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Walt Whitman Lecture. .J.W. Wallace, Esq., Chorley.

... I was preparing a centenary lecture on Walt Whitman with my personal reminiscences to be given here in the school of English literature, but I have now to postpone # until next year. I wrote asking Johnston whether he thought W.W. had ever got into touch with the leaders and the thinkers of English democracy. You will have heard of course of the death of Horace Traubel ... it was not always easy to see how much was Whitman and how much was Traubel. As Weir Mitchellremarked about his first book, it is less a"biography than the autobiography of the biographer".