

*The First  
Bishop of  
Washington.*

Phillips Brooks once said, "I think that I would rather have written a great biography than a great book of any sort, as I would rather have painted a great portrait than any other kind of picture." This is declared to be his own literary ambition by Bishop Charles H. Brent in prefacing his biography of the late Henry Yates Satterlee, first Bishop of Washington. "A Master Builder" he names the book, with sub-title explaining that it is "the Life and Letters" of Bishop Satterlee. A high ideal has inspired the author's labors, and he portrays for us an attractive, a devoted, a lovable personality in him who for more than forty years gave himself to his chosen work as a minister of religion, and for twelve of those years held the high office to which he was elected in 1895. A peculiar fitness attends the choice of his biographer, as Bishop Brent was himself called with insistent urgency to fill the place left vacant by his friend's death in 1908. But his own duties in the Philippines seem to have outweighed all other claims. The book is well illustrated and indexed.