

drift, I beg you to excuse the haste; and  
pardon any freedom of expression irrelevant  
to your inquiry and request. and accept  
the token of my poor abilities when I can be  
of the slightest service to your literary interests,  
Trusting that your health will soon be restored  
by the more bracing atmosphere of the North,  
I remain, dear Madam

Your friend  
David Bates

Philad June 3. '58

Miss Fara V. Johnson,

Dear Madam,

Your of the  
1st inst received. The Manuscript Critique  
was duly received, and handed to its  
address. It will appear in the Philo  
City Item of next week I understand.  
You will doubtless receive a copy.

At the earnest request of our friend, who  
so far is equally interested in the success  
of your poem I showed him your  
letter, and then disposed of it as requested.

The Second edition has not yet  
appeared in our City. It is not the  
custom with Publishers to send out