

only what he had gained from studying it by himself; his theological background was very poorly developed; but he had a passion for souls and he had a tremendous desire to serve the Lord and the number who were won into the kingdom of Christ through his efforts probably surpasses that of any other individual outside of the Bible in all history. It's positively almost unbelievable today to think of the number of meetings which he held and the thousands of people whom he reached, the thousands whom he talked to personally and the depth of the spiritual impression which was made upon them by the activities of Dwight L. Moody. Now all this, of course, is the good side of Dwight L. Moody's life and it is a very good side, and a very important thing, and it is wonderful what that man accomplished, but I believe I've made the statement here that most works that have lasted have been founded by men of great consecration and also of great education. We notice that the protestant reformation was begun by Luther, one of the most highly educated men in that the reformed section of protestantism owes its origin to Calvin, one of the greatest scholars of his day, that the Methodist Church owes its origin to Wesley, the great Oxford scholar, that most movements which have lasted have been founded by men thoroughly trained and educated. Great works have been done as the work of Moody by men who were not particularly educated or trained but as a rule there has been a lack which has resulted in some point in the work not being carried out as it might have been. Now in the case of Moody, the people in Scotland were tremendously attracted to him. His influence in Great Britain is positively impossible to overestimate, but many of the men who were tremendously won to him were men whose minds were filled with the teachings of the higher criticism and with the teachings of evolution, and some of these men came to his conference in Northfield and gave great devotional messages which were greatly blessed of the Lord because they had a real touch of the Spirit of God, but then proceeded to give other messages in which they tried to reconcile Christianity with science by accepting all the latest theories of science and explaining away everything in the Bible which did not