

BILLY SUNDAY PREACHES TO ORGANIZATION

MEMBERS OF ORDER SPECIAL
GUESTS OF EVAN-
GELIST

Nashville Tabernacle Scene of Not-
able Sermon on Protestant
Body in America

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 29.—The evangelist, Billy Sunday, who has been holding a revival in this city, preached a sermon to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in his tabernacle. Klansmen were the honor guests of the evening.

According to the occasion, Mrs. Virginia Asher sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

Praised Klan

As he stepped on the platform to greet his hearers, Mr. Sunday said: "I don't know anything about this organization except what I read in the newspapers, but from the few people I talked about me, I believe that all they tell about you is not true. I never heard of the Ku Klux Klan having trouble with anybody who was believing himself. Some people who are not Klansmen say that they form an organization that attacks and persecutes Jews. I don't know unless it is for the same reason that there are Catholic and Jewish organizations that don't admit Protestants."

The epic story of the cross brought back the picture of the supreme sacrifice, and of the three crosses of Calvary. And when they came to the place that had crucified Him and the multitude, one on the right hand and one on the left—Luke 23:33, and that supplied his text.

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Infidelity

It is a matter of record, of course, but as my recollection serves me, it was during the reign of Pius Ninth, on whose death I feared a blotting out of the sun, that the infallibility of the pope was established. It means that since then the pope has been absolutely proof against mistakes—when speaking ex cathedra. He is therefore removed from all consideration as a human being, for—"to err is human." In fact, it puts him, a class by himself, from which even God is excluded. The Great Maker and Ruler of the universe is constantly changing His mind about things of considerable magnitude and letting a cog slip even more frequently, in regard to small matters. If He finds that a continent is not just what He intended, He rolls the sea over it and wipes it out. At the end of a million or so years, He may change His mind again and push it back up through the ocean in a different form. He builds mountain ranges and then levels them. Every discord in nature is a misfit, such as, for instance, as a colt with five legs, or a pig with two heads, or a pair of Siamese twins, or a baby with a bare-lip, or webbed hands and feet. These are not what God intended at all. They are mistakes, or discords, in the divine plan—fantastic results in the timeless sequence of cause and effect.

Stationary as a Tomb

A uniform law of change runs through all created things—barring one. Everything in God's universe changes except the rear guard of the Roman Church. The progress of the Church at the front, in its accumulation of earthly power, is constant; but once an outpost is taken by the Vatican, or Papal bull, it becomes embalmed in the doctrines, or dogmas, or mysteries of the church and, thereafter, remains as changeless as a mummy.

If making the pope infallible was calculated to see how far the credulity of the masses could be led, the experiment must have been highly gratifying; as, for the most part, they merely added it to the other decrees of the church and implored the saints to aid them in believing it. Rome has never yet formulated a rule, or a doctrine, or a commandment that has outrun the faith of its lowly followers; and it seems to

The Dark That Failed

The Fiery Cross Has Obtained the Serial Rights to This Most Remarkable Book. Because of Its Simplicity in Setting Forth Facts and the Absolute Absence of Conjecture or Personal Opinions of the Author, It Is a Radical Departure From the Average Run of Works of a Similar Nature. The Complete Story May Be Obtained From the Kim Publishing Company, 208 Quincy Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The Price of the Book Is \$1.—Editor's Note.

READERS of The Fiery Cross who have known but little of the Roman corporation have been astounded at the revelations made by the author of "The Dark That Failed." Fear and superstition have been wielded by that corporation with telling effect on the ignorant and simple-minded for centuries. In the following installment the anonymous author tells of an Irishman, who unwittingly cursed the pope as a "dago."

"The Catholic church," says he, "is in its root principle, at issue with the civic definition both of freedom and authority."

No politeness can conceal the deadly character of that. Read it over again. A church opposed, fundamentally, to civil authority and national freedom. A church declaring that no government can institute a law, which seeks to grant liberties it denies, or denies liberties it grants.

A church asserting its independence of any law which a state may pass to prevent the mental and physical contamination of its people, by restraining imbeciles and those afflicted with the "king's evil" from mating. I mention this only because it was one of the specific things touched on by Mr. Bellac. The church, he says, can not recognize any legal restraint on the right of people to reproduce themselves, in the ordinary way, simply because they are rotten in mind, or body. He puts it less "offensively," perhaps, but that's the position he takes on behalf of the church.

Another thing: He seemed to fear that, in this wild country of ours, a law might some time be passed to gently put incurable sufferers to sleep indefinitely, and he served notice in advance, that the church would also refuse to obey that. On the grounds of murder, he says! If there is any other possible reason the church has for defying the laws of a country that harbors her, it should have been given. For the greater part of her history, she has been in murder up to her elbows. But the amazing thing is, her fearlessness and open defiance of all civil law, actual or prospective, that conflicts in any way with her own antiquated code.

