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*A Sketch of His Life and Achievements.*

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Walter W. Moore was born at Charlotte, N. C., June 14, 1857. He was a descendant of sterling Scotch-Irish strains. His father was Isaac Hudson Moore, a grandson of Alexander Moore, of Lincoln, who, together with three brothers, one of whom, John, attained to considerable military distinction, fought through the whole of the war for American independence. Walter W. Moore's mother was Martha Parks Moore, a woman of uncommon mentality and high moral and Christian character, eminently worthy to have such a son. She was left a widow with three children, two sons and one daughter, when her second son, Walter, was only six years of age. She struggled bravely to bring her children up to be honest, useful and honored Christian citizens. Thus we find that between 1869 and 1875 she taught a mission school at a salary of \$20.00 per month, meantime had her eldest son, Charles C., in employment in a book store at \$12.00 per month, had him and Walter serve also as carriers of the morning Charlotte Observer for three years, 1868-1871, at \$1.00 per week each, had Walter working in the afternoons three hours a day folding pages of the "Land We Love" a magazine published by General D. H. Hill, of Charlotte; and yet kept Walter in the school of the Rev. R. H. Griffith and Captain Armistead Burwell.

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OUR LORD'S EARTHLY LIFE. *By David Smith, M. A., D. D., Professor of N. T. Literature, Presbyterian College, Belfast.* George H. Doran Co., New York. Large 8vo. 500 pp. \$3.00.

Twenty years ago, while still a rural pastor, David Smith published "The Days of His Flesh", one of the most popular of the many lives of our Lord. Now, after long, reverent study, he attempts the same task. Here he employs more geographical detail, stresses more largely the human aspects of our Lord's ministry, and changes his interpretation at times; but one lays the newer book down with a sense of disappointment. "The old is better".

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE. A CRITICAL AND DEVOTIONAL COMMENTARY. *By Burton Scott Easton, D. D., Professor of N. T. Literature, General Theological Seminary.* New York. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York. Large 8vo. 367 pp. \$3.50 net.

Here is a calm, dispassionate summary of certain "findings" of moderate N. T. criticism, notably that of the elder Weiss. There is no devotional treatment, and no homiletic suggestiveness. The author does well what he attempts, but if he has evangelical opinions, or enthusiasms, he conceals them successfully.

He finds fault at times with Luke's grammar, and differs from his statements of fact. Where most of us find rare beauty, he speaks of "vagueness". But he holds that Luke was the author, or compiler, using three sources: Mark, "Q", and "L", principally the latter.

In the Christmas narrative, on textual grounds, he prefers the reading, "Good will towards men". He says that the tale of the Good Samaritan is not a parable, and that it has suffered from "tasteless allegorizing". He warns against "overinterpretation" of the parable of the Prodigal Son, and protests against making the father represent God, for in the parable the father is "somewhat niggardly"!

Tehnical scholarship has its place, and this book will appeal to the limited few who wish another critical commentary on Luke, but as the author says, Plummer's I. C. C. here is the best of the older school. Amen! And in this case, the old is better than the new!

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THESE SAYINGS OF MINE. AN INTERPRETATION OF THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS. *Lloyd C. Douglas.* Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Pp. 234. Price \$1.50.

This is a worth while book. The author starts out with the conviction that the safest and surest way back to Christ is through a