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Explain somewhat. It is a very
beautifully written (I think you
will say) essay on the genius
of Hawthorne - which I was so
excceedingly anxious that you - his
most earnest lover - should have
rather than any body else - that
I possibly would be out of hands
to which it had been consigned
for publication. because I felt that
no one would do it the justice
that you would & I thought that
no one would give so much for
as you would. either for the Magazine
or for separate publication - as should
soon appear to you. It is
a curious reading of the Marble
Faun. I do, right to make the
book more read. by its light.
Read it like a good soul for the
sake of the dear good hard working
old author - I for mine. who

esteem the worth of the writing. & let
me hear one word from you at your
best leisure.

I hope Ann is well & all doing
Give her my kind love & tell her that
I shall be travelling my way through
-cotwards about the 20th of August
or perhaps the 18th. If she is then
in Boston shall hope to find her
during the two days I shall stay in
Boston then. When is Mrs Decker?

By the way the Mercantile Library
has sent to ask me to read for
them. they sent a box to have to
write to these public bodies - as you
see. then the hint to write to me
why can't you like an angel, just
like this Mr Frothingham that I
cannot in any way meet his wishes
I won't read for any body - unless
it be further paid for the books
& trust - I don't think, unless I find

I cant talk the Boston folk people
into being ashamed to let me work
to carry out the project. having done
so much to help them on the way.
I hate to read, except to 6 people,
& I wont read to a public - if I can
possibly help in - & nothing would
induce me to try to read in the
Music Hall, which is not made
for reading in!

You can say this in so much
more clear language than I. I know
offend these young merchants
that you would greatly oblige me
if you would do it. & I will do as
much for you - if you are ever caught
in such a scrape. I want to see
you so much & hear your experiences.
Tell me mine - see your new pub-
-lishing house - Have you seen a new
house or by the way of Swanton called
'watchman what of the night?' - This

