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Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Pardon the delay in replying to your letter of December 28th. I have been away from New York and very busy when here.

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I appreciate what you say of my Life of Lincoln. I am glad if it has been of any use to you. It has been of some use, I am sure, if it has stirred your desire to know more of Lincoln's political ideals. The best source for that I think is in the Lincoln-Douglas debates, the Cooper Union Speech, his various messages and letters in the Civil War. You get all his political philosophy and certainly his political ideals laid down there.

Carl Schurz's "Essay on Lincoln" is a useful little book. Beveridge in his "Life of Lincoln" enlarges the Lincoln-Douglas debates admirably. Binn's "Life of Lincoln" published in the Everyman's Series might be helpful.*

Hoping these suggestions may be of some use to you, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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