

Mr. Moody seemed to communicate to the entire association his own new and wonderful grasp of the Holy Scriptures. Pastors of the leading city churches put forth their best efforts in conducting these Saturday Bible meetings; while many a quaint and homely interpretation, from some unlearned but devoted heart, gave new freshness and vigour to the exercise.

It was the social meeting at Corinth over again on a large scale. When they came together many a one, if not every one, had a psalm, or a tongue, or a revelation, or an interpretation; and the apostle's charge, "Let all things be done unto edifying," was obeyed with wonderful fidelity and success. The skill in this Bible work to which Mr. Moody, Mr. Jacobs, Major Whittle and others attained, was one of the greatest spiritual acquirements recorded in the history of the Church of America; and their mastery of the Word becoming known abroad, they came to be in great request all over the United States and in Canada.

Encouraged by the remarkable favour which the Lord had shown him as steward of the Word of Life, Mr. Moody devised a Plan for a Bible school, in which those who were willing to devote their time to the Lord's work, as evangelists, exhorters, Bible readers, and the like, should receive a special and gratuitous course of training, both in the sense of the Scriptures and also in the best methods of teaching and preaching them.

His departure for England, where the Lord hath so signally blessed his labours, obliged Mr. Moody to commit this enterprise to other hands. And, here as always, God had a servant ready for the work.

Miss Emeline Dryer, an accomplished Christian lady, holding the highest educational position in the West, as the female head of the faculty of the Illinois State Normal University, had been moved by the Lord to come to Chicago, and devote herself to the sorrowful task of trying to help those lost women who are so far away from, and generally neglected by, all ordinary means of grace.

It was a picture fit for angels to gaze upon; a learned and honoured Christian woman stepping down from her high position to become a teacher and evangelist in the reformatory institution known as "The Erring Woman's Refuge."

The capacity and devotion of this heroic woman were not long in becoming known; and, after the great fire, her services were called into requisition in a wider sphere, as secretary of the Women's Aid Society. This Society, like many others for missionary work, came naturally into fellowship and labour with the Young Men's Christian Association: and her ability having been proved for two years, during which she conducted the great Bible-class in Mr. Moody's church, and at the same time several girls' and mothers' meetings in various parts of the city, the Bible school was placed in