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Dear Gilbert Grosvenor:

You must not think because I have been so slow in answering your letter that I did not appreciate it. I have not been well for a little time and all my correspondence has been sadly delayed. I am back at my desk, however, and one of the first things I am doing is to write you.

Of course, I shall be delighted to autograph the Life of Lincoln for you. I am always pleased when anyone likes that book. If you care for it I will put in the copy one of my Lincoln collection bookplates.

You ask about Mrs. Kennan. I have not heard from her for some time either - my own fault I fear as I have not written her as regularly as I should. I saw the however, a month ago and they hear from her regularly. An arrangement has been made by which she has been able to keep her home and to have a simple income, I think. I hope it is enough to last out her life time.

I have been thinking of you and Elsie and of life at Twin Oaks and Connecticut Avenue as I knew it nearly forty years ago. I am trying to put down a few recollections and to make a little sketch of Mr. & Mrs. Hubbard and Twin Oaks and of Mr. & Mrs. Bell as I saw them. They are beautiful memories for me. How much their kindness and understanding helped me on my way.

Please give my love to Elsie. I would like so much to see you all again. And thank you for sending me the beautiful picture of the Bras d'Or Lakes from Beinn Bhreagh. Years ago I spent a fortnight with the Kennans across from Beinn Bhreagh and saw the kites fly. If ever the time comes when I can drop in upon you there you may be sure I shall accept the invitation on your card.

Sincerely yours

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