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## Will the Honest People of Chicago Support the Most Brazen Literary Thief of Modern Times?

In addition to Sunday's shameless literary thefts from Ingersoll, Talmage, and the Rev. David McConaughy, let all readers make a careful note of the following:

Bentley D. Ackley, who was "Billy" Sunday's private secretary for ten years, has declared that the sermons Sunday delivered in his revivals in Patterson and elsewhere were almost exact counterparts of those delivered by Evangelists Sam Jones, Talmage, and Gipsy Smith.

Ackley has declared that Sunday's sermon "New Birth," which seldom failed to reap a harvest of "sawdust trail hitters," was preached several years ago by Gipsy Smith.

Ackley has further declared that Sunday's sermon on the Ten Commandments was taken from the writings of Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, and that "Chickens Come Home to Roost" was first delivered by Sam Jones.

Ackley has further declared that Sunday's famous sermon, "Red, White, and Blue, on the Home," was George R. Stuart's.

In Chapter 22, page 271, of the Book, "Billy" Sunday—the Man and his Message," we find these words spoken by "Billy" Sunday: "I NEVER PREACH A SERMON UNTIL I HAVE SOAKED IT IN PRAYER."

Editorial Note by Wilbur Glenn Voliva: We now ask "Billy" Sunday whether, when he stole Robert G. Ingersoll's Decoration Day address, which he delivered at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1912, and palmed it off for his own, HE SOAKED THIS ADDRESS OF THE NOTED INFIDEL IN PRAYER? We would further ask "Billy" Sunday IF SOAKING IN PRAYER THE ADDRESSES WHICH HE STOLE FROM DR. TALMAGE, GIPSY SMITH, GEORGE R. STUART, AND OTHERS WOULD MAKE THEM ANY THE LESS STOLEN PROPERTY?

"Billy" Sunday said, in an address delivered in Omaha and reported on page 19 of the "Omaha Bee," October 25, 1915: "I TELL YOU THAT THE MAN WHO TAKES THAT WHICH DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM IS A THIEF."

Editorial Note by Wilbur Glenn Voliva: We have proven to the entire satisfaction of all honest men and women that "Billy" Sunday has stolen addresses from Robert G. Ingersoll, Dr. Talmage, Rev. David McConaughy, George R. Stuart, and others; delivered them, printed them, copyrighted them, and sold them. We call "Billy" Sunday's attention to the following words to be found in Luke 19:22, "Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant." "Billy" Sunday's own statements condemn him.



It has been proven to the satisfaction of every honest man and women that "Billy" Sunday is the most brazen literary thief of modern times—having stolen addresses from Robert G. Ingersoll, T. DeWitt Talmage, Gipsy Smith, Sam Jones, George R. Stuart and others. The above picture tells its own story. No further words are necessary.

On page 3 of the Omaha "Daily News," you will find the following statement in one of "Billy" Sunday's sermons: "MEN DON'T GO TO HELL BECAUSE THEY SIN; THEY GO BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT REPENT OF THEIR SINS."

Editorial Note by Wilbur Glenn Voliva: We say to "Billy" Sunday that it was a terrible sin for him to steal addresses from Ingersoll, Gipsy Smith, George R. Stuart, and others, but it is a far more terrible sin for him to refuse to acknowledge his thefts, repent, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance. He never had a better chance to repent of his literary thefts than he now has before he goes any further in Chicago. Let every honest man and woman in the City of Chicago demand his immediate repentance, or that he close his meetings, pack his trunk with his stolen addresses, and get out!

In another address, "Billy" Sunday said: "GOD WANTS TO SAVE THE SINNER, BUT CANNOT DO IT UNLESS HE WILL REPENT."

Editorial Note by Wilbur Glenn Voliva: How then is God to save "Billy" Sunday, unless he repents of stealing other men's addresses?

On page 8 of the Omaha "Daily News," in an address, "Billy" Sunday said: "I DO NOT KNOW YOUR BESETTING SIN; MINE IS TEMPER."

Editorial Note by Wilbur Glenn Voliva: Without any hesitation, we would say that "Billy" Sunday's besetting sin is stealing other men's addresses, delivering them, and palming them off as his own.