

CHAPTER VII.

Mr. Clayton Wright, a splendid specimen of manliness, was twice married; first to Miss Mary Davidge Emory, daughter of Dr. Emory, of Centreville, and sister to Mr. Stephen L. Wright's first wife. His second wife was Miss Matilda Mumme, of Baltimore, a lively, handsome lady, sister of Maj. Thomas W. Mumme, who was well-educated and an agreeable gentleman. Miss Mumme was the aunt of the gifted Edward Spencer, whose beautiful talent displayed itself in plays, prose writings and "touching poems," one of his choicest productions having been republished in the *Baltimore Sun*, for which he wrote for many years of his life. Mr. Edward Spencer was considered one of Baltimore city's brightest luminaries in the literary world. To me the most touching verses he ever penned were those dedicated to the memory of his faithful wife:

"Before her mind went out to sea,
My little wife, she said to me," etc., etc.

This gifted gentleman was a son of Edward Spencer, a merchant, of Baltimore, and Guinilda Mumme, and a cousin of Rev. Charles Sydney Spencer, now rector of St. Stephen's Church, Kent Island, whose father was Mathew Spencer, principal of Easton Academy, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Royston Skinner, of Talbot County, Md. Mr. Edward Spencer married Ann Catharine Bradford Harrison, and had children, viz.: Edward, Robert Leigh, Webster Lindsley, Emily Harrison, Beverly Brown, deceased, and Mary Ruth, deceased. Thomas Mumme died very young. Robert Spencer married Emma Radcliffe and had children—Edith, Thomas, Meredith, Edmund and Helen.

"Mr. Edward Spencer was one of the 'most talented and versatile men of the South.' He was a man of encyclopaedia information, and of a powerful imagination"—*Obituary, N. Y. World*.

Mr. Clayton Wright's benign countenance, commanding figure and sweet smile impressed strangers at first sight. He was as handsome in his "ducking coat," long boots and "drab kersey cap," which he boasted of having made himself, as most men in a