

"Ha, Ha Ha, Three big shows
Moody in the morning
Forespaugh's afternoon and evening!"

The manager had spoken rather disparagingly as to hope for attendance at the services. But the canvas elipse found ten thousand in the tent and eight thousand more round about. So few came to the circus the afternoon and evening that the manager abandoned Sunday exhibitions entirely and asked Mr. Moody to hold gospel meetings in his tent in other cities.

During the Faith, a group of "ev Thought" people hired a hall and with great fanfare advertized meetings. The meeting opened to an audience of less than a score. On the other hand, the Gospel meetings attracted thousands.

Dominant in Moody's meetings was the service of singing, by the congregation. God used this part of the services to prepare the audiences for the spoken word. Choirs and special singers assisted.

The revival was born in prayer. Mr Moody rose each day at six, spending the mornings in prayer and meditation. The result was that the spirit of prayer and the interest of many christians, brot a prayerful concentration upon the effort. The course of the revival continued comparatively unharrassed. Problems dissappeared as soon as they seemed imminent.

The direction of the meetings was found in the group of lead rs who gathered with Mr. Moody regularly. Changes were made to suit the exigencies of each situation. Tents were moved from time to time to needy areas. Reports were given each Lord's day evening to this group, and rejoicing was theirs when news came from all sections of the city.

II What lessons does this revival have for us in 1959?

While indeed God does ever give the increase, yet it is true that responsibility is ours today, to seek the opportunities as did Mr. Moody in 1893. Ours is the duty to obey God is the use of the evangelistic gift given of Christ for his Church and its witness, as is outlined in Ephesians 4:11-16. This is true, every year of our Lord. Whether godlessness in Chicago prior to 1893, or indifference in 1959, will you and I be alert, as was Mr. Moody? It may indeed be debated whether a world wide revival, such as came a century ago, will come. The conquest of liberalism has engulfed the Protestant church. Catholicism and materialistic engrossment has taken much of what was formerly protestant America. It is also true, that much of America, the country over, found more militant evangelical lay people, who listened to the Gospel preached "every sabbath", than in our day. The percentage of bible believing protestant preachers was then doubtless much higher.

However, blessings today are still found, when one is faithful to evangelistic endeavor. Rev. Robert Dunzweiler and his Faith Seminary gospel team, found victory thruout the past summer. At times they came to struggling churches, with few souls to be counted. A Seminar for saints to encourage working for souls and advertizing, person to person, coming meetings. A return after an interval to conduct a week of meetings. And before all was done a filled church, while precious ones' came weeking to Christ. These things witness the old time power when Bible methods are still used