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Oh, certainly, I am familiar with the explanations given why these family names are bestowed on the professional relatives of the church—those in the select circle of "single blessedness"; but the fact remains that, generally speaking, nuns are not "sisters," and heads of convents are not "mothers," and "fathers"—to say nothing of their "Graces" and "monks" are not "Right Reverends" and "Coadjutors," and "Vicar Generals," and "Nuncios," and "Princes," and the whole galaxy of glittering titularies that have been elevated by Rome above the God-given impulse to have and care for a family. Let the tollers endure the hardships and responsibilities of having and raising children. It is not enough that their "superiors" co-operate with them, by branding the youngsters as they appear and solemnly consecrating them for life to the service of the church? How else could the earthly fortunes of the church's fictitious parents, and the heavenly fortunes of its real ones be insured? The system is perfect.

A layman's belief that the church is something which it is not, logically leads him to adopt reverently the misnomers supplied to him, in which to address properly the members of its holy unmarrried caste as "father," "mother," "brother," or "sister," as the case may be. These are the most endearing words in the language and are at once pleasing and secure against scandal.

In a Nutshell

In plain terms, the spiritual texture of the Roman church is a series of declarations or doctrines, issued by it from time to time, each departing further from the teaching of the Redeemer and advancing regularly in the direction of greater power. It has had a few set-backs for premature, or ill-advised exercise of tyranny; yet it grows in the manner and with the momentum of a coral reef—dead at the base, yet on top swarming with life—each generation of workers becoming petrified as part of the structure, while out of them arises a new and larger generation in the process of growth. Never has the church lost sight of its goal; and if it can preserve the changeless pile it has erected, and keep the oncoming generations multiplying and working to enlarge the edifice, while their feet remain fixed in the matrix, its ultimate triumph is only a question of time.

It is so easy to follow the obvious, that I often wander from the path.

By the Wayside

My experiences in Europe and elsewhere were incidental. I was not out for the purpose of confirming the view I had already acquired, in regard to the character and purpose of the church. But if anything more were wanting to root from my mind the last traces of the impossible dogmas, and demons and devils, which were so cruelly imposed on my infancy, it was furnished by what I saw in countries where the church is uppermost in the lives of the people.

In one country I was told by the brother of a priest with whom I was traveling, far from lines of the tourist, that nearly every peasant family there had an ambition to have at least one son a priest. They could well afford, he said, to make every sacrifice to that end, as his family had done; for as soon as the son becomes a priest, he will repay everything expended on his education. Not only his own, but his family's future is secure. The honor of having a priest in the family is a compensation also—aside from the profit.

(Continued Next Week)

Thoughtful Americans will do well to give "The Dark That Failed" a second reading. This serial story which has been running in The Fiery Cross will soon be finished. The story in its entirety can be obtained by addressing the Kim Publishing Co., 208 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Price One Dollar.

PAPER SAYS FAVORS MUST NOT BE SHOWN

ORDER'S CREED USED AS TEXT OF LESSON

DOVER, N. J., Dec. 29.—Evangelist William F. Foster, in his religious services at the First Baptist Church, used as his lesson at a recent meeting the Klan's creed. His services have been attracting unusual attention, resulting in enormous crowds each evening.

CHICAGO MEMBERS PAY DUES FOR WHOLE YEAR

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—While dues for 1925 are not due until January 1, hundreds of members are expressing their confidence in the Chicago Mammouth Klan and in the Realm administration by advance payment of the annual dues. The new card is similar in design to those used heretofore, but is different in color.

WEDDING PLANNED

DARIEN, Wis.—A Klan wedding by members is planned for this city. All members of the organization in Walworth county are invited. The names of the young women will not be divulged, but both are members of the Ku Klux Klan. The pastor who will perform the ceremony is a member of the great American order and the ceremony is to be performed in the local Klavern. Present plans call for at least three hundred men and Klans-women in attendance. The announcement of the event is causing considerable curiosity in this community.

The man who thinks that a long face is indicative of a Klan man has never understood the meaning of Klanishness.

TRY DOING THIS

When you can't see in any other direction try looking at the fiery cross.

UNIT VISIT PLEASES NEW YORK MINISTER

Order Invited to Come Again— Other Churches Wel- come Klan

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—That the visit of Klansmen to a church of this city was appreciated is evident from the following letter, which was forwarded to the Klansmen in charge of the arrangements by the pastor of the church:

"I just want to say to you how much I appreciated the privilege of speaking to that splendid company of men, who with their wives made the major part of my congregation last Sunday evening. It was an inspiration not only to look into their faces but also, as I did so, that these men are bound together with a common love for our country and our Protestantism.

"Will you please convey to them from me that at any time they care to come to my church, wherever that may be, either as separate individuals or as a Klan, they will receive from me a very sincere and cordial greeting.

"I wish you all the success in the work to which I firmly believe you have been called as a result of the need of the hour."

New York Klansmen are pleased with their reception and the cordial invitation to return. The Klansmen had nearly 100 invitations to attend churches in various parts of the city.

