Ordinary People Extraordinary Things

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February 5, 1837
Unitarian
deity of Jesus
faith as means of salvation
reason as supreme
building good character through
education and reason.

Ralph Waldo Emerson Transcendentalism



Never more than a 5th grade education.

17 moves to Boston
Selling shoes
Conversion



Edward Kimball





When I was in Boston I used to attend a Sunday School class, and one day I recollect my teacher came around behind the counter of the shop I was at work in, and put his hand on my shoulder, and talked to me about Christ and my soul. I had not felt that I had a had a soul till then.

I said to myself, "This is a very strange thing. Here is a man who never saw me till lately, and he is weeping over my sins, and I never shed a tear about them." But I understand about it now, and know what it is to have a passion for men's souls and weep over their sins.

I don't remember what he said, but I can feel the power of that man's hand on my shoulder tonight. It was not long after that I was brought into the Kingdom of God.

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May 3, 1856

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Mission School 1859



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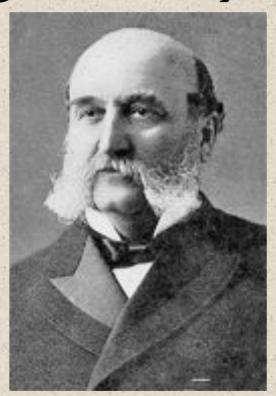
1860 - full-time Christian work

August 28, 1862 Marriage





Ira Sankey Revival Meetings 1870





1873 to 1875 England
Chicago
Brooklyn
Philadelphia
New York



Contributions to Revivalism

1. Love of God



Oh, what a day! I cannot describe it; I seldom refer to it; it is almost too sacred an experience to name. Paul had an experience of which he never spoke for fourteen years. I can only say that God revealed Himself to me, and I had such an experiencing of His love that I had to ask Him to stay His hand.

I used to preach that God hates the sinner.... I never knew that God loves us so much. This heart of mine began to thaw out; I could not hold back the tears...I took up that word "love" and I do not know how many weeks I spent in studying passages in which it occurs, till at last I could not help loving people.

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- 2. Organization
- 3. Preaching style



Oh, the way that man does mangle the English tongue! The daily slaughter of syntax at the Tabernacle is dreadful. His enunciation may be pious, but his pronunciations are decided off color. It is enough to make Noah Webster turn over in his grave and weep to think that he lived in vain.

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- 1. Love of God
- 2. Organization
- 3. Preaching style
- 4. Education: Moody Bible In



December 22, 1899



Some day, you will read in the papers that D.L. Moody of East Northfield is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now. I shall have gone up higher, that is all—out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal, a body that sin cannot touch,

...that sin cannot taint, a body fashioned like unto his glorious body. I was born of the flesh in 1837. I was born of the Spirit in 1856. That which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the Spirit will live forever.