

December 18, 1925

Mr. Samuel M. Davis
Santa Ana, California

My dear Mr. Davis:

I have your letter of December 7 asking me if I know that the Lincoln History Society is selling a subscription edition of my "Life of Abraham Lincoln."

There have appeared two editions of this "Life" - one what is called the trade edition, in two volumes, sold through the ordinary channels; the other, a four-volume edition, sold under a subscription plan. This is a very common way of handling books, and I am surprised that you do not know this, my dear Mr. Davis.

The justification for the subscription edition is the extra illustrations - I think there are fully one hundred pages more. In the case of the Sangamon edition, there has been careful revision and a considerable addition of important matter in the appendix.

A subscription edition has various advantages: it is offered on approval - I believe in your case it is costing the publisher something like \$2 to send the books to California and bring them back; it also offers payment on the installment plan. There are many people, too, who prefer a more elaborate edition than that offered in the regular trade edition.

I hope that this explanation is satisfactory

Very truly yours

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