

In Conn: concurrently, St. Sup. Voc. Ag. Ed.,  
and Dean of Teacher-Training at Conn. Ag.  
Col., 1916-1920. At Cornell Univ., Prof. in Dept.  
Rural Ed., 1920-1944.

EATON, Theodore Hildreth, 1877-

..... /Son of Lucien Eaton, lawyer, and Hannah Orr Noyes, teacher. Line-  
Cut. : bred from the stock of Plymouth Rock and the Massachusetts Bay.  
See : Holder of the degrees A.B., M.A., Ph.D. Alumnus of Harvard, Massa-  
above : chusetts, Cornell, Columbia. Ten years a Yankee farmer. Thirty-  
~~three~~ years a teacher. Student of philosophy. Lover of principle,  
not of expediency. Analyst and critic of aims and methods in education. Caustic,  
at times, in commentary upon his own work and that of others. He has called himself,  
for instance, "a writer of books but little read"; and, again, "a sort of buzzing  
gadfly who annoys practical men who want to do a job, by trying to make them think  
about it". Lucid in print. Stimulating in conference. Kentuckians, for example,  
remember his summer visit of 1927, with his Cornell colleague, R. M. Stewart. From  
that visit they date an about-face in teaching vocational agriculture, from "book  
agriculture" to agriculture based on the business of farming. Interested in the  
broad field of education. Dedicated his book, "Vocational Education in Farming  
Occupations" (Lippincott, 1923) "to those earnest students of education who see in  
the promotion of the welfare of the people of the open country their foremost  
opportunity to serve their fellow men." -- Rufus W. Stimson



Eaton, T. H.