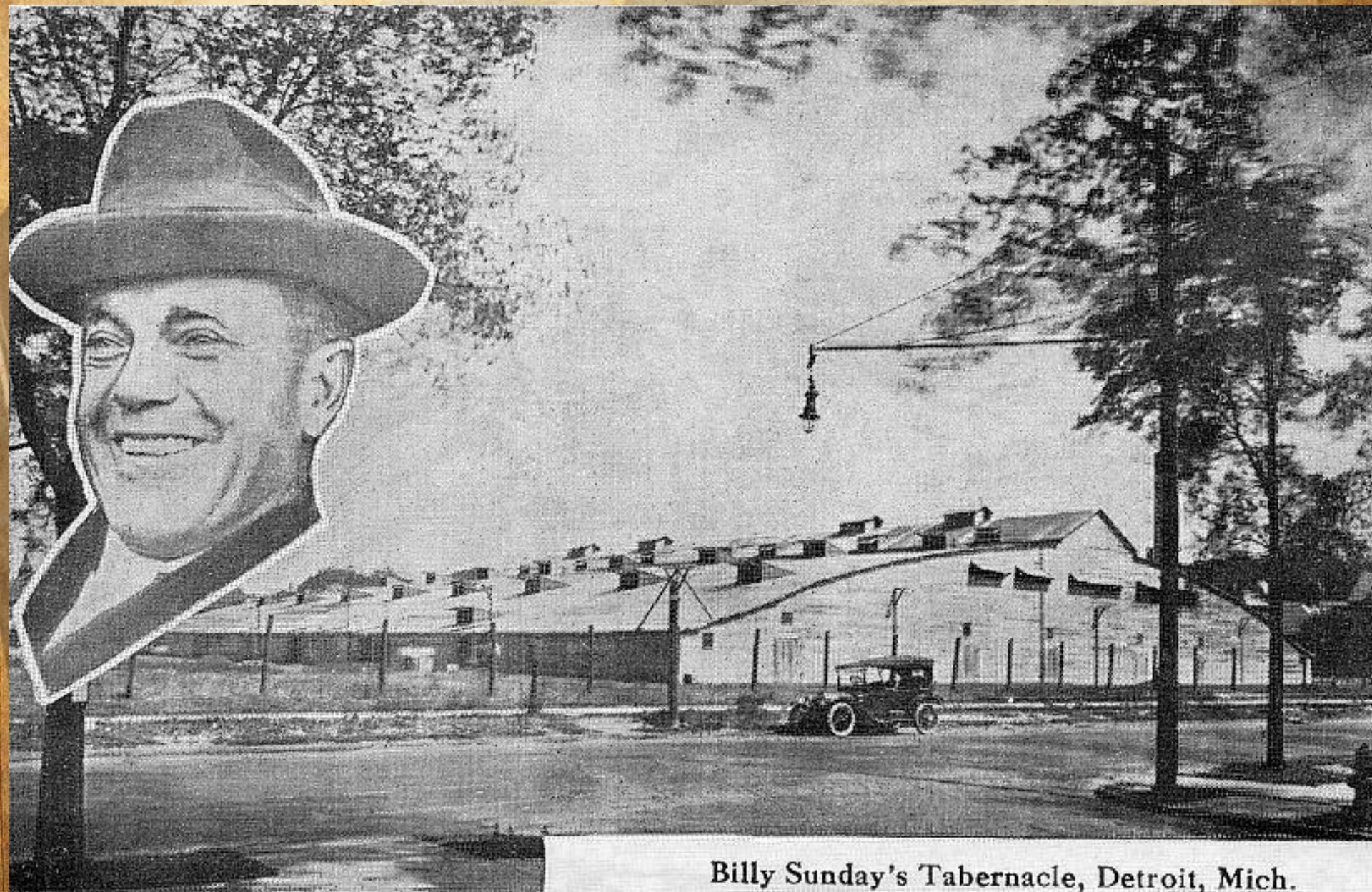


Homer Rodeheaver



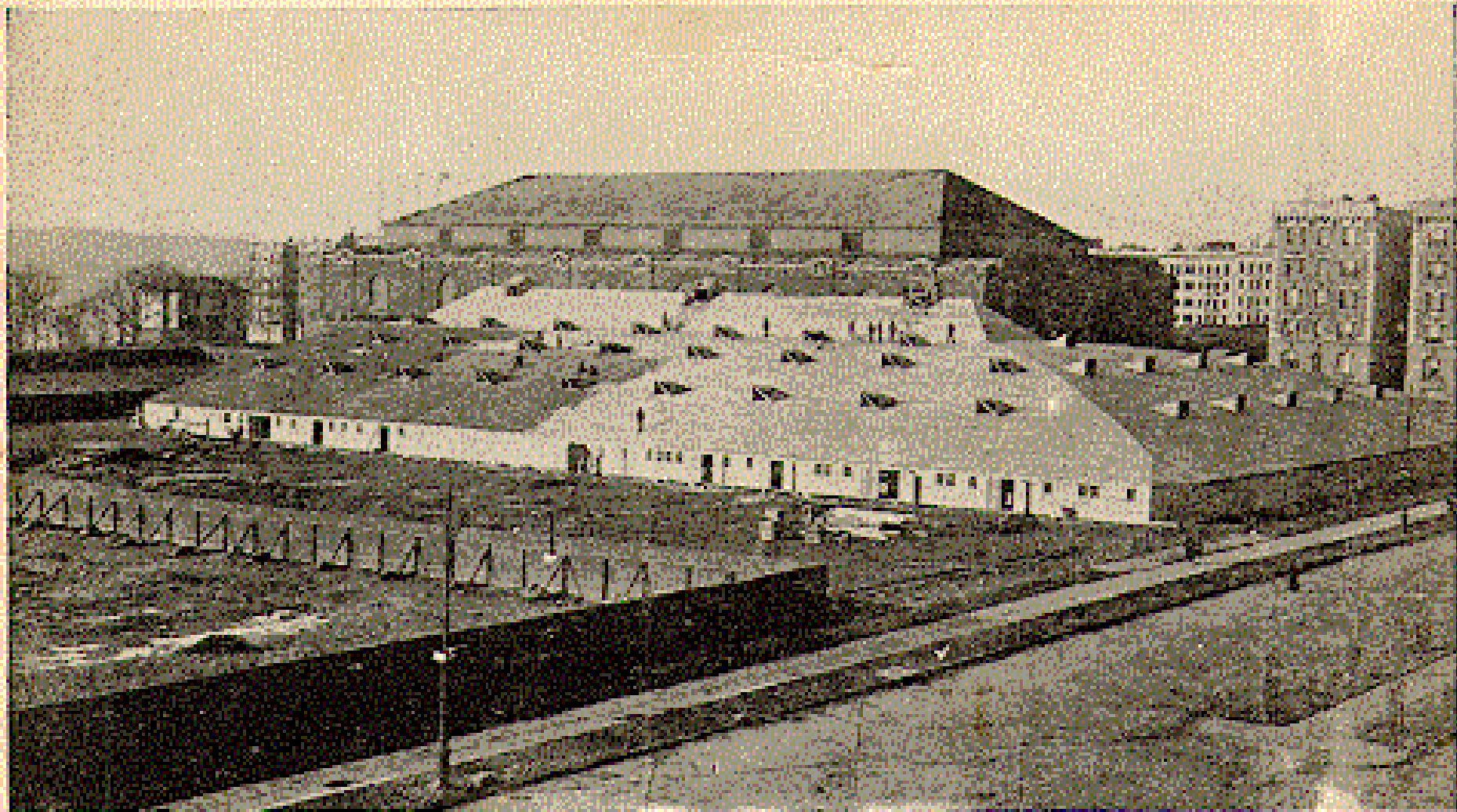
HOMER RODEHEAVER

Detroit 1916



Billy Sunday's Tabernacle, Detroit, Mich.

