

Oak Knoll

Danvers

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My Dear Shipple

How shall
I thank thee for
thy over-kind letter,
which I have just
read? - And how
can I repay the
many debts
which I owe
thee, unless by the
very first to welcome
my content from, at
a time when, as a
"absolute fanatic"

my name as "cast net
or evil," I shall never
forget my obligations
to thee, and I wish
I knew of any way
to repay them. Words
of praise from thee were
not mere words, but
substantial benefit.
To thee more than to
any one else I am
indebted for the generous
recognition given
me, and I am
so freely grateful.
The endorsement of my
work by thy high critical

authority. we worth
me than all else in
giving me a place in
literature: and in giving
me what I greatly
needed a degree
of confidence in my
self; though I sometimes
feared that the kindness
of the heart, in my
got the better of
wisdom

dear,
strains apon
in my behalf. I have
seen all the better for it,
at any rate they praise

has made use of my
best to justify it. With
Love to Mrs. W. I am
affectionately thy friend
John Geddes