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to Hambrecht

Mr. George P. Hambrecht
State Capitol
Madison, Wisc.

My dear Mr. Hambrecht:

I have not thanked you for your generous letter of August 3 - it had a great deal in it that interested me. I was particularly glad to have the interesting collection of letters in regard to your Address. I am filing them with it. I am sure it will add a great deal to the interest of the Address, and in the future show how many of your contemporaries felt as you do about Lincoln.

The copy of the Wisconsin Magazine devoted to the part time school movement in the State, and your attractive calendar - Washington and Lafayette, Paper Hangers - both reached me.

I have always been a believer in the part time school movement. I am glad you are keeping it up in Wisconsin. So many other States where it started out vigorously seem to have let it collapse.

As to the question of the papering of Martha Washington's dining room by the Father of his country and his celebrated French guest, I don't remember ever to have heard of it. It was very clever on the part of the paper people to use it as they have.

I am particularly grateful for the reference to Mary Lincoln's letter to James Gordon Bennett. I suppose there is no doubt in the world of its authenticity. Do you know who owns the letter now? I am afraid the lady dabbled in politics more than was for the best interests of her husband sometimes. I don't believe that she allowed Abraham to edit her letters. She would back him up in editing Mr. Seward's but not in touching hers, if I understand her right.

Thanking you again for all your kindness, believe me, my dear Mr. Hambrecht,

Sincerely yours

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