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 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1869

My dear friend [R.H. Dana, Sr.]

I am greatly  
 obliged to thee for the  
 pamphlet & paper  
 herewith returned.  
 I have now here  
 seen so eloquent  
 a tribute to Everett.  
 It seems to me in  
 the main very just  
 in its characterization  
 — the generous & mag-  
 nanimous tribute of  
 one who often widely  
 differed with him.

on questions of public  
interest.

Both the speeches  
are models of pure  
English and, on  
the score of style  
may compare well  
with the best ora-  
tions of Everett,  
himself.

It gives me  
real pleasure to  
find myself entering  
to one whose charac-  
ter as a man &  
genius as a writer  
early commanded  
my admiration

The more recent poet-  
ical works have  
long been familiar  
to me. I regard the  
"Maccabees" as  
the most vigorous  
& graphic poem ever  
written on this side  
of the water.

I am, my dear  
friend, always, & truly  
thine  
John G. Whittier

I want very much a  
photograph of thy self.  
I enclose <sup>one</sup> of mine, just  
made -