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My dear Mr. Brush:

Pray pardon the delay in replying to your interesting letter of January 17th. I have been having a rather busy time with work that had to be put through by schedule and my correspondence has suffered.

Now as to the quotation you want to locate. It came from an unwritten talk, observations which I gave informally at a Women's Club here in New York after spending a few weeks last Fall in Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh. As I remember I was preparing today with fifty years ago, for I remember fifty years ago in all of these times, and allowing for the worst my conclusions were certainly optimistic. Great good things have been done if great evil things still exist. I am firmly convinced that the way to get on is to recognize both, fight the evil and hold up the good - spread it as far as possible. That is about the gist of what I think I said. Sorry that I cannot give you anything more explicit.

I am much interested in what you say of your acquaintance with Judge Davis, Jessie Fell and Mrs. Lincoln. How much I should like to talk with you about these people. Have you never put down your recollections? If so where will I be able to get them? I would particularly like to know how you feel about Mary Lincoln. I have long wanted to write something which for my mind would be final, that is as near final as I could make it on such a subject. I certainly have never been satisfied with what I have done. It is difficult to get her as I think she was and not seem harsh.

If you ever write anything about
her will you not see that I have a copy?

Begging your pardon for my long
delay in replying to your letter, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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