

Father Huntington, Founder of the Order of the Holy Cross. By Vida Dutton Scudder. E. P. Dutton, \$3.50

The Huntingtons were not a family of conformists. James Otis Sargent Huntington's father, Bishop Huntington, left the Unitarian fold to embrace the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Father Huntington broke a tradition of Protestantism: he originated the Order of the Holy Cross, a monastic organization; for he believed in the religious life.

But the monastery was no cloister for Father Huntington; on the contrary, he felt that a religious community could justify itself only through untiring service in behalf of distressed humanity. Thus it was that the experimental years of this deviation from Protestant tradition were spent on New York's Lower East Side.

During this time Father Huntington became acquainted with Henry George. No disciple of the Philosophy of Freedom was more devoted than the founder of the Order of the Holy Cross. He, Father McGlynn, and Henry George himself, became an inseparable trio.

But Father Huntington's main devotion was to his religious order. In 1904 he established it in its present home on the Hudson just north of West Point. He never succumbed to the temptation of clerical ambition, although he probably could have become Bishop.

He died in 1935 at the age of 81. The usefulness of his long life receives a sympathetic testimony in Miss Scudder's biography.

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