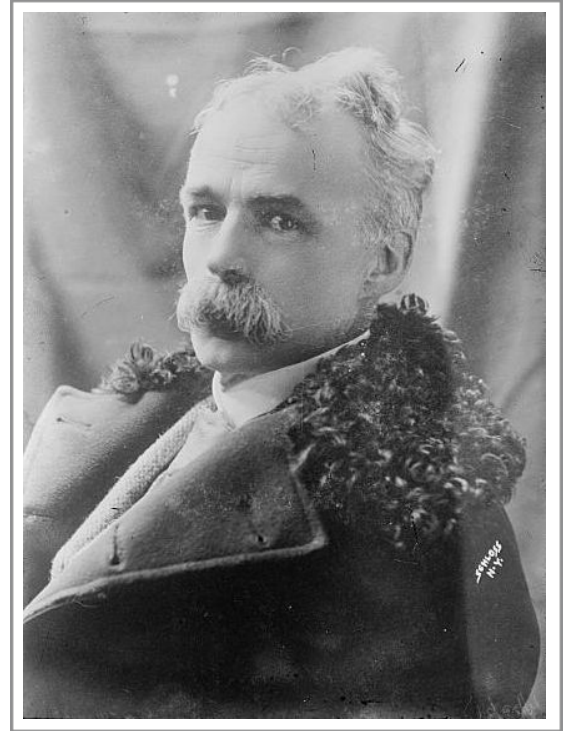


Personal Narrative Assignment 14

- Memorize stanza 1 of Christina Rossetti's poem "Bitter for Sweet," found in the appendix. I will also have you recite "Bitter for Sweet" when we return from the break!
- Helen Keller, "Water and Light"; Julian Hawthorne (pictured right), "My Father"; John Forster, Biography of Charles Dickens. You do not have to read James Boswell, "Samuel Johnson."
- Assemble background information for your biography, due the week after the winter break. Be sure to record where you get your information and use **the proper MLA format**. The total amount of background information may amount to about one paragraph to one page. Remember it does not have to be about one topic, but can be one or two sentences about several topics brought up by your interviewee.
- Complete one more stanza of your ballad. You should have five completed for the next class. Because we canceled our lesson last week, you will have one more week to complete your poem. My major focus in grading your ballad will be its *rhythm* and *word choice*. Again, if you are having problems, we can work on your ballad in class. This year a group of students will be singing the winning poem for Speech Night.
- You will also have an additional week to complete your book report, as I do not want your book report and ballad due on the same date. Note the changes below.



Long Range Assignments

- The book report will be due **the fourth Friday in January**.
- Your ballad will be due on **the third Friday of January**.