



Coded Letters, Concealed Love: The Larger Lives of Harriet Freeman and Edward Everett Hale

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New Academia Publishing, LLC. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 514 pages. Dimensions: 8.8in. x 6.0in. x 1.4in. Charismatic leaders have a way of flying too close to the fire. This is the chronicle of the secret romance between Hale and Freeman revealed for the first time through 3,000 of their love letters (1884-1909), written partly in code. The Reverend Edward Everett Hale (1822-1909) was one of the most revered moral and thought leaders of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, and yet, during twenty of his last twenty-five years, he lived a double life. From the first celebratory biography of Hale by his namesake son, however, through two later biographies, Hales long marriage to the former Emily Baldwin Perkins (a member of the famed Beecher family) was described as successful, even cloudless. Edward Everett Hale Jr., who was aware of the reality, described his fathers much younger, unmarried longtime soul mate and lover, Harriet E. Freeman (1847-1930), as his literary amanuensis, assistant in his charitable works, and old friend. Jean Holloway, the second and most insightful of Hales biographers, lacking evidence to the contrary, reiterated Freemans supportive role, while his last, literary biographer John Adams, mentioned her not at..



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