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August 5, 1932

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East 19th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

You have probably heard of the thin volume of "Personal Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln by Thomas Lowry." Mr. Lowry was the street car magnate of the Twin Cities. The original edition is partly described in Oakleaf's "Lincoln Bibliography" at No. 886. This edition was a very beautiful book, made in London in 1910 upon the order of Beatrice M. Lowry, the widow of Thomas Lowry, 100 copies, full crushed levant binding, for presentation to friends of the family only - no copies were sold.

Because of the many calls for the book, as I suppose, in 1929 Mr. Horace Lowry, son of Thomas Lowry, had printed in Minneapolis a second edition of 100 copies of the same book, which copies were also given away to friends and Lincoln collectors. This second edition was not equal to the first in general make-up, but was nevertheless a very creditable piece of work, printed on a light buff paper of fine quality, bound in red cloth, and having a portrait of Thomas Lowry.

Horace Lowry died in 1931, and his widow, breaking up her home in this city the present summer, preparatory to removing to the east, sold many things to an antique dealer here. Among these effects were seven copies of the second edition of the book referred to, all as clean and crisp as the day they were delivered from the binder. I acquired these copies, and am offering them for $4.00 each post-paid. It is not at all likely that the book will ever be reprinted again.

If you have not a copy of the book, and desire one of these remaining copies, I will be glad to send it upon receipt of the price named.

Very truly yours,

W. H. M. Adams

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W. H. M. Adams