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Dear Mr. Burrell:

I have just returned from ten days of Lincoln speaking and I feel as if I should report to you the interesting experiences that I had, in regards your reading of, "He Knew Lincoln." You know that, as a rule, I have been busy on Lincoln's birthday, so that I have never been able to sit down at home, or in quiet, before a radio and listen to you. But it happened that on the eleventh I had an open date. I was in a Statler Hotel, so I put on the ear pieces and listened to you - that was in Cleveland. It came through beautifully. I want to thank you for what you are doing to interpret the real story. *46*

But apart from my pleasure, I was deeply interested in the way people, in different towns, spoke to me of your reading. You probably know, dear Mr. Burrell, what I did not realize, that in many parts of the country your Ever-ready Hour rendering of this piece, has become an event to which people look forward. A lady in Erie, Pa. told me that they always made a little dinner party, the night of your reading, and listened in after it. In Jamestown, N. Y. two or three women bewailed to me that they had had a symphony concert that evening and that they had hesitated long, before giving up "He Knew Lincoln," although they had been hearing it regularly every year for four or five years. Another woman told me that her boys always insisted on hearing it; that it was one evening when they had no trouble in keeping them at home. I am passing on these things to you, because I feel that you, who have made the hour what it is, should know them. I have no doubt it is carrying to Newcastle, for if I ran across such a number of such testimonies in a hasty trip, you must get a great many of them through the mail. *one letter another place*

I have a letter from my brother in Atlantic City, in which he spoke of his pleasure in hearing you read at a luncheon there.

Very sincerely yours

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