New York 1917



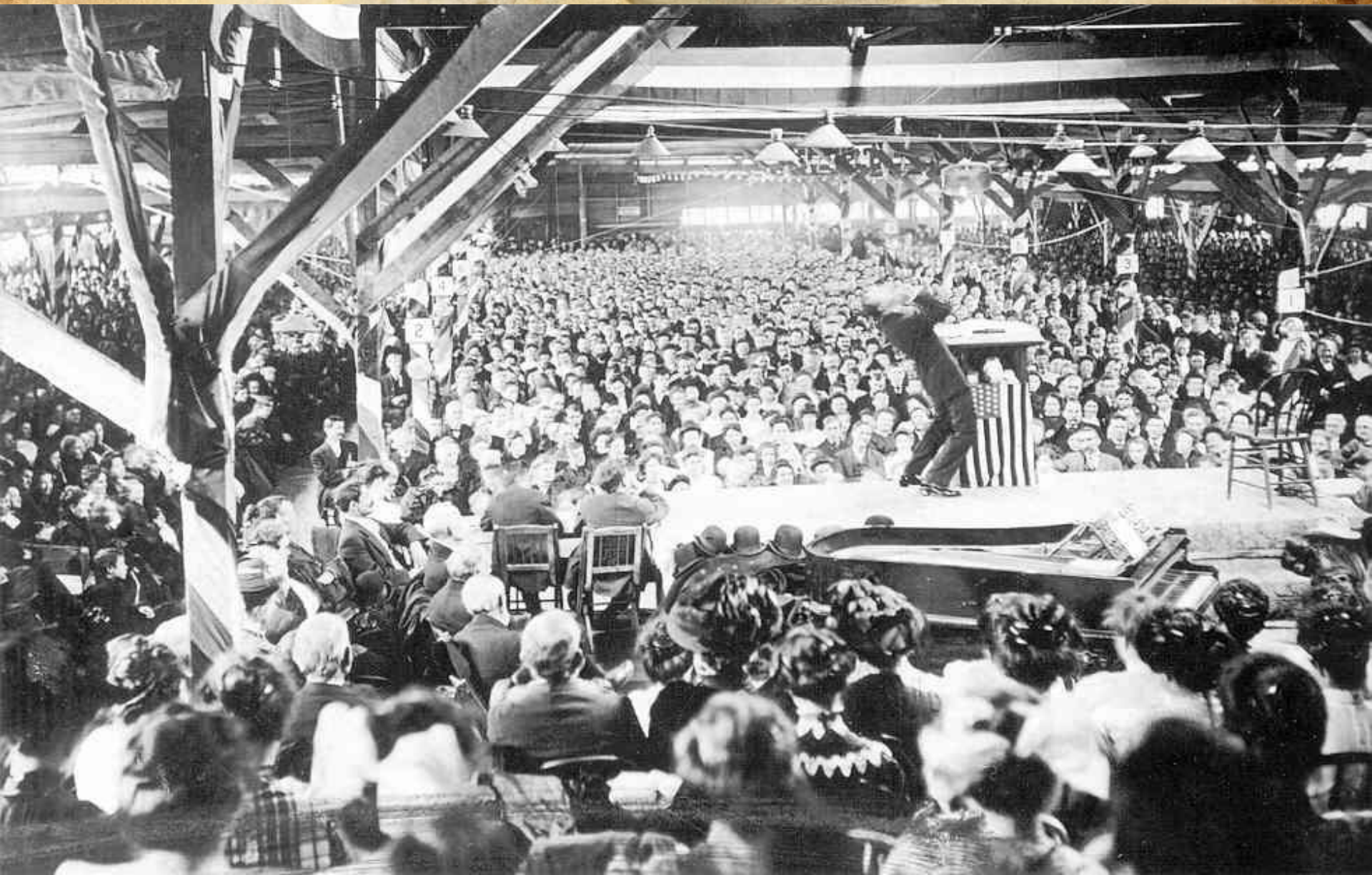
Billy Sunday's Tabernacle

Copyrighted 1917, by International Film Co.
Broadway and 168th Street Seating Capacity 18,000 Cost to Build \$68,000

Goes National 1906-1917



High Energy - No Compromise



High Energy – No Compromise



“Walk the Sawdust Trail”



"Walk the Sawdust Trail"



Dear Friend:

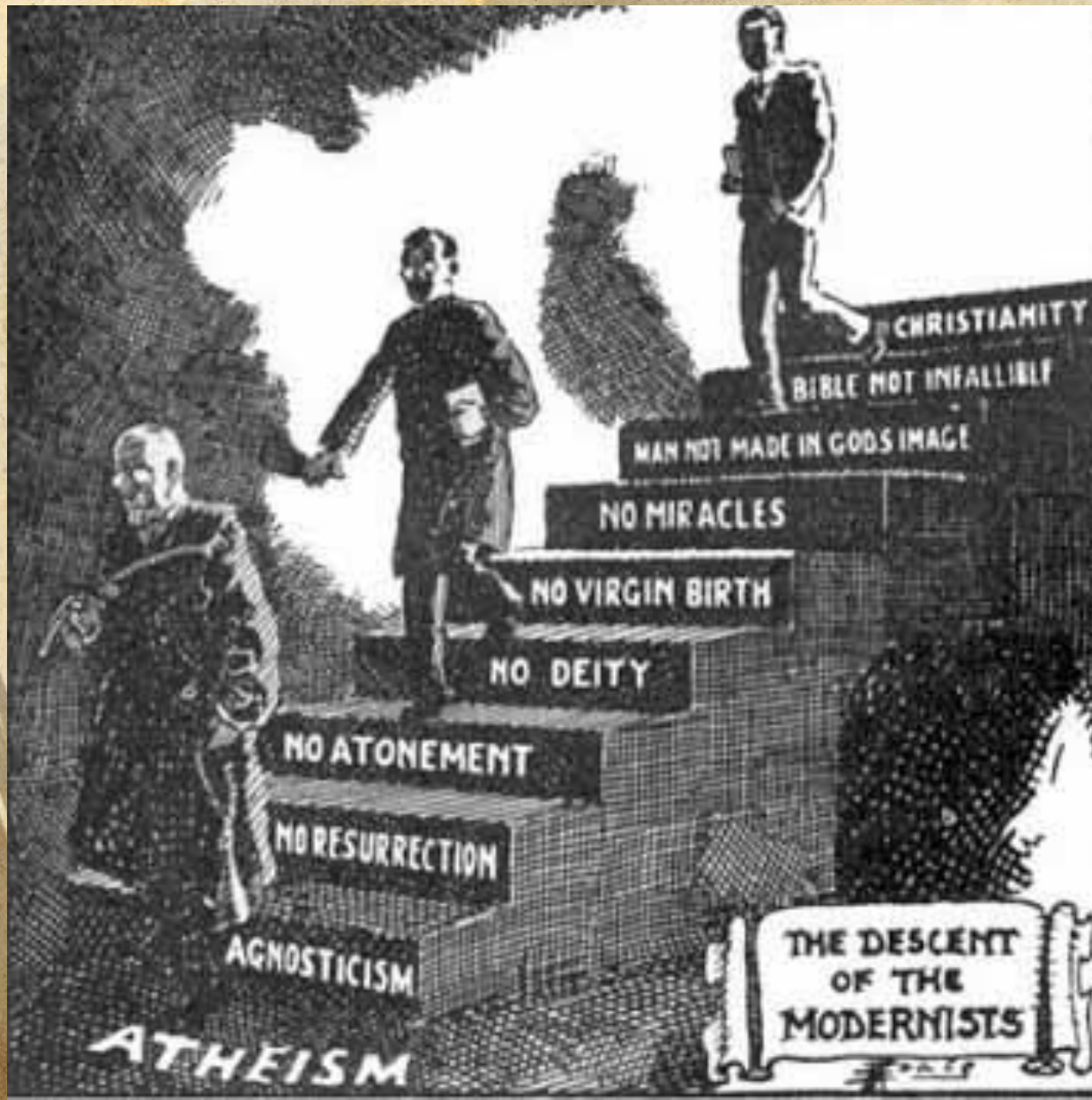
You have by this act of coming forward publicly acknowledged your faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. No one could possibly be more rejoiced that you have done this, or be more anxious for you to succeed and get the most joy out of the Christian life, than I. Therefore, I ask you to read carefully this little tract. Paste it in your Bible and read it frequently.

