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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I will now try to answer you fully. I judge that in referring to the outline of my plan for work submitted to the Guggenheim Foundation, you have in mind the groundwork for the project itself, and not my references as to where investigations will be made in various contemporary manuscripts. I have but a single carbon copy of the papers I submitted to the Foundation and have typed for you the complete outline of the project; however, if you want the research data I will glad to do that for you also.

I think your plan to present your old college with the collection which has been forming through the years an excellent idea, and will assist you to the utmost of my ability. Furthermore, I will be glad to autograph in any manner you suggest whatever is sent on to me. Yesterday and today I have been ransacking through my files from attic to first floor to find any duplicates I may have which you do not, and herewith you will find "Did Lincoln and Beecher Pray Together?"; "Abraham Lincoln's Religion in his Eldest Son's Estimation;" "Lincoln's Last Official Act;" "Lincoln and the Fair Sex:" and "Abraham Lincoln as a Potential Lion." These were all privately printed.

In addition the Telegraph Press at Harrisburg issued the following limited privately printed brochures all of which, save a single copy each retained for myself, were disposed of at the time of publication. Individuals and libraries were circularized before publication in order to find out how many copies could be disposed of, and the number of copies struck from the press was approximately the number of orders received. This was not a commercial proposition but rather a labor of love. The only expeption was the Bibliography, of which 100 copies were printed, but the remainder were soon disposed of and I could have made use of a couple of dozen more.

New Light on Lincoln's Last Day. 1926. 60 copies.
"The Dual Personality of Abraham Lincoln." 75 copies.
Further Light on Lincoln's Last Day. 60 copies. This latter is thought by some to have been the best of the productions.

I am very sorry I cannot help you out on any of these. It seems to me that recently the Fort Wayne Foundation had some of these listed on a sales list, and I rather think the Argosy Book Stores, your city, had some listed from the Hertz collection. I do not retain these catalogues.

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In addition there were two early ephemeral efforts in which you would probably not be interested. When I graduated from the Millersburg High School in 1906 my oration subject was "Lincoln as President," a short essay, which for my own pleasure was printed in a little pamphlet. In 1912 an article "What was Abraham Lincoln's Religion" was printed in the Magazine of History and ten copies were issued separately. Both of these are also out of print.

Probably much if this is uninteresting to you, but I have giben a complete list so far as I can recall. I am sorry I cannot help you to more of these items, if you should so desire them.

If you should desire any more information, or I can help you out in any way, I should be glad to do so. I recall that Abbatt in one of his extra issues of Lincolniana included the "Religion" article but I myself never received a copy.

Wishing you a very happy New year I am

Sincerely yours,

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