

Lincoln Letters hitherto unpublished

Gilbert Tracy, who in the fall of 1917 published with Houghton Mifflin & Company a volume of uncollected letters of Abraham Lincoln sent to me just before his death in 1918 the enclosed items, all of which he believed to be genuine. He said that they had come to him after the publication of his volume, that he did not expect to live long enough to publish them. He asked me to take charge of them and to see that they found their place in some future collection.

I determined sooner or later to write an article on Tracy himself and publish with it these items. This I have been unable to do and when I found that Mr. Emanuel Hertz was about publish the letters which he had brought together and which heretofore had found no place in collections, I was glad to turn them over to him.

This volume of Mr. Hertz will not appear for some months I believe, and if in the meantime ^{not} any periodical cared to print them there is no reason why it ~~should~~ be done. I should, of course, expect to write a few paragraphs to go with them.

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