W. A. Dunday.
2 Tim: 2:15.

11 Timothy 2:15

15 **Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

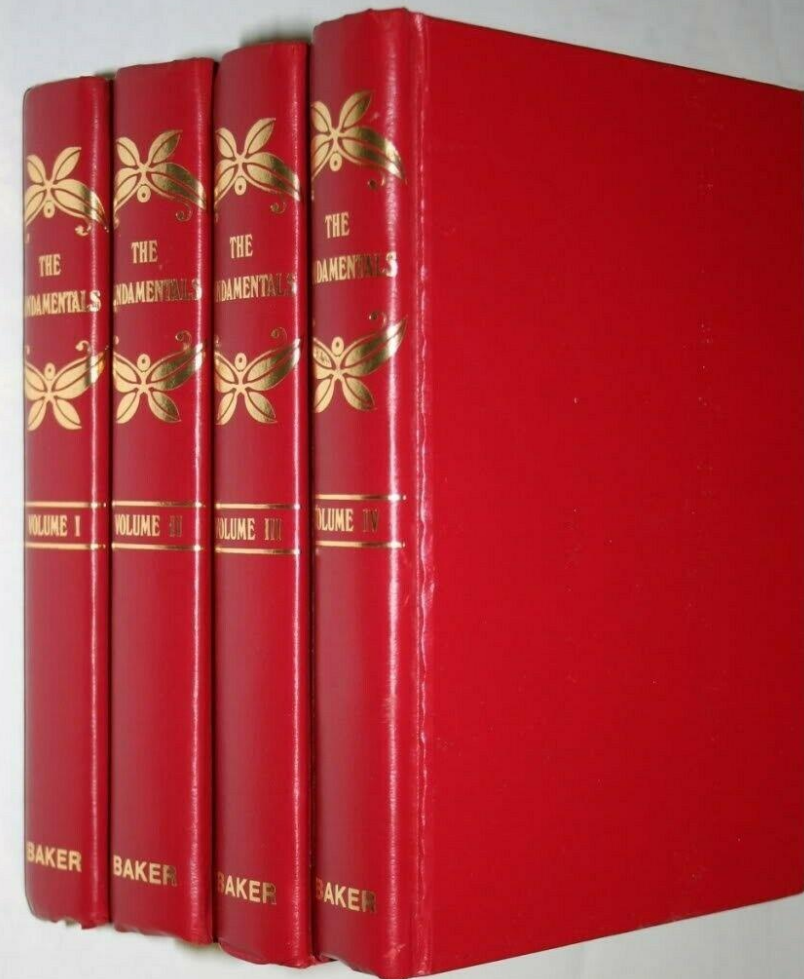
The World Changes - Doctrine



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The Fundamentals 1910 -1915



PROPHECY IS LITERAL

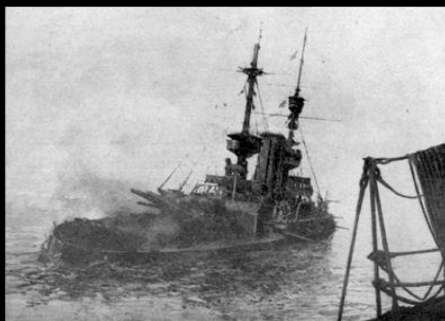
“We should let the Bible speak to us just as God means it should, without distorting it by the prejudices and vagaries of those who are always trying to put their own camel into it and strain out somebody else's gnat. It is high time for Christians to interpret unfulfilled prophecies by the light of prophecies already fulfilled. The curses on the Jews were brought to pass literally - so also will be the blessings. The scattering was literal; so also will be the gatherings. The pulling down of Zion was literal; so also must be the building up. The rejection of Israel was literal; and so also must be the restoration. The first coming of Christ was literal, visible and personal, and what right has anybody to conclude that His second coming will be altogether spiritual? If His first advent was with a real body, why not the same with His second coming?”

Billy Sunday (1862-1935)



The World Changes - Politics

1914-1918



The World Changes - Society

Prohibition 1923-1935

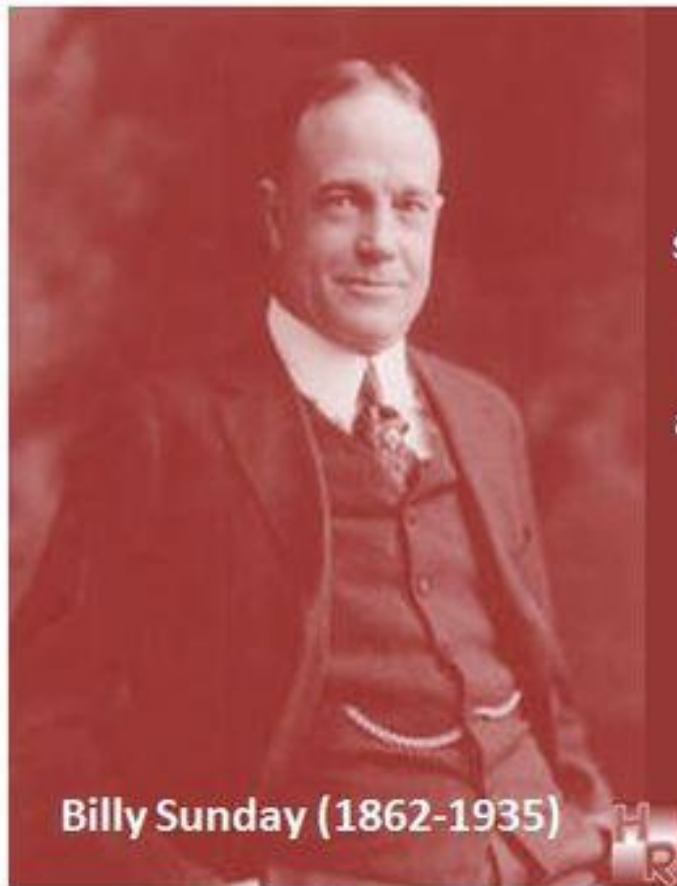




Billy Sunday (1862-1935)

THY KINGDOM COME

"The man who truly prays "Thy kingdom come" cannot pass a saloon and not ask himself the question, "What can I do to get rid of that thing that is blighting the lives of thousands of young men, that is wrecking homes, and that is dragging men and women down to hell?" You cannot pray "Thy kingdom come," and then rush to the polls and vote for the thing