

honored guest was the best informed man on education in the United States. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., in speaking of him, said, "I will not simply say he is one of the most distinguished educators in this country, but one of the most distinguished educators known to the world."

In a history of Memphis, where the general served the public as an editor, are the following fitting words :

"General Eaton's whole life has been consecrated to the highest benevolence and to the broadest patriotism, and to going about doing good in every direction."

He m. Sept. 29, 1864, Alice Eugenia, daughter of Capt. James and Adeline (Quincy) Shirley, of Vicksburg, Miss. She was born at Carrolton, Miss., May 2, 1844. Captain Shirley was a native of Goffstown, and graduated at Dartmouth the year before his life-long friend, Rufus Choate. Mrs. Adeline (Quincy) Shirley was a daughter of Abram Quincy, of Boston, a favorite great-niece of John Hancock, and one of the Boston medal scholars. She was well known for her literary taste. Their home was known in the siege of Vicksburg as the "White House," the only one near and outside the Confederate lines not burned. Its upper windows were often used by General Grant in observing the operations of the enemy. Mr. Shirley and his daughter were in Clinton when the siege began. Mrs. Shirley, after the house had been riddled with cannon and musket balls, found safety in a rude cave prepared by her servants, while the youngest son joined the Union forces in their attack. The daughter's diary, found by the soldiers, became a means by which Gen. Grant recognized the loyalty of the family.

Mrs. Alice (S.) Eaton was instructed mainly by tutors at home and at Mr. Young's school, and finished her school days in the Female College under Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Hilman, Clinton, Miss. She devoted much time to music, singing, also playing on several instruments; but she was most fond of the piano. She is a ready writer, and has greatly aided her husband with her pen. Children,—

James Shirley, b. Aug. 1, 1868, at Nashville, Tenn.

Elsie Janet, b. Feb. 6, 1871, at Washington, D. C.

John Quincy, b. July 14, 1873, at Washington, D. C.

Frederick Charles, b. Aug. 9, 1877, at Washington, D. C.; d. June 15, 1878.

James Shirley prepared for college in the high school at Washington, D. C., and entered Dartmouth college, but transferred his connection to Marietta college when his father became president of that col-