

cis Adams for vice president to oppose Lewis Cass, the national Democrat, and Zachary Taylor, the Whig candidate. Although the New England contingent distrusted Van Buren, they could not counter the highly organized Barnburners.

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Author's Alterations

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From Nathaniel Hawthorne

October 21, 1848

Salem, October 21st. 1848.

My dear Sir,

The Managers of the Salem Lyceum, some time ago, voted that you should be requested to deliver a Lecture before that Institution, during the approaching season.¹ I know not whether M^r Chever,² the late Corresponding^e Secretary, communicated the vote to you; at all events, no answer has been received; and, as Mr Chever's successor in office, I am instructed to repeat the invitation. Permit me to add my own earnest wishes that you will accept it—and also, laying aside my official dignity, to express my wife's desire and my own that you will be our guest, if you do come.

In case of your compliance, the Managers would be glad to know at what time it will best suit you to deliver the Lecture.

Very truly Yours,
Nath^l Hawthorne,
Cor. Sec^y
Salem Lyceum.

P.S. I live at at No 14, Mall-street—where I shall be very happy to see you. The stated fee for Lecturers is \$20.

Correspondent: Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864), son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Clark Manning Hathorne, graduated from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, in 1825 and returned to his native Salem, Massachusetts, to become a writer. On July 9, 1842, Hawthorne married Sophia Peabody (1809-1871), daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Palmer Peabody of Salem; that afternoon, the couple took up residence at the Old Manse in Concord. In 1845 they returned to Salem and lived there until 1850. Though he would become T's friend, Hawthorne was candid in his estimation of T: in his October 21, 1842, letter to Epes Sargent, who was starting *Sargent's New Monthly Magazine*, Hawthorne described T as "a wild, irregular, Indian-like sort of fellow" who was "somewhat tinctured with Transcendentalism" but who had "stuff in him to make a reputation of" (*Letters of Nathaniel Hawthorne*, 15:656).

¹ T addressed the Salem Lyceum on November 22; his topic was "Student Life in New England, Its Economy." Much of the lecture would later be published in the opening chapter of *Walden*.

² George Francis Chever (1819-1871), son of James and Lydia Dean Chever, graduated from Harvard in 1840 and became a lawyer and an amateur nature writer in his native Salem.

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[Corresponding] *PE*; possibly corresponding in *MS*

From Horace Greeley

October 28, 1848

I break a silence of some duration to inform you that I hope on Monday to receive payment for your glorious account of "Ktaadn and the Maine Woods," which I