that is preventing that kingdom from coming. You cannot pray "Thy kingdom come" and then go and do the things that make the devil laugh. For the man who truly prays "Thy kingdom come" it would be impossible to have one kind of religion on his knees and another when he behind the counter; it would be impossible to have one kind of religion in the pew and another in politics. When a man truly prays "Thy kingdom come" he means it in everything or in nothing."



Billy Sunday (1862-1935)

THE BLOOD RED ROAD

"The world is not hungry for a religion of social service without Christ. I will go with you in any and all movements for the good of humanity providing you give Jesus Christ his rightful place. You cannot bathe anybody into the kingdom of God. You cannot change their hearts by changing their sanitation. It is an entirely good and Christian act to give a down-and-outer a bath, bed and a job. It is a Christian act to maintain schools and universities, but the road into the kingdom of God is not by the bath tub, the university, social service, or gymnasium, but by the blood-red road of the cross of Jesus Christ. "

~30 Million Deaths
~4% of Worlds Population

The World Changes Spanish Flue-1918



HEALTH ORDER DOOMS LODGE HALL COBWEBS

Grip Ban on All Meetings Un-
til Places Are Renovated;
21 Theaters Reopen.

GRIP VIGILANCE STILL NEEDED

Dr. Robertson Warns Against
Relaxing Precaution, Despite
Wane of Epid-mic

'OPEN-FACE' SNEEZERS TO BE ARRESTED

Orders to arrest any person indulging
in the "open face" sneeze or cough in

POLICE RAID SALOONS IN WAR ON INFLUENZA; KEEP CHURCH WINDOWS OPEN

Stringent New Orders Are Issued for Preventing
Spread of Epidemic; Police Ambulances Are
Drafted; 100,000 Doses of Vaccine on Way.

