

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE.

His life and character—interesting personal reminiscences by one who knew him.

The following abstract of a lecture, delivered at All Souls' Church April 14th, by Hon. George B. Loring, upon Nathaniel Hawthorne, will be found interesting, both for the ability with which the subject is treated and for the vivid personal recollections of Hawthorne, given by one who knew him well.

Dr. Loring commenced with a discussion of inherited faculties and their development in succeeding generations. He expressed his conviction that the life of a man is a chain of associations. Interests, habits of thought and life, occupations, and affections which surround every stage of man's life, and that man's spiritual impressions are a direct result of his environment. He said that he could only surmise that the operations and reactions of our own minds are the result of the work done by such vision as we possess. We can do no more. When, therefore, we approach the investigation of a character, we must begin, except as a necessary setting of the picture.

THE TASK WHICH HAWTHORNE UNDERTOOK, as a novelist, was indeed difficult and peculiar. The task of clothing the New England Puritan in the garb of fiction was a task which he had to perform with a delicacy and subtlety which few other novelists have achieved. He was not a man of letters, but a man of letters in the sense that he was a man who had a deep knowledge of his own people and their history.

Dr. Loring proceeded to give an elaborate sketch of the Puritan character and experience out of which Hawthorne drew his materials for his romance. He described their severe and austere faith; their repression of gait; their prohibition of amusements; their absence of music and art; their exposure to temptation; their belief in the Devil, which he regarded as a real being; their constant recognition of witchcraft; their devotion to religion and duty; their desire to raise their minds, and awaken their high sense of freedom; their desire to have a definite and high endeavor; their sense of duty; their sense of duty; their sense of duty.

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THE CITY MARKETS. A GENERAL ADVANCE IN BRISTOL—THE RISE IN THE PRICE OF EGGS—A DECLINE IN BUTTER, POTATOES, AND OTHER VEGETABLES. Breadstuffs of all kinds indicate strong prices with a general advance of twenty-five cents per barrel on all grades since quotations one week ago.

THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The Program of Examinations. At the last meeting of the Board of Public School Trustees, the committee on examinations (Messrs. Farley, Pope and Griswold) reported the program of examinations, which was adopted.

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money he has, and the gang knowing he has money in his bank, suggest they will take his checks. In this way the stranger sometimes loses, like Mr. Adams, a very large amount, for which he is not at all compensated. He is not at all compensated. He is not at all compensated.

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ART NOTES. The average daily attendance of visitors to the National Gallery in London during the past year was 4,600.

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