

see the 'Band of Hope' work flourish here.' Sunday School Workers, exorcise this evil spirit out of your schools, by prayer, by loving counsel and warning, and by a pure example. It is a grand conclusion to an argument, to say, "And I find it so in my practice!"

MR. MOODY'S WORK IN CHICAGO.

Mr. Moody, having been criticised, as to his supposed opposition to the regular ministry, sends out a circular, a copy of which has been addressed to THE INDEPENDENT, in which he explains matters. We give some extracts:

"My idea is not to originate new church enterprises, but rather to fill up the present churches. Men who frequent saloons and such places will never be reached by Sunday meetings. Even if they strayed into such meetings, any impression which is made is all dissipated before next Sunday. If we are going to reach these classes we must have some places open every day in the week. There is a class of people that practically have no homes, and they go out in the evening into some places where they have genial companions and amusement. This is a source of vice and crime. My thought has been to establish places of meeting open every night for these people, where they might find some uplifting influence. Then they will find their way to the churches.

"What did you mean by saying that the 'ministers are often educated away from the people?'"

"That there is a large class of the community whom the ordinarily educated minister does not and cannot reach. For instance, there is a large class of mechanics; they are busy through the day and cannot be seen except at their shops. In the evenings they go to the saloons and places of amusement. None of the churches reach them. Since they will not go into the churches, let us go into the highways and hedges and so compel them to come in. Again, there is a large class of mothers in such a city as this, who if they are to be reached at all, it must be by carrying the Gospel to them and by cottage meetings in their homes."

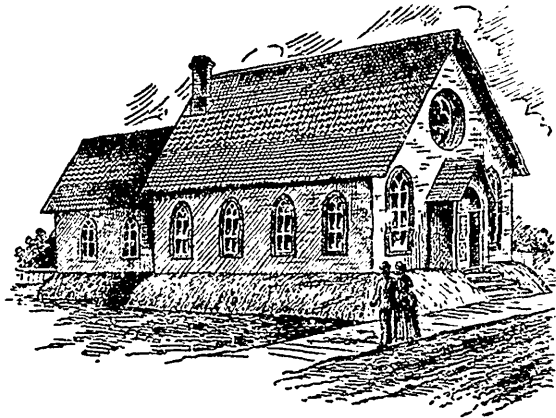
"Did you mean any assault upon the educated ministers, as such?"

"Not at all. I believe they have their place and are necessary to church life and growth. But there is a class of people whom no man can reach successfully, except one of their own number. Let me give you a matter of my own experience. When I was in London I went by invitation, one Sunday, to what is known as the 'Bird Market.' I had never been there before. When I was down there I was asked to preach. I found a great company of people with almost every kind of animal for sale. Men were there in hopes to get up a cock-fight and bet on the result. I spoke as best I could. I told them a lot of interesting stories. Men would stand there with their fighting cocks right under their arms, and they and the roosters would look up at me as I preached, but I found it was hard to hold them. Men might start the cock-fight right in front of me while I was preaching. After I got through, one of their own number who had been converted took the stand and began to address them. He was familiar with their own dialect; he knew their habits; he had the inside track to their hearts. They stood there and shed tears while he spoke in his simple fashion."

"Are you trying to establish what is practically a new denomination?"

"No. On the other hand, I think we have too many denominations already, and my only effort has been rather to unite existing denominations than to make any new ones. I see no reason why the Presbyterian and the Congregational, to which I belong, should not be united; they hold the same doctrines and are separated only by a trifling matter of church government."

BRANDON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.



We give above, a cut of the new Congregational Church in Brandon, Manitoba, opened in October; and of which an account is given in our last number. Had the new cause been able to engage a comfortable hall, *building* would probably have been delayed for a year or two. It is well that necessity forced them to build now. They have the comfort of worshipping in their own building, and the church has a prestige of a consolidated Christian community in the place. They have some good solid names, in connection with the cause; and it is a good sign that the *Year-Book* and INDEPENDENT are being subscribed for and circulated. We hope our young Brother Mason may long and successfully minister among this energetic people.

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OLIVER CROMWELL.

MR. EDITOR,—I lately saw a statement in a Toronto paper (*Canada Citizen*) to the effect that Lord Protector, Oliver Cromwell, was a Baptist by persuasion. I am not aware that I have ever