1,613 NEW CASES SHOW DECREASE
IN CITY; DOWNSTATE HIT WORST

FLU CURFEW TO SOUND FOR CITY SATURDAY NIGHT

Persons Not on Business Ex-
pected to Quit the Streets
at 9 o'Clock.

The curfew will ring on, rather, blow
in Chicago tomorrow night.
Promptly at 9 o'clock the whistles of

DRAFT MEN TO BE FIRST INOCULATED FOR "FLU"

'NONESSENTIAL' CROWDS BARRED IN EPIDEMIC WAR

Churches and Saloons
Exempt; Conventions,
Athletics, Parties Hit.

FREE DOCTOR

Influenza victims unable to pay
for a doctor can obtain one by call-
ing Main 447, Local 108, day or
night.

CHURCH WINDOWS MUST STAY OPEN, SAYS ROBERTSON

Health Department Gives Out
New Rules in Fight on
Influenza.

CHICAGO DEPT. OF HEALTH - CUT 400

The World Changes - Society

Woman's Suffrage 1920

THE AWAKENING





[Courtesy Newark Evening News.]

"BILLY" SUNDAY ON VOTES FOR WOMEN.

"I am in favor of anything the Devil is against, and I am against everything the Devil is in favor of."

"I want you to understand that I'm not standing for votes for women because it's popular."

"I stood for votes for women when it wasn't as popular as it is to-day, and I'm standing for it now."

"We had a war one time on account of taxation without representation; you all know about that."

"They say women would make an awful mess of it if they voted. Well, I would like to know if they would make a greater mess than the men have made."

"I always did think that it was a funny law that would let an old whiskey-soaked bibber of a ward heeler vote and keep a bright, snappy, keen, educated woman away from the polls."

"It makes me sick to see some weak-eyed, drunken, whiskey-soaked degenerate depositing a ballot and keeping clean women away."

"Nine-tenths of the opposition to woman suffrage crawled and wriggled out of the breweries and the distilleries. They know that when the women go to the polls and drop a ballot it will be the doom of the grog shop."

"It is the women who have kept most of the Church steeples from falling down by baking beans and having rummage sales. They don't forget God like men do."

"The nation that refuses to grant the requests and calls of women to protect their homes from the forces that are eating out their vitals is doomed, whether it is this or any other nation."

The World Changes - Education



John Scopes



Clarence
Darrow

Willian
Jennings Bryant

Scopes "Monkey
Trial" 1925

The Resistance



"Now—the servant of Naaman entered the hut of the Prophet Eli-sha and found him sitting perched upon a stool, writing on Papyrus, and he explained how Naaman had the leprosy—and the old prophet never got up, but just said, 'Tell him to bathe in the Jordan seven times—now **BEAT IT!**'

—oo—
So the servant went back, and Naaman said, 'Well did you see him?'
And the servant said, 'Yes, but he's a queer old duck—he said for you to bathe in the Jordan seven times.'

—But he went right ahead! First he stuck one toe in—and shivered—but finally—

—And nothing had happened except that his sores began to itch—but when he had dipped seven times—his flesh was made whole—

—He held onto his nose and shut his eyes and down he went—in all over!

WELL—

Naaman thought he'd take a chance—so he went down to the river bank and got off his clothes and probably about the first thing he did was to stub his toe against a big rock!
O-o-o-o-o-o-o!

—And then—like as not—one of those big sand flies sat right down between his shoulder blades!
We-e-e-e-e-e!!!

