

materials scattered in books and periodicals, and gather them into such forms as will best meet the wants of our readers, being careful to exercise judgment in the selection and grouping, that we may portray truthfully the ways of Providence in their course of education and training for their present mighty success.

Dwight Lyman Moody was born in Northfield, Massachusetts, February 5th, 1837; being the sixth of nine children (seven sons and two daughters) of Edwin Moody. When he was but four years old his father died. All that was left to his mother for the support of herself and children was the little home on the mountain side, with an acre or two of land; and even this was encumbered with mortgage. Some of her worldly-wise neighbours advised her to give away or bind out her children; but this she determined not to do. God had endowed her with unusual strength both of body and mind, and, trusting in Him, she bravely lifted her burden of poverty and toil, and carried it patiently, hopefully, and at length cheerfully, until her little ones were able to help her bear it, and at last to fill her hands with plenty as they had filled her heart with love and care. The pressing cares and heavy burdens of Mrs. Moody led her to seek for a Friend and Helper in the Lord. She was determined to do all she could to save her children in this life; and believed in a God who would do the same for them in the life to come. She placed herself and family under the instructions of Pastor Everett, and they were all baptized together, and received into the Unitarian Church of Northfield, after the fashion of those days.

The shadow of poverty was over them, but the love of the Great Father above, and of the godly mother below, kept the little ones from want and gloom, and made their home a happy one in spite of their misfortunes.

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