

## BIOGRAPHY OF MOODY AND SANKEY.

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R. MOODY is a native of New England, thirty-nine years old, and a Congregationalist by religious profession. In 1854 he obtained a situation in a Boston shoe-store, and it was during his short sojourn there that he became a regular attendant at church. Leaving Boston, he went to Chicago, engaged in business, and began his work as a missionary. He collected from the streets a large congregation of children, organised an efficient corps of teachers, and soon had under his control the most important mission enterprise in the West. His success was so rapid, that, in order to accommodate the hundreds that flocked to receive his instruction he was obliged to engage a large hall, which was soon filled to overflowing. His style of teaching was most attractive. He was persuasive, sympathetic, and unusually considerate in the choice of his subjects, and the method of dealing with them. Cheerful music, bright pictures, simple and appropriate stories, and intense personal earnestness, were the chief elements of his success.

Finding this enterprise firmly established, he turned his attention to the condition of German, Swedish, Norwegian, Italian, and other children of foreign birth or descent, and in a short time had gathered together an immense number of them. The field of his particular usefulness appeared so broad, and the necessity for his labor so urgent, that he was obliged to abandon his mercantile business and devote himself wholly to his mission work.

In 1861, when large military camps were established at Chicago, he began to work among the recruits, and as the war expanded his field was correspondingly enlarged. He