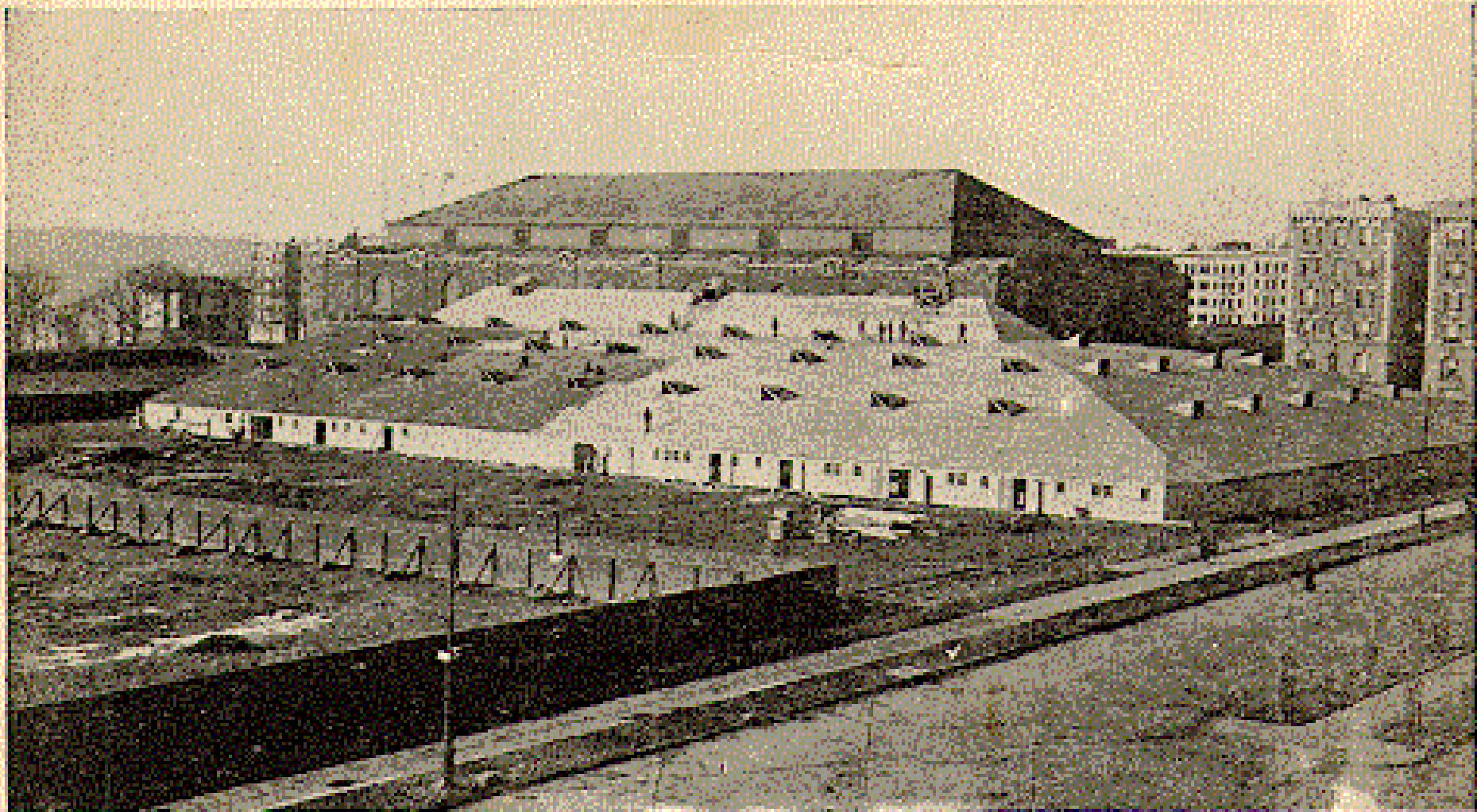
—And then up he came and stamped and pounded and spluttered and got the water out of his ears—

HIS LEPROSY WAS HEALED!

New York 1917

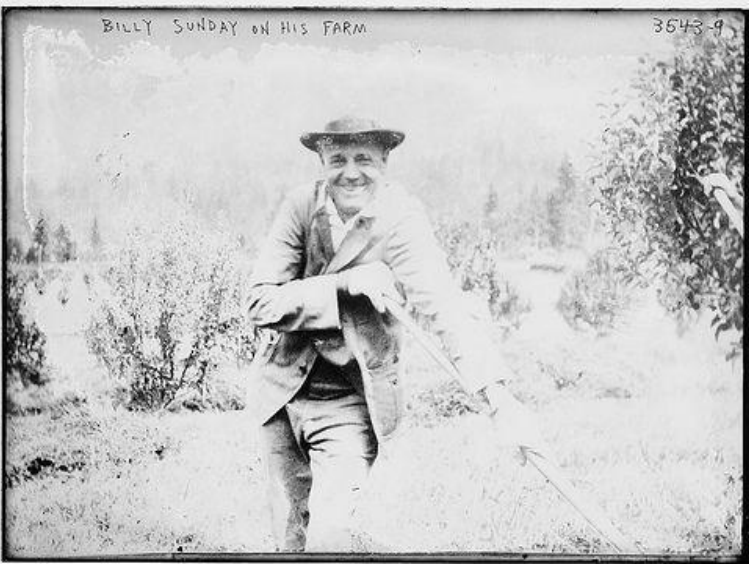
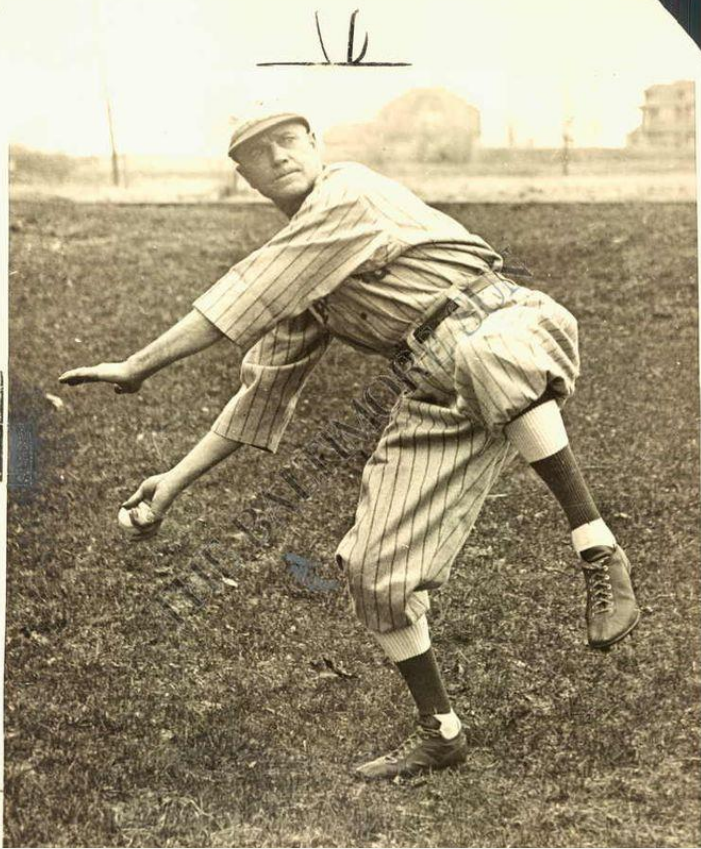
\$100,000 Love Offering – 2021 dollars ~2 Million

