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My dear North,

Do you remember when, forty years ago you started me collecting Lamb? You have much to answer for. I have an uncut "Johnson's Lives" 1781. I paid \$60.00 for it. I have a Dictionary uncut for which I paid \$35.00 the annotated copy. My "Bowwell" uncut I paid you \$70.00 for. I have three others. One uncut purged, page 302 as in originally appeared. The only one extant as far as I know. "good ~~great~~ stuff" as Bowwell wrote me here, see "Zinker's Letters" II p. 422 and Pottle p. 154. I value it at \$25000. I saw the Bowwell you sent John W. Barrett in Baltimore yesterday. It's a fine copy. Curle, whom I met at Wise's years ago, is only now recommending what I began to do years ago. I paid you \$60.00 for Uncle Tom. My Scarlet Letter cost me \$40.00. There should be some recompense for being an old man.

Your very sincerely,

H. Edwards Hudson.



Caricature of two great Victorians  
from the collection of

A. EDWARD NEWTON  
"Oak Knoll"

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