

Wm. Dorr

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Dear Mrs Dorr,

Thanks for  
your kind remember-  
ing note. Perhaps it  
is worth pinning a little,  
or a good deal, in  
the way of procrastina-  
tion, that it draws new  
letters from our friends.

If it were not that  
your message comes  
at a much pre-  
occupied moment,  
I should find occasion  
to expand my answer.  
But now looking into  
my drawer for the poems,  
I find no manuscript  
only three; and three  
others in printed slips.  
But I am not so sure  
about the errata to  
which you allude.

"Outgrown," I find, as  
at first, a piquant poem,  
a good mark well  
hit. I do not notice more  
than one or two careless  
words; ~~as~~ "Very," hardly ad-  
missible in poetry, there  
perhaps ("selfsame") would  
serve; and ("any") ~~(any further)~~  
which might <sup>read</sup> ~~be~~ (one line)  
(one inch) or (one mile). But  
I think I did not find  
the objectionable phrases  
to which you say I  
alluded before. All  
these are poems of fluti-

ment, of some say,  
every sentiment is true.  
The one called "Supplicamus,"  
is more pleasing to me.

All of them show great  
facility in lyric execution.

Thanks too for the Middle  
bury Poem, which as  
yet I have only looked  
over, I shall return to it.

You Vermonters should have  
rare inspirations: Nature  
our travellers tell me, has  
made no fairer land:

Another many years I have  
had the dream of seeing it  
in an October which still  
flies before me. With kind  
remembrances to Mr Dow &  
your family, Yours faithfully,

R. W. Emerson

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