

"I will very gladly do anything I can to promote the success of THE LITERARY WORLD. This is with the full understanding on my part that the paper cannot pay anything to contributors. Yet the greatest service that could be done to it would be to put it in a position to pay the highest price to them. Only that would enable you to use the specialist criticisms in all departments which are indispensable to a first-class literary authority, such as we have not in this country."  
P. B. PENNMAN."

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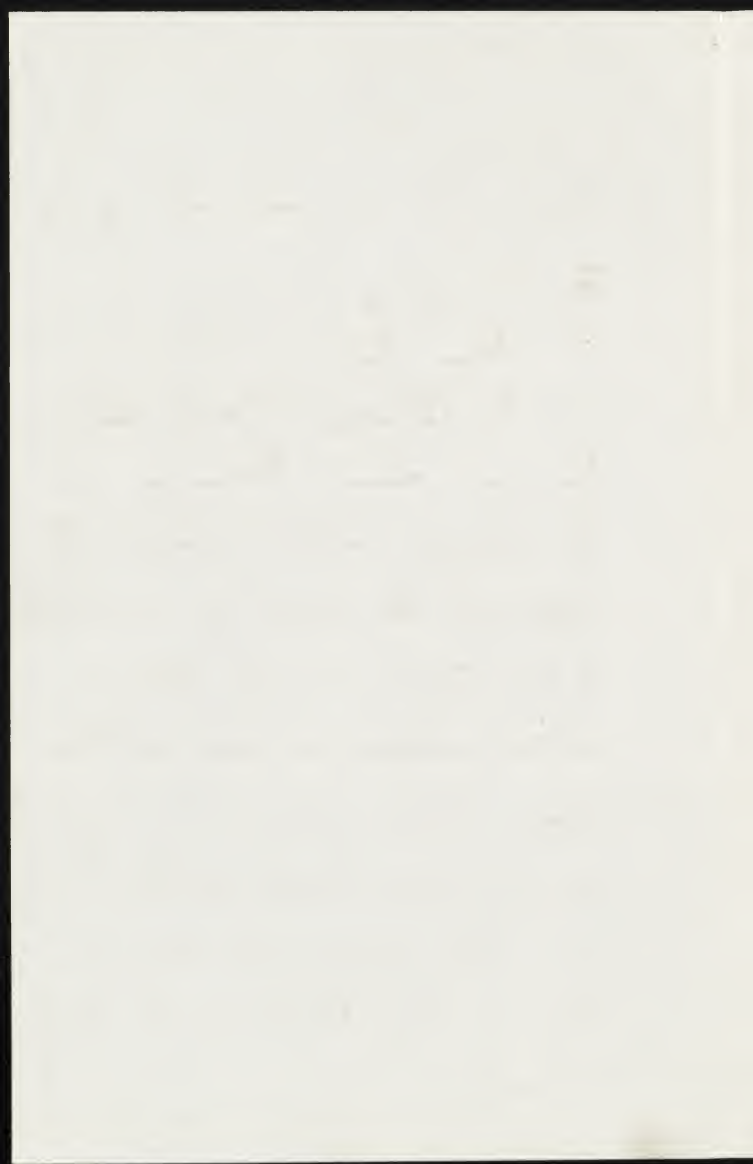
Oct. 29 1877

M. J. Garrison  
Dear Sir:

M. Whittier's 20th birth-day will occur December 17.

The literary world proposes to celebrate the event by publishing a cluster of tributes to his author's work, in verse and in prose, from a number of his contemporary and friends.

The plan includes a series of brief "Greeting Letters," such as might for instance be offered



in his honor at a public  
gathering; I happen over the  
names of the persons offer-  
ing them.

I write to ask whether  
you will not do us the  
favor to propose such a hu-  
militant, and so add to the  
completeness and value of this  
situation testimonial.

I should be glad to hear  
from you at your earliest  
convenience,

and remain very truly yours

Edward Abbott.

