

## Charles Monroe Sheldon

This is a photograph of a sketch of Reverend Charles Monroe Sheldon, pastor of Central Congregational Church, Topeka, Kansas. In the fall of 1896, Reverend Sheldon introduced a sermon story entitled "In His Steps or What Jesus Would Do." It was published in a weekly religious magazine from Chicago and the response from readers was incredible. Soon it was out in book form. Sales were spectacular. Some twenty other publishers discovered the story as it appeared serially and they too offered it in book form, without compensation to Sheldon since the stories were never copyrighted. In addition to his book, Sheldon started Tennesseetown kindergarten for African-American children in Topeka, Kansas.

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