

Nova Scotia, and as holding many public positions, who died in 1892, and his wife Anna Augusta Willoughby Hamilton, a descendant of a well known military branch of the famous Scottish Hamiltons, his grandfather having come to America about the time of the Revolutionary War. Mr. Eaton was graduated from Harvard University in the class of 1880, the same class that contained the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt and the Hon. Josiah Quincy, and after a course of theological study, during which he was much engaged in literary work, in June, 1884, he was admitted to Deacon's Orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church, by Bishop Knickerbacker of Indiana, in whose diocese he had previously spent six months in clerical work. Ordained to the Deaconate, he returned to Massachusetts, and for the summer took charge of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge, the Rector, Rev. Arthur Lawrence, being absent in Europe. From Stockbridge he went to New York city, was appointed Rector's Assistant to the Rev. Dr. Rylance at old St. Mark's-in-the-Cowery, and in April, 1885, at Christ Church, Fifth Avenue, received Priest's Orders from the Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D., Bishop of New York. Later in the spring he accepted a call to a new parish at Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, the most exclusive suburb of Boston, and in this position remained for over a year, when being unable longer to endure the Boston climate he returned to New York, where he gave himself energetically to literary work, taking Sunday duty, however, constantly in important parishes in or near the city.

About this time a new impulse was given, chiefly by Harvard College, to the teaching of English in Preparatory Schools, and Mr. Eaton who had always had much enthusiasm for English study, and who had already become known as a writer, was requested by Dr. Arthur H. Cutler, the head of the most important private school in New York, to take charge in advanced English of the boys in his school who were about to enter the various colleges, especially Harvard. So successful has Mr. Eaton been in his work, and so strongly attached has he become to the school, that he has continued his connection with it to the present time, gradually assuming the direction of the whole English Department, which he has quite re-organized.

In church work he likewise continues to be deeply interested; his ability as a preacher is freely recognized, his sermons being said to show much of the poet's penetration of character and life, as well as insight into the truth at the heart of all dogma.

Much of Mr. Eaton's most laborious and most lasting work has been done in the field of literature. From the outset of his career he had written much for newspapers and periodicals, and long before any published volume of his had been given to the world, he had been known as the author of prose articles and poems of merit. A careful student of religion, having thought