

Re Tracy Collection

Will drove me to Hartford to see the Tracy Collection, turned over to the library there known as The Athenaeum. I found Gay who seems to have been there for many years the director. He said I was going to be disappointed in the collection, that he didn't want me to say so, that it had little or nothing that was rare, which I found to be true. It is evidently a collection made by Mr. Tracy after the centennial of 1909 when his interest in collecting unpublished Lincoln letters was first aroused. I had hoped that there might be annotations or inscriptions which would be suggestive, but there were none. It is in his correspondence that the real stuff will be found, I am convinced.

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