WHAT IS A SKEPTIC?

A skeptic is a man who closes all his windows and then blames the Klan because God doesn't send rain.

SMITH DRIVE IS AIMED AT WHITE HOUSE

ROMAN CANDIDATE FOR PRES- IDENT PLEASES POPE

Catholics of New York Can Not Dom-
inate Another Political Con-
vention, However

(By a Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A great effort will be made by Al Smith's friends to lead him in the direction of the president's chair four years hence, according to information not now intended to reach the public ear. That they can do this is held to be impossible because Protestant America is awake to her dangers as well as to her duties. The Roman Catholics of New York can not dominate another convention, it is thought, because the country as a whole now realizes what a sinister crimp the unyielding attitude of Roman Democrats put into the party.

But Al Smith will not down as long as he has lungs to beg and servility enough to listen to his Roman master. He has set his eyes upon the presidential office and a Roman Catholic America, and although he may fear that his aspirations can never be realized, he is driven forward by a force so impulsive and so egotistic as vast that he will never attempt to resist it.

The Vatican has been uprooted since the first president of the United States served his term to the satisfaction of the country and the glory of the flag. Every form of papal cunning and deceit has been nurtured to a single end. Every avenue of approach possible to Catholicism has been attempted, and every chance has been exploited to feed the hope and the sinister possibility.

The popularity of Smith with a certain section of the country has been considered in the latest hierarchical plan, and the most has been made of this man's ability as a vote coaxed. In the secret councils of the cardinals Smith's political strength has been commented on and commended. A far-reaching effort on the part of the Roman Catholic clergy is again planned and will be put through in due season. And the possibilities of Smith's gubernatorial position will be used in every secret channel of the Roman will.

It now remains an evident fact that loyal Americans must not relax their efforts to checkmate the latest designs of Rome. To discount these solemn warnings is to open the land to more perplexities in the immediate future, and to make the hierarchy's future, and its power, no worse off than the European dukes. Rome who receive scant help from the Vatican coffers. The favorable point to observe is that Protestantism is growing rapidly—more rapidly than Roman Catholicism—in communists, and that means that eventually the financial troubles in the European church, if they are as bad as Dr. Vance thinks, will all be straightened out.

OFFICERS INSTRUCTED

WHITESTURB, Ky.—The meeting of the McCreary Klan No. 72 of this county was very enthusiastic and of interest to all in the state service men who received instruction in the ritualistic and paper work and instructed each officer in his duties.

YOUNG MAN AIDED

LEXINGTON, Ky.—At the last meeting of Fayette county Klan, donations were made by a young man who was injured in a wreck, and to the Salvation Army who had been refused permission to erect their kettles on the streets by the mayor. At the close of the meeting the Exalted Cyclops was presented with a liberal donation and asked to buy himself a token to keep in honor of the respect of his followers.

TO PRESENT HOME

HAZARD, Ky.—A campaign is in action in Perry county to raise enough money to buy and present a home to Bill Turner, prohibition officer, in due respect and regard for the great work he has accomplished in the county cleanup.

THE SAVAGE DOES NOT READ

A few sticks and stones, a rough fur for covering, and a hide for a house, constitute his only requirements outside of the use of his own little arms and legs.

It is a long jump from the savage to the modern woman of today who not only reads but buys books about them, discusses them at club meetings and over the dinner table.

To enjoy books is a mark of being civilized. It is only the barbarian who scorns his public library.

Kentucky

CIRCLE OF CROSSES

FRANKFORT, Ky.—The whole city of Frankfort was watched several days ago by a complete line encircling the city. This was all done like clockwork as everything else that is planned for the good of the order, a system that accomplished results.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

BARBOURVILLE, Ky.—The Knox county Klan is going down the line in spirit and in life. They hold their meetings as regular as the clock and their membership is steadily increasing.

STILLS ARE CAPTURED

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The state prohibition office is stepping on law violators with both feet. Three large stills and 4,000 gallons of beer were taken in the Green Brier section of Lexington caused the arrest of three men who were tried for impersonating federal officers, and held over under \$2,000 bonds.

LIQUOR CASES TRIED

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky.—At the November term of circuit court twenty-seven liquor cases received conviction. This goes to show that the city and county officers are on the job. They may give them the rope, but they will not let a moonshiner enter the county. The boast of Elizabethtown as a "dry city."

ALL ON THE JOB

MT. STERLING, Ky.—The local Klan organization in this county is at work doing things. Every man is on the job and doing the work of his station with a system of worthiness that is good for the county Klan is the prediction.

HAVE PEPPY KLAN

PALMOUTH, Ky.—Pendleton Klan No. 12 is one of the strongest Klans in the state. They have a good program laid out to work to and are carrying it out to perfection. The officers elected are on the job and functioning like clockwork.

ORGANIZATION ACTIVE

WHITESTURB, Ky.—The Letcher county Klan is doing much good