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—The arrangements for the meetings to be conducted by Messrs. Moody and Sankey, in Chicago, are rapidly approaching completion; a large new building is being erected on Monroe street, between Market and Franklin. The dimensions of the building are a hundred and ninety feet front, from East to West on Monroe street, by one hundred and sixty feet in depth. It stands on an open space, joining its West wall to a large block of stores, but open on its other three sides, between which and the streets on the East and South are wide, unoccupied spaces of ground, whereby great quietness will be enjoyed, even in the very heart of the city. To the main floor there are four wide double entrances; two by flights of steps downward from the wide stone pavement on Monroe street, and two from the South side at the ground level. This floor will be seated with four thousand five hundred chairs. A gallery forty feet will extend around three sides of the hall, sloping at a convenient angle, and seated with twenty-nine hundred chairs. To this gallery there are six entrances by flights of steps twelve feet wide, entirely separate from the entrances to the main floor, thus enabling the great hall to be filled or emptied in about five minutes. The hall will comfortably seat some eight

thousand people. The platform extends across the west end of the building; on this will be Mr. Moody's pulpit and Mr. Sankey's organ, a choir of three hundred singers, and seats for three hundred city pastors, ministers and others. The platform entrance is at the north-west corner of Monroe street. The sloping floors of the wide galleries from two ranges of rooms at the level of the street floor, which will be used for offices, inquiry and committee rooms. There will also be a commodious office on the Monroe street side, fitted up for the use of the press. The roof, which is thirty-eight feet high, is supported by heavy posts standing on the ground. The walls are of brick; the fronts are of iron; and it would seem to be impossible to construct a great auditorium, in which convenience and security should be more perfectly attained. The hall is lighted by two rows of windows along the whole length of the north and south sides, and at night it will be well lighted with gas. The whole building will be heated by steam. The cost of the building when completed, will be about twenty-one thousand dollars, about one half of which has been already subscribed; and it is proposed to raise the balance before the meetings begin. Quite a large additional sum will be required to defray the expenses of the meetings for three months, which sum it is hoped will be voluntarily given by those in sympathy with the work.—  
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