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My dear Miss Tarbell,

I thank you for replying to my letter requesting information of a medical flavor of Lincoln's life. Am taking your suggestion + going over again the books of Herndon, Lamon, N+H, Chittenden + other contemporary writers. Unfortunately, I still can not get Whitney's "Life in the Army" - an exceedingly difficult book to find.

Gideon Welles in his diary - speaks of Lincoln's mild attack of smallpox. He returned from gallivanting Ceremonials ill + it was a fixed day - "variola" was diagnosed. Hay + Nicolay Speculate Dec. 19, 1863 refers to it + comments on the pro + con of a possible fatal issue - the article was copied in the Living Age for Jan. 16, 1864. When told that he had smallpox

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he had in mind the myriad office-seekers + other seekers, + replied "now I have something I can give to everybody"!

Am slowly gathering what few + small items of interest there apparently are; if it proves interesting enough to publish, I will be very glad to see that you get a copy.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely

Milton H. Shutes

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