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## A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF REV. HENRY ELIAS DOSKER, D. D., LL. D., L. H. D.

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Theological Seminary, 1903-1926).*

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For those not well acquainted with Dr. Dosker, it may be well, before my expression of appreciation of him, to give, in a few words, the data of his life.

He was born in the Netherlands in February, 1855, at Bunschoten. His father was the Rev. Nicholas Herman Dosker, pastor of the Christian Reformed Church at Bunschoten, and his mother was Wilhelmina De Ronden. Henry Elias, for that was the name given him, was educated in the Dutch Gymnasium, a school of secondary education that corresponds roughly to our academy or high school. The family came to this country in 1870, the Rev. Nicholas Dosker having accepted a call to take the ministry of the Second (Dutch) Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Henry E. was sent to Hope College, Holland, Michigan, from which he graduated and of which he was one of the most distinguished alumni. He then entered McCormick Seminary without, of course, leaving the membership of the Dutch Reformed Church in America. His first church was a country pastorate in Ebenezer, near the city of Holland, Michigan. His second church was the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven, Michigan,

that his unusual executive ability and dynamic personality have made possible.

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COME AND SEE. *By Wade C. Smith.* Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond, Va. Pp. 110. Cloth \$1, paper 50c. ROYAL PARTNERSHIP. *By M. E. Melvin, D. D.* Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. Pp. 86. Cloth \$1, paper 50c. The two subjects that are uppermost in the mind of the church today are Evangelism and Stewardship. It is fine that two ministers of our church should make notable contributions to the recent literature on these subjects.

I consider "Come and See" the most helpful and inspiring book on personal evangelism I have ever read. Every Christian worker will find it a practical guide to soul winning, reasonable and sane in its suggested methods, and Scriptural in its doctrinal basis. It is a book that will render good service to the church.

"Royal Partnership" is a good book on Stewardship written from a new angle of thought. Partnership with Christ is a refreshing and invigorating way of approach to this subject. The chief value of this book is its illuminating discussion of property. Every business man needs to read this book. Both these books are designed for use in study classes and have suggestions for study for each chapter.

JOHN C. SILER.

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#### DEVOTIONAL.

THE MESSAGE OF THOMAS A KEMPIS. *By Eben J. Ives.* Fleming H. Revell Co., New York City. Pp. 104. 75c. Next to the Bible, "The Imitation of Christ", by Thomas a Kempis, is probably the most popular book of devotion in the world. The publishers of the book now reviewed claim that Eben J. Ives has written an introduction and companion to the "Imitation of Christ", which will be found an invaluable aid to an appreciation of this famous devotional work. We heartily endorse this statement. Mr. Ives recognizes the limitations of The Imitation of Christ—the emphasis on the passive virtues, the neglect of the active ones. But he tells us what we need to know about the book and its author, he interprets its spirit and summarizes its message. Mr. Ives' own book is a fine book of devotion, but one who reads it will almost certainly want to go on to the fuller message of Thomas a Kempis himself—and that is as it should be.

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IN TIME OF SORROW: A BOOK OF CONSOLATION. *By Charles Lewis Slattery.* The Macmillan Company, New York. Pp. 161. \$1.50. An