

PUBLISHER'S PREFACE.

On January 2, 1894, the great revivalists, Mr. Dwight L. Moody and Mr. Ira D. Sankey, accompanied by Messrs. E. W. Bliss and F. H. Jacobs, inaugurated a series of meetings in Providence, R. I., which continued until January 31. A chorus of over 1,000 voices, under the leadership of Mr. Jacobs, participated in the exercises, regularly attending every meeting with a loyalty and faithfulness which contributed greatly to the inspiration of the occasion, and the four weeks' services were conducted on a scale which had never been equaled for magnitude and impressiveness.

The large audiences attracted to these meetings and the immense popular interest excited led *The Providence News* to publish daily a "Moody Page," which was devoted to the verbatim record of the chief sermons delivered by Mr. Moody. This record created an extraordinary demand for copies of the newspaper, which, despite extra editions, soon exhausted the files.

In answer to the continued call from all over the country for this record of the Moody sermons, and in recognition of the fact that there is no permanent collection of the latest platform utterances of the famous revivalist, the