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 speculations are so delicate, his tastes so feminine, that, he is rather out of the ordinary line, up in his sympathies.

He is a very feeling man, very enthusiastic. He is too enthusiastic. He follows out any idea or purpose, an object, to underrate it or enthusiastically, that he exhausts himself.

His sentiments are of a benevolent character; when aroused, his sympathies always take precedence of his will. This 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 higher, very bad, it 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 himself.

Mr. Barrett likes to crack a pleasant joke, now and then; but his jokes are always more moral than physical. He often makes others laugh, that he may elevate his own feelings into a state of happiness. Socially, he is more fond of women; intellectually, of men. He is always trying to make persons pleased. He likes the reaction; he gets low spirited if 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.
Mr. Barrett is very high-minded; he has 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 predilections 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 idea didn't. He would be as likely to become a Roman Catholic as anything else. He would go where the truth might lead him. He knows all about all the issues; 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 he cannot sacrifice.

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

Mr. B. wants none of the selfishness of the world to get along in it. Scepticism is hardly large enough. He cannot bear. 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 determination to keep his 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 prosperity for his wife & children's sake than for his own. He is dutiful & generous to his parents.
John Meeker.