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## AN INTRODUCTION

We have many memories of men who through unusual ability have won their way to public recognition. What many of us want is the record of a man who in ability is so near to us that we may feel that what he has done we may try to do.

Here is the story of one who was by birth and education of the most privileged: a delicate boy, a youth of no exceptional parts, he gave himself with the fullest consecration in the name of Christ to the service of the people.

Immersed as he was during those busy years in the activities of his Parish, passing his days in tenements and up and down the streets of the city, he held strong the bonds of early friendships and refreshed himself with literature. Contact with sin left no defilement; association with misery and sordidness served to reveal his unworldly and hopeful spirit. In his simplicity and sincerity was his charm. In the many practical and material elements of modern Parish life he carried and sustained such a refined temper as to transfigure them. To the youth he was the embodiment of a Christian gentleman. Those of us who knew him best never ceased to find in him unexplored recesses of culture, faith, and helpfulness. He carried with the ministry of the Church in manufacturing cities of the

twentieth century such a spirit of chivalry and such devotion to his Master and the Church as we associate with the Saints of early days.

One who assisted him in the last years of his life, counts it his highest privilege to try in this simple story to record and perpetuate some of the influence of Augustine Amory.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

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### CHAPTER I

In the latter part of the 17th Century, Jonathan Amory with his son Thomas appears to have settled in the West Indies. Thence he moved to Charleston, South Carolina, and about 1700 came north to Boston. James Sullivan left Limerick, Ireland, in 1723 for America, and made his home in Berwick, Maine. His son became prominent in affairs of statehood and law, being a Judge on the Massachusetts bench, and a delegate to Congress from Massachusetts in the year which saw the close of the Revolutionary War. He held the position of Attorney-General of Massachusetts, and was elected to the highest honor Massachusetts can give, that of Governor, in 1807. His daughter married Jonathan Amory.

A son from this marriage was James Sullivan Amory, Augustine's father, one of Boston's successful merchants. He was a fine type of man, thoroughly religious, pre-eminently Christian, an Evangelical Churchman, of the kind that love the Bible and talk about it, believe in family worship and practice it, frequent and share their prosperity with the Church. As his son Augustine said once,