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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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THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF WILLIAM REED HUNTINGTON, RECTOR OF GRACE CHURCH, NEW YORK. *By John Wallace Suter.* The Century Co. Large 8vo. 549 pp. \$5.00.

This man was remarkable for the variety and the balance of his powers as a parish leader, an ecclesiastical debater, an advocate of Americanizing the Prayer Book, and a promoter of Church Unity. Originally frail in body, a graduate of Harvard, but with no seminary training, always reserved, and in no wise a flaming pulpit orator—he became second only to Phillips Brooks among Episcopalians of the past generation.

Refusing repeatedly to become a bishop, he kept resolutely at his parish work, and gradually made Grace Church almost a model of what a downtown Episcopal Church should be. Not a musician, he believed in beautiful music, but he attached even more importance to his pulpit, where he always exalted Christ. He was a staunch evangelical, with rare business gifts and common sense, mingled with even more rare mysticism and devotion to spiritual religion.

This lengthy biography, unlike that of Phillips Brooks, by Allen, will appeal chiefly to Episcopalians, and to those who wish to understand that great Church in her hopes for Church Unity, which always include the historic Episcopate. But to the patient reader this book shows the Episcopal Church at its best. Here are a few gems which shine forth from the letters of a man who is said always to have "preached helpfully and inspiringly to the poor woman in the back pew".

"Nine-tenths of a sermon is in the preaching of it." "To love the Church because it is Christ's Church is better than to fight for it because it is our Church." "Wherever the word 'ought' comes in, there religion comes in also." "Organization and administration are to fishers of men what nets were to the fisher-folk of Galilee." When told that a certain prayer savored of the Kenotic theory, he replied: "The criticism shows the Kenotic condition of the critics' heads!" "I have never changed my conviction that eternal life in Christ and no eternal life away from Him is the real New Testament teaching."

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CHARLES M. SHELDON: HIS LIFE STORY. *An Autobiography of the Author of "In His Steps"*. George H. Doran Co. Pp. 309. \$2.50.

This is a delightful book from every point of view, and one that will prove most stimulating to any minister. Just as a sample let me give you the points of the program which Dr. Sheldon adopted at the very outset of his ministry: (1) I will begin my pastorate with an unquestioning faith in Jesus Christ as the one and only power in all