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William Eves Moore, D. D., LL. D., was born in Strasburg, Pa., April 1st, 1823. His parents, Jacob Moore, M. D., (University of Pennsylvania, 1818), and Sarah Faris Moore, came of Scotch-Irish ancestors, who after the siege of Derry migrated to the northern part of Newcastle county, Delaware, and for generations held office in the same Presbyterian church and owned the original farm land given by grant of Wm. Penn. Returning from Strasburg to Delaware, Dr. Moore's father died when this, his eldest son, was six years of age.

With two sisters older, and a brother younger, there then began for him all the vicissitudes in life of a fatherless boy.

From the home of paternal grandparents in Mill Creek Hundred, he first attended school in New London, and at ten years of age was trudging on foot over hills and country roads to Newark Academy. At twelve and a half years he is a druggist's apprentice in Philadelphia, laying in stores of practical knowledge to be of use on battlefields in later life.

Following this came a service of one campaign in the war with the Seminoles in Florida, where first he served his country in arms and his fellow-soldiers with care of the sick and dying.

Next were a few years upon a farm—a signal benefit to his future health, and whether ploughing the field or sowing the wheat his was the expert hand chosen for all difficult tasks. And now there came the call of the Master, first to consecration of heart and life to the service of God, and then to the ministry of the Word. But how should the orphan youth find ways and means for a long course of preparation? Educational opportunities had been few,—of means, he had none. If any part of the life of Dr. Moore was truly heroic and full of Christian trust and gratitude, it was in the eight years' struggle following his decision of this great question. At the end of it, without aid from educational societies, he yet was without a dollar of debt! In



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ten months, during eight of which he taught a common school, he had progressed from the first page of the Latin grammar into the freshman class of Yale College. From that hour no backward step or look was ever taken, and as in all his future life, honors came soon and often, but hard-earned; and ever the Christian life and influence went on, in prayer-meeting and inquiry-rooms, in Sabbath mission work, and in the sacred privacy of personal intercourse. Approaching his graduation in 1847 he wonders how and where the next door shall open for him. When commencement day comes he has been already six weeks chosen and installed Principal of the Fairfield (Conn.) Academy and Preparatory School. Again he is both teacher and student, for now he enters on the study of theology, under the tuition of that prince among theologians, Dr. Lyman Atwater, later of Princeton.

It was this experience of struggle and accomplishment which gave him such sympathy and helpful interest in young men and women with like aspirations. He early became the friend and patron of educational institutions. He was long in the service as president of the public school board of West Chester and later entered upon a continuous responsibility as trustee and president of the board of trustees of the now great State Normal School of West Chester. For many years previous to his death he was an active and valued member of the boards of trustees of Marietta College, of Lane Theological Seminary and Columbus Medical College.

Dr. Moore was licensed to preach in April, 1850, and was ordained and installed over the First Presbyterian Church, West Chester in October of the same year. He had married a few weeks before to Harriet F., daughter of Rev. George Foot, of Delaware. Outside of the vigorous work of his own pastorate, he did much preaching in the churches of the surrounding country, which labor bore fruit in the organization of several strong churches. For many years, in that first field of his ministerial labors, he preached three times every Sabbath, riding distances of from ten to twenty miles to reach his different appointments.

Often in teachers' institutes, almost constantly tutoring young men for college, ever watchful over the young teachers in

as it honored him in life by intrusting so much to his ability and fidelity.

Dr. Moore was a large-hearted man. Everyone who came in touch with him felt his kindly sympathy. He could always be counted upon to do the manly, christian thing, and never anything disagreeable or ungracious. He was truth itself, absolutely reliable in every relation in life. A benevolent rule of his life was that no man should come to him in need and go away without receiving benefit. Dr. Moore was a man of strong mind, kindly and gentle, conscientious in every undertaking, of sound judgment and rare tact, observant and exceptional in his good common sense, a man of deep convictions and benevolent disposition, fair and generous in all his dealings, and, withal, a modest man.

A remarkable group of sons survive their distinguished father. These sons are: Rev. George F. Moore, professor in Andover Theological Seminary; the Rev. Edward C. Moore, pastor Central Congregational Church, Providence, R. I.; the Rev. Charles A. Moore, pastor Congregational Church, Rockland, Me.; Frank G. Moore, professor in Dartmouth College; Henry M. Moore, M. D., surgeon of Ohio Volunteers, and Frederick A. Moore, now engaged in the banking business, New York City.

Dr. William E. Moore was one of the most zealous and influential members which the Ohio State Archæological and Historical Society has ever had. He was a man of broad and varied culture. Not only was he high authority in the history and doctrines of the church of which he was such a distinguished member, but he was a ripe scholar in literature and the sciences. The subject of archæology was one in which he took keen delight, and the writer of this note has spent many of his most pleasurable and profitable hours in the company of Dr. Moore in visits to localities of archæological interest. For ten years previous to his death Dr. Moore was not only a trustee and member of the executive committee of this Society, but he was also its vice-president, and gave freely of his valuable time and wise judgment to the direction of the work of the Society.

He died in Columbus, Ohio, on June 5th, 1899, at a little over seventy-six years of age.