July 11, 1927.

My dear Mr. Barton:

I have just been reading a letter of yours, written in July while I was in Europe. I have been back only a few weeks and am only now getting round to taking up the correspondence which accumulated in my absence.

I was grieved to learn that Mrs. Barton had left you. Forty years is a long time for two to follow each others fortunes, though one should be grateful for so long a period of happiness. The separation is perhaps even harder because of the long association. I am glad that you are so happily placed at Pine Knobb with all the young Bartons about you.

I certainly should love to see your Lincoln Room. Only the other day a gentleman called here for an autograph who had visited you last summer and told me with great enthusiasm of your splendid collection. I have never been a Lincoln collector myself so I am very envious of what you enjoy.

In your letter you tell me, among other things, of your little book on the Bixby letter. No! I have not seen it. Would it be possible for me to have a copy. I should appreciate it very much.

With all good wishes, my dear Mr. Barton, I am,

Very sincerely,

Mr. William G. Barton,
Pine Knoll on Sunset Lake,
Foxboro, Mass.

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