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Dear Miss Tarbell:

In the book of which I spoke to you, Max Maretzek tells of the early history of the Academy of Music in the years 1854-5. His own opera house in Astor Place had been discontinued at this time. It must therefore have been the nearly new Academy that Lincoln went to.

I looked into the two volumes of Col. Mapleson's Recollections but found nothing there to help us. Perhaps a copy of the Tribune of the day of the Cooper Union Speech, or the day following, might assist us. I suppose you are quite familiar with the volume of the record of his youth by Major George Haven Putnam wherein he tells of hearing the Cooper Union Speech. I have this volume. I had lengthy talks with Major Putnam about his boyhood days, especially of his contacts with Washington Irving. Would you not care to see the Maretzek book?

The Mary Ellen Chase story we both admired is "Dawn in Lyonesse."

Daughter Tells me that Clayton Hamilton was eloquent last Monday evening on the subject of the recent Lincoln play.

Sincerely yours,

J. Thomson Willing