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Dear Friend

I ought to have
thanked thee before
for thy graceful
and kind verses
-a tribute I fear
quite undeserved.

I quite agree
with thee in deploring

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the folly of the
Independents. I
could not read
Jewell's letter, and
Jas. Freeman Clarke's
speeches! And
the suicidal curse
of the Prohibitionists
vexes me But for
them Blaine
would have been

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elected. What
a combination
of rum-sellers and
the John-Johns! I
am greatly sorry
for the defeat of
Cabot Lodge: but
Massachusetts, on
the whole, has done
well, for which
let us be thankful.

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I am truly thy

friend

John G. Whittier