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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

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I read "Tad Lincoln's Father," by Julia Taft Bayne last night. It gave me a pleasant evening for the recollections are so pleasant - so obviously not inventions. What she tells of Mr. Lincoln is so characteristic that I, for one, am deeply grateful to her for setting this all down.

Q I am glad she had so much that is friendly to say of Mrs. Lincoln. The picture of her has been so distorted, so often malicious that this side of her, undoubtedly true - the side that a young girl saw - is a valuable relief to ~~so~~ much that is told of her - probably true also, but not malicious. Altogether it is a book that I shall treasure.

When I wonder if I could, through your good offices, get an autograph for the book? I am putting my little Lincoln collection together to give to my old college and autographs are precious things you know in collections.

Thanking you for sending me the book,
believe me

Very sincerely yours

P.S. I am going to ask another favor - a second thought - that you send me a proof of the program of the circus in the White House, also of the cards gathered up in Tad Lincoln's snow storm, Page 196. I hope I am not imposing upon you. Again it is the collection.