

August 24, 1927

Mr. B. G. Foster
805 G St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Foster:

I have your letter of the 18th asking my opinion on a recent article in the Southern Churchman, of which you send me a copy.

You will find in my Life of Lincoln and in another volume called "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns", also in a little book entitled "In Lincoln's Chair", all that I have to say on the matter of Lincoln's religious views.

The best comment on the book of which Herndon and Lamson have made so much is that of his old school master, Mentor Graham, that Lincoln set out to prove, not that there was no God but that He was too good to condemn infants to eternal damnation, which is quite a different thing.

You will find in the little book "In Lincoln's Chair," put into the mouth of Billy Brown, a Springfield character that I used several times in Lincoln stories, the best that I have on Lincoln's religion.

Very truly yours