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Dear Carl Sandburg:

Thank you for that fine inscription in the copy of your Mary Lincoln that Oliver Barrett was so generous as to secure for me. I am very proud of what you say there, particularly that you believe I keep my faith in democracy as a reality. I am realist enough and have looked long enough at what has been going on in the past to know that democracy has its ups and downs - must fight for its life. But that it is the ultimate government there is no doubt in the world.

Sometime when you are in New York and not too busy let me have a look at you.

Of course I am reading your Lincoln chapters with avidity.

Faithfully yours