

Church History Senior S 9

but Dwight L. Moody still devoted himself to trying to reach the people with the gospel and went on for many years trying one way and another with comparatively little success but he was a man of great determination, of remarkable executive ability and a man of great humility and determination to put the Lord first in everything. As to the immediate impact of his life, it is questionable if any life outside of the Bible has ever had as great an immediate impact as that of Dwight L. Moody. In Great Britain, he was over there on a trip fairly early in his ministry and a man over there invited him to come over and hold a series of meetings. Moody promised to go over a few months later and hold these meetings and as he came back to this country here he found a singer, Ira D. Sankey and he asked him to join with him in his work and in 1873 the two of these men decided to go to accept the invitation to carry on evangelistic work in England and Scotland. They'd heard nothing further from the man in Scotland who had told them he would pay his way over and support him in the work because he wanted his message brought, so they went over without any letter or any information from him, got over there and found that their backer had died in the meantime. There was no one there the least bit interested in their work and they started in in a room over a drug store and they began meetings with five people in attendance and began in that way holding their meetings and within two or three weeks they were having hundreds of them, and eventually they spent at that time over two years in England and Scotland visiting city after city. In one of them they held meetings at which twenty thousand would be present at each meeting, and those were the days before loud speakers or amplifiers. They say that the street would be just jammed with people coming in to the Moody meetings hours before the time for the meeting to begin. After coming back from England they held large meetings all over the United States and according to the encyclopedia it is estimated that in these meetings Mr. Moody addressed over fifty million people. His grammar was not particularly good; his knowledge of the Bible was