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Dear Sir: As your magazine is now giving a new life of Lincoln, & making explorations & investigations incident thereto on a scale never before paralleled in biographical research, it seems to me that to no other authority can I go with such confidence. I wish to be informed of the genuineness of the following utterance, attributed to Lincoln & frequently quoted in the pro-slavery press. Lincoln is said to have uttered the words in 1864.

Very respectfully Yours
W. W. Clark

"Yes we may all congratulate ourselves that this cruel war is nearing its close. It has cost a vast amount of treasure and blood. The best blood of the flower of American youth has been freely offered upon our country's altar, that the nation might live. It has been indeed a trying hour for the republic, but I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands, and the republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety and of my country than ever before, even in the midst of war. God grant that my suspicions may prove groundless."

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