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April 9, 1938

My dear Doctor Way:

I regretted leaving Charlestown without seeing you and Mrs. Way. My sister and I wanted to thank you both for your hospitality as well as the pleasure we had in meeting you.

I wanted to tell you, too, how interesting I found the History of the New England Society of Charlestown - one of the finest messages I have ever read, as well as one of the most needed - is that which your Society sent in 1878 to the New England Society of New York (Page 266).

I am adding the book to the collection of books, pamphlets and letters which I am giving to my old College - Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania - as a nucleus of what I hope will become some day an adequate Lincoln collection for the use of students.

In this collection I want to see the best material on the Confederacy, its background, its point of

view, its conduct of the war. I see little value in studying only one side of fundamental National questions.

This book of yours is to be the first item in the collection on the Confederate side which I hope the College will build up. I shall be glad for any suggestions for pieces which seem to you essential in carrying out this plan.

Let me say again, dear Doctor Way, how much pleasure my sister and I had in meeting you and Mrs. Way. Will you not accept as a momento of our visit the copy of my second attempt to write the life of Lincoln, a book I called "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns."

Very sincerely yours

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