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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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TARBELL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL S. S. LESSONS. *By Martha Tarbell, Ph. D.* Fleming H. Revell Co., New York. Pp. 415. \$1.90.

PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS. *By Amos R. Wells, Litt. D., LL. D.* W. A. Wilde Co., Boston, Mass.

These books, we take it, are familiar to all teachers of the International Sunday-School Lessons. They appear for the year 1927 in their familiar dress, following their accustomed plan in the treatment of the lesson. They are scholarly and helpful. Every teacher would do well to possess one or both of them. The only way to find which will be the most helpful to the individual teacher is to give each a trial.

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THE CALL TO PROPHETIC SERVICE. *Henry Schaeffer, Ph. D., S. T. M.* Fleming H. Revell Co., New York. 459 pages. \$3.25.

The author of this book is professor of Old Testament Interpretation in the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. For five years he made a special study of the call-experiences of the prophets of the Old and New Testaments. This book is the product of that study. In an introduction to these studies Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, president of McCormick Theological Seminary, has well described Dr. Schaeffer's book thus: "His study includes the conditions under which the prophet came to be called, the method whereby the call was presented to him, his response in its initial stages and also during the progress of his obedience to the heavenly vision, and the fundamental message he had to reveal." While the author does bring out the influence upon the prophet of the political and religious environment of the times in which he lived, he lays by far the largest emphasis on the supernatural element in the preparation, call, and message of the prophet.

The book makes a strong appeal to the minister today. It gives him a higher conception of his office, a fresh grasp on the supernatural resources of the prophet, and a renewed courage to speak out boldly to an unsympathetic world the real message of God. Then, too, it will be of great value to the young man who is seriously considering the ministry as a life work, for the author in his application draws from the call-experiences of the prophets the fundamental principles that underlie the call to the ministry. The book is expository in character and furnishes rich homiletical material to the minister who would prepare a series of sermons on "God's Calls to Service".

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