

Elizabeth W. Eaton graduated at Mt. Holyoke seminary in 1878, and has taught with marked acceptance in Monson academy, Mass., Frederick Female Seminary, Md., the high school at Schuylerville, N. Y., and Iowa Agricultural College. In April, 1888, she went to Europe for study and travel, returning in June, 1889. She is now the professor of modern languages of Colorado college, at Colorado Springs.

Elijah Eaton, b. in Haverhill, Mass., Jan. 12, 1770, son of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Dodge) Eaton, m. Jan. 1, 1797, in Bedford, Elizabeth, b. Aug. 10, 1777, daughter of James and Abigail (Richardson) Vose. Her father was b. in Milton, Mass., on the same farm where his ancestors from England settled in 1654. Elijah Eaton and wife lived a few years in Haverhill, Mass. Early in the first years of the present century they moved to Sutton and located on the eastern slope of Kimball's hill. Elijah, though not as tall, was like his brother John in great strength, and like his brother Nathaniel in agility: he could outstrip younger men in a foot-race. With these physical gifts was blended an earnest, devoted piety. He was styled the "peacemaker." He was the scholar of his family. In early life he began the study of medicine, but not believing in the practice of those days he conscientiously abandoned it. He was a Baptist. His sons, Ariel Kendrick and Pelatiah Chapin, were named for ministers of that denomination. His sons Jubal, Elijah, Nathaniel, and Carlos became members of the Baptist church. He d. Sept. 6, 1818. Mrs. Eaton showed great fortitude in caring for and training her young children and managing her farm, Carlos S., her youngest child, being only four months old. She d. Aug. 12, 1849. Children,—

Jubal, b. Aug. 1, 1798; d. Nov. 2, 1878.

Nathaniel, b. Sept. 9, 1800; d. June 29, 1804.

Elijah, b. March 24, 1808; d. Sept. 12, 1843.

Nathaniel, b. April 27, 1805; d. March 26, 1844.

James Vose, b. July 27, 1807; d. Nov. 13, 1843.

Sumner, b. June 18, 1809; d. September, 1818.

Roxana, b. June 26, 1811.

Ariel Kendrick, b. Dec. 1, 1813.

Pelatiah Chapin, b. April 9, 1815; d. Aug. 25, 1818.

Carlos Smith, b. May 4, 1818; d. Nov. 18, 1886.

NOTE. It is related in connection with the conversion of Rev. William Taylor, that when he became duly impressed with the need of forgiveness for his sins, living with his father at the corner of the road near Potash hill, he struggled to quiet his conscience until into the night, but could not. He felt the disapproval of any misconduct, by no one in the neighborhood so much as that of Elijah Eaton, yet in his distress his thoughts turned specially to the good man, and gathering courage in the darkness of the midnight hours, he wended his way over the hill to Mr. Eaton's. He rapped on the door. Mr. Eaton came at once, light in hand, for he was engaged, as was his custom, in the reading of the scriptures and in prayer.