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Dear Mr. Wall,

You have given me real pleasure as well as made me very proud by sending me part 69 of FOLLOWING ABRAHAM LINCOLN with its flattering dedication plate. I have always had very real satisfaction in etchings and to have these of yours following a life which has been so long an interest of mine is unexpected pleasure. These plates are so elegant, so truthful, so honest, I shall always feel as if I had under my hand one of the best interpretations of Lincoln's life that I have ever enjoyed.

Of course what I'm hoping, and shall do my best to bring about, is that the Purchasing Committee for the modest collection we have started in Meadville will find a way to get the whole set.

You'll be interested to know that the volumes you sent me arrived at the most auspicious possible moment for that project. The package had just been laid on my desk when two young women of the Allegheny Library, two especially interested in building up the Collection, appeared at my door. We opened the package together. They were as pleased as I was with the quality and meaning of the work. They took the smaller copy which you had designated for the Library with them, and were hatching plans already for securing the set. The matter will come directly from them before Mr. Scheide who has already made the Lincoln Collection an endowment, yielding some \$200 a year. I don't believe that we could have had a better start for securing the set, but the matter can't be hurried now. The Purchasing Committee is off for its summer holiday and it may be September before they are all together and the matter put before them. You say in your letter of June 10th that you'll be willing to make a substantial cut in your prices in order that the work might be a part of the Library. I would not want you to sacrifice too much, nor do I think it necessary.

