

SKETCH OF DR. S. G. TAYLOR.

[See portrait opposite.]

DR. STEPHEN GALE³ TAYLOR (*Sarah E¹. Jewett, Andrew⁶ Jewett, Ann⁵ Wiggin, Jonathan⁴ Wiggin, Hannah³ Bradstreet, Anne² Dudley, Gov. Thomas¹ Dudley*) was born in Sanbornton, N. H., March 23, 1819. He was educated at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., where he graduated B. A. in the class of 1847, and received the degree of A. M. from the same institution in the year 1855. By profession and inclination he was a teacher; this was his life work, and into it he put all the energy and high accomplishments of his rare, good character.

He was for many years, at the outset of his career, connected with the Norwich Academy, in Connecticut. Thence he went to Tarrytown, upon the Hudson, where he spent a couple of years and enjoyed the friendship of Washington Irving. From Tarrytown, Dr. Taylor went to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he established a classical school. In this institution he made for himself such a name, that upon the organization of the now famous Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Dr. Taylor was invited to a prominent place among its corps of professors, and, accepting the invitation, transferred the larger part of his school to this new enterprise.

In this position he remained until he was called to be the organizer and principal of the then new school, established by the Board of Education of Brooklyn, known as No. 15. Under his care No. 15 grew to be the best and most flourishing school in the city, having an annual attendance of more than two thousand pupils.

While at the height of his success in this institution he was unannouncedly chosen principal and president of the faculty of the Adelphi Academy, which under his control grew to be the best liberal and fitting Academy in the state, without a superior, in fact, in the country. It was while he was doing his crowning work in the Adelphi Academy, that the Regents of the University of the State of New York, recognizing his merits and appreciating the long and valuable service he had rendered the cause of education, conferred upon him the degree of Ph. D. (*honoris causa*) in the year 1879. In the year 1883 he was made a member of the executive committee of the Board of Regents of the University, and resigned his position as principal of the Adelphi Academy. He died in Brooklyn, March 20, 1884, aged 65 years.

In the forty years of his career as an educator, it was Dr. Taylor's rare privilege to have instructed the mind and moulded the character of thousands of men and women of the present generation, many of whom have attained conspicuous places in the community. It was his greater honor to have endeared him-