

Poet and Priest

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Sketch of Arthur Wentworth Hamilton Eaton, a Canadian who has won much distinction abroad.

IN the bachelor lodgings in the centre of the most socially conservative section of the City of New York, the region near Washington Square, for many years has lived one of Canada's most loyal and most gifted sons. Arthur Went-

worth Hamilton Eaton, M.A., D.C.L., priest, poet, historian, and general literary man, was born in Nova Scotia, educated in that province and in New England, for ten or eleven years had his home in Boston, and for more than twenty

years has been a resident of New York. Officially, Dr. Eaton is a priest of the Episcopal Church, in which he is a preacher of repute, by native aptitude and sympathy, as in habit of life he is essentially, and so has long been recognised, a devoted literary man. Born in a rarely beautiful town in Nova Scotia's famous central valley, with superb skies, divine fruit orchards, great drooping elms, green dykes, old gardens, mysterious brooks and pools, and a winding tide-river, to stimulate his youthful imagination, he early showed the tendency he has now followed so long. His father, William Eaton, Esquire, represented an important Puritan family who had settled in Nova Scotia after the expulsion of the Acadians in 1755. He was a man of education and the highest worth, at one time inspector of schools for his county, and when he died in 1893 an honoured official of



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