

Joseph N. Barrett's Character as delineated by
John Hecker.

The metaphysical predominates in Mr. Barrett's Mental Organization; he has always been dealing in metaphysics.

His appreciations are so delicate, & his tastes so feminine, that, he is rather out of the ordinary line, ~~not~~ in his sympathies.

He is a very feeling man, & very enthusiastic. He is too enthusiastic. He follows out an idea, ^{or purpose,} or pursues an object, so undeviatingly & so enthusiastically, that he exhausts himself.

His sentiments are of a benevolent character; & when aroused, his sympathies always take precedence of his will - ~~his~~ ^{his} sympathies lead, the will coming after.

He is an agreeable companion; ~~being~~ moral, jovial, & pleasant. His company is sought after, because he always has a kind word & a cheering remark for everybody in distress. But for himself he has nothing of the kind. On the contrary, he sometimes has the hypo very bad, & requires the presence of others to enable him to regain a proper degree of cheerfulness. This is a bad point in his character, it is his worst point - ; his enthusiasm, & ^{the} subsequent reaction, leads him into such distressing relations of feeling that he don't know ^{how to relieve} ~~what to do with~~ himself.

Mr. Barrett likes to crack a pleasant joke, now & then; but his jokes are always more moral than physical. He often pleases & amuses others that he may elevate his own feelings into a state of happiness & cheerfulness. Socially, he is more fond of women; intellectually, of men. He is always trying to make persons pleased & happy; then comes the reaction; he gets low spirited, & don't know how to contain himself. His recuperative powers are not strong enough; hence, as before said, he requires the presence of others to enable him to overcome the reaction. As he grows older, his power of recuperation will decrease.

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Mr. Barrett is very high-minded, & has a keen appreciation of Moral Truth. He will always do that which he considers just. He cannot commit a wrong, except from lack of knowledge. He is influenced more by moral obligations than all other considerations. He is compelled, by his organization, to maintain his integrity inviolate. In religious matters, he is always honest with himself. His metaphysical predispositions have made him take sides; & he has been guilty of some very curious ideas.

He is somewhat sceptical; but is honest with himself. He is an enthusiast in religion, but in his own way. He will not take anybody's ipse dixit. He would be as likely to become a Roman Catholic as anything else. He would go wherever the Truth might lead him. He knows all about all the isms; & if he has not adopted any of them it is because they have not come up to his standard. He would be likely to be a reformer in religious matters. He can sacrifice anything material; but his opinions & feelings he cannot sacrifice.

Mr. Barrett has a very strong personal ambition; & he allows nothing to stand between him & his ambition.

Mr. B. wants more of the selfishness of this world to get along in it. Secretiveness is hardly large enough. He cannot hoard. He is more apt to become the instrument of others' selfishness than of his own.

In business, he must be careful not to be guided too much by anticipation. He anticipates too much. He has business tact & talent, but not enough secretiveness to keep him successful. He is continually reaching after something supposed to be higher; but which is not higher only in his moral & religious anticipations. He cares more for property for his wife & children's sakes, than for his own. He is dutiful & generous to his parents.

Mr. Barrett's mental radicalism is strong. What one thinks radical another may not. He would go further to sustain his radicalism than Mr. D. - would to sustain his. Mr. B. combats everything that does not come up to his standard. Mr. B. was never physically indolent; & he will never grow rusty with age.

He would not be likely to quarrel with his wife. He has philosophy enough to guide him; she will always take the best means to quell domestic rebellions, & smooth over family jars.

John Sheehan.

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