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Oak Knoll

Danvers

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My dear Whipple,

I am always
glad to hear from the
and I gave the
letter a hearty wel-
come. I hope when
the summer comes
thee & Mrs. W. will
run out here &
see me, for I am
admonished by
many tokens that

"the time is short," and
that I must make
the most of the pres-
ent time, and the
friends who are
left me.

I would be
happy to meet
the wonderful
resturant at the
house. If I am
able - just now I
am suffering too much
with my head eyes
to listen with any satis-
faction to the help of
orphans - I will

try to arrange it.
I am greatly obliged
to him for thanking of
me & volunteering to
play for me.

I never heard
the Holmes breakfast
It was a nice treat
I was able to
stay an hour or so.

Give my kindest
regards to Mr W,
and believe me
always & most
truly thy friend
John G. Whittier