

NATHAN HALE.*



THE SCULPTOR.

William Ordway Partridge, the sculptor of the colossal equestrian statue of General Grant, in Brooklyn, of the statue of Shakespeare in Lincoln Park, Chicago, and of many other memorials, is also the author of a number of books that reveal that idealizing faculty which marks the artist. The theme of "Nathan Hale" is the Revolutionary spy of that name, and the formal occasion of the book the coming erection on New Haven Green of Mr. Partridge's statue of Hale. As a contribution to American history, the book is of no mean value, despite the author's modest judgment of his work. The comparison of Hale and Andre has never been more fully or broadly discussed.

The story of Nathan Hale is a very sad one. He was a bright young American patriot who volunteered to enter the British lines in the garb of a schoolmaster as a spy, received personal instructions from Washington, was detected and hanged for his offence, but has been immortalized in song and story, and now is commemorated in imperishable bronze, and in this generously written tribute

* "Nathan Hale." The Ideal Patriot. A Study of Character, by William Ordway Partridge. With Views of the Author's Statue of Nathan Hale; portraits, etc., and drawings by W. R. Leigh. Foreword by George Cary Eggleston. 12mo. Cloth. Price, \$1.00 net; postage, ten cents. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

by the author-artist. The book contains also a comparison, by Cabot Lodge and George Cary Eggleston, of Hale with Major Andre, the British spy, who was executed by the Americans, but who is commemorated by a statue in Westminster Abbey. Strange that what from one point of view is the highest patriotism, from another

NATHAN HALE ON THE WAY TO
THE SCAFFOLD.

By William Ordway Partridge, Sculptor.