

He soon conceived the idea of organizing a Sabbath School of his own, where he could carry on work on a larger scale. He rented a building in a part of the city which was notorious for its wickedness. As the children sang hymns of praise to God in the school, it is said their voices could be heard in scores of drinking saloons and gambling hells in the neighborhood. So rapidly did the school grow in numbers that the room became in a short time too strait for them, and it was evident that a larger building was needed. From the mayor of the city he obtained the use of a hall in the market house. Here his school continued to increase till it had a membership of upwards of six hundred scholars. In process of time Mr. Moody became convinced that it was his duty to devote all his energies to evangelistic work, and with this end in view he gave up his business, trusting to the Lord to provide for him, and his. A building was erected for the use of his church and school, and in connection with it he labored with marked success.

At the breaking out of the war he became a member of the Christian Commission, and in connection with it he both did a great deal of good, and learned many things which have been useful to him since.

The great fire which in 1871 destroyed a large portion of Chicago burned him out of house and home, and consumed the building in which his congregation and Sabbath School held their meetings. But a frame building soon rose upon the ruins, and Christian work was again vigorously prosecuted.

In 1872 he made his first visit to Great Britain, but after a short time returned to his work in Chicago.

In the summer of 1878, in company with Mr. Sankey, Mr. Moody began his "two years campaign," from Edinburgh and Glasgow to Dublin on the one hand, and to London on the other.

Of the results of Mr. Moody's labors since that time it is not necessary for me to speak. These have been published throughout Christendom, in the secular as well as the religious journals, and every reader must be familiar with them. But there is one question in connection with his evangelistic labours which must engage the mind of every intelligent Christian,—“What are the secrets of Mr. Moody's power? How shall we account for his success as a Christian worker?” He is not a *revivalist*. He does not use the patent machinery employed by what are called revivalists. He is not a *Sensationalist*, in the common acceptance of that term, although he does work upon the deepest feelings of his hearers. But no one can listen to him or read of the effects of his sermons upon his auditors without feeling that he is a man of very decided