

Oak Knoll, Danvers

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I fear it will not be possible for me to be present at the Celebration of the Decennial Anniversary of the Appalachian Club. But I am not willing to let the occasion pass without expressing the lively interest which I feel in the Club, and the satisfaction with which I read its published proceedings. It

has opened new vistas
and perspectives, blazed
paths for future pilgrims to
newly discovered shrines of
nature, and cheered the
hearts of home-bound in-
valids with the records of
its visits to picturesque
mountain regions. As to
myself, my days of actual
mountaining are over
but the Club has enabled me
to do a good ^{deal} leg ~~work~~ way
of proxy. In spirit I
have been with ^{it} explorers
like the unseen passenger
of Uhland's boatman, and
have shared their pleasure
without their fatigue. Of

late years I have only
made annual visits
to the Sandwich and
Onsipe mountains, content
with surveying ^{them} from the
distance which is said
to lend enchantment, and,
even in so doing, have
realized something of
"the strength of ~~the~~ the hills."
With every possible good
wish for the continued
prosperity of the Appalach-
ian Club I am
faithfully your friend

John C. Miller