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INTRODUCTION

TN offering to the world the first comprehensive biography of Rev. W. A. Sunday, the famous evangelist, it is necessary at the very outset to absolve Mr. Sunday from any responsibility for the venture or any interest in it.

Mr. Sunday has been repeatedly and unjustly accused of petty machinations for profit and gain, therefore, this statement is justly due him.

Mr. Sunday derives no revenue from any of the several publications which are sold during his campaigns, with the exception of pamphlet formed editions of four of his sermons, and all of this money he gives to charity. It is true, that Mr. Sunday did consider at the outset being interested in the present publication, but as it began to grow and take form with the gathering of data; and as the importance of the work, and its wide-spread demand became more and more apparent, it was felt that proper delicacy on the evangelist's part would not permit of his connection with the enterprise. It became obviously necessary to say so many things of an extremely laudatory nature, that any participation of the evangelist in the work, would have been subjected to gross misconstruction.

On the other hand, fidelity to the public demanded the incorporation of certain things upon which the public's view and the evangelist's have not

always coincided. Mr. Sunday has been for some time compiling data concerning his work, and this will probably at some time appear in book form.

The necessary autobiographical nature of his work will have an interest from which no other book can detract, but which will hardly have the degree of self-laudation, which a large reflex of his life and work must possess.

The author is under many obligations to dozens, and even hundreds of persons who have contributed facts and information herein incorporated. He has, so far as possible, studiously avoided any expression or editorial opinion; confining himself to facts or to quotations directly from persons informed, or from official records.

An important part of this work is a list of names and addresses of all those who have furnished information, incorporated in this work, and whose testimony is a sufficient index to the truth and reliability of the present undertaking.

In a work of this kind it is too much to hope that errors have not crept in. They are, however, the errors which arise from differences of opinion or the occasional necessity of accepting a report which could not be verified definitely. The list of authorities cited in the back of the book will enable those who are interested, to pursue further investigation of Rev. Mr. Sunday's career on their own account.

To all these, and others who may not be directly quoted, the author makes heartfelt acknowledgment. Assured by the many kindly indications of interest

which have come from all parts of the country that the book will have a considerable welcome, the author commends it to the attention of the thousands of admirers of Rev. Billy Sunday everywhere in the United States.

Theodore Thomas Frankenberg,
Columbus, Ohio,
November, 1913.