Gave it all to the YMCA



The World Changes - Communication





Winona, Illinois
Hood River, Oregon

November 6,
1935



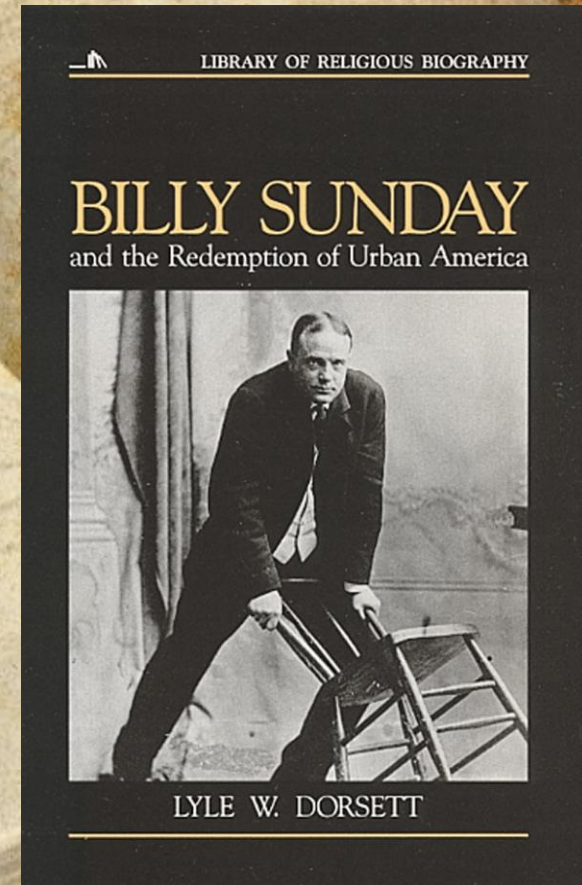
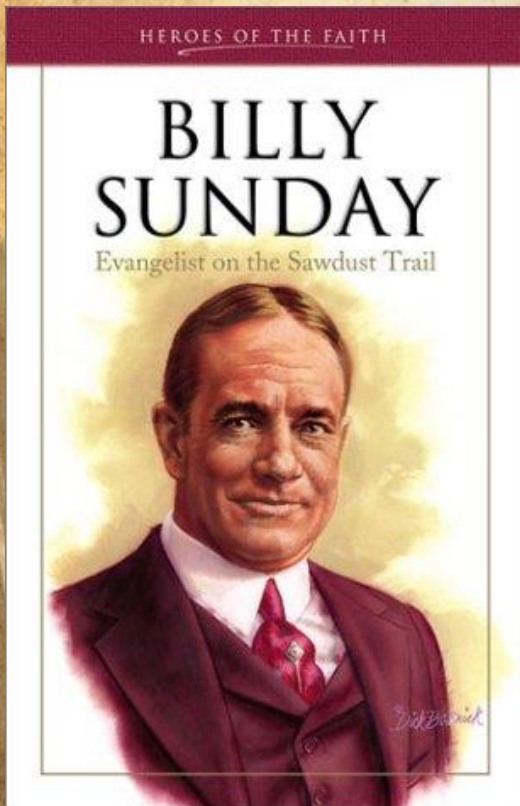
The Measure of a Life

Crusades – over 300

Decisions for Christ – **1 Million**



Books to Read – A Mission to Have



Romans 10:13-15

13 For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and **how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?** and **how shall they hear without a preacher?**

15 And how shall they preach, **except they be sent?** as it is written, **How beautiful are the feet** of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!