

Private

Ottawa

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Dear Miss Bethwald

I cannot resist

giving myself the

pleasure of congratulating

you & Canada

also, on the last Robin.

I am deeply grateful
to Mr. Kitchhopper for
having illumined my
Xmas Table with its
"April Glean" & for
thus making me
acquainted with your

Verres — I have
read them all, lyrics
& sonnets, with immense
pleasure. The sentiment
they embody so prettily
appeals to me. Their
language is uniformly

Natural unstained
unaffected, honest
& dignified - & some
of ~~them~~ ^{your lines} appear to me
breach a high standard
of merit. The
closing lines of your
Sonnet to February
h. 192. of your Sonnet



Words' p 107. &
the opening lines
of your sonnet to
Winter have all
got, in addition to
their charm of fresh
originality, a certain

Shakespearean touch
about them, which ~~makes~~ ^{gives}

them a note of excellence

I do not pretend to

be a literary critic,

or a correct judge of

Poetry, but I know

that I like, & I like
your verses, & would

consequently desire to

thank you for the great

pleasure I have received

from their perusal -

I shall be glad to

Know whether Shakespeare
has been one of your
favourites & whether
your verses are the
product of an author
both born & bred
on the land.

I remain

yours very sincerely
Grey.