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Spurgeon was called the pastoral evangelist; Chalmers, the parish evangelist; Finney, the revival evangelist; Howard, the prison evangelist; Whitefield, the field evangelist; Shaftesbury, the philanthropic evangelist; Bliss, the singing evangelist; McCauley, the evangelist of the outcast, but Dwight L. Moody was the evangelist of the people.

For forty years his name was known among the English speaking people. For nearly forty years his sayings have been household words; for nearly forty years his stories have been told at almost every Christian fireside. His life, with its peculiarly fitting ending, is known in a general way to the great majority of the people, but few of them realize what a great man he was. Born in New England poverty, but with an indomitable spirit, he made his mark as a boy even in wise old Boston. As a young man in Chicago, he demonstrated his stability in commerce as well as in religion. He founded, by his energy, one of the largest Sunday-schools in the world out of apparently the poorest material to be found on the American continent.

A few years later, he electrified Europe with his methods and thousands of people turned

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