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My dear Miss Tarbell

I thank you for the interesting Enclosures in your favor of the 2d.

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations 9th Edn quotes the phrase as given by Webster p 532 - Theo. Parker p. 639 Lincoln p. 622

Harper's Monthly April 1892 refers to Porter's Rhetorical Reader 1839 (52d Edn) p 196. "New Social Order in America" Douglas as containing the phrase

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Nicolay in his paper on the Gettysburg

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Address quotes from the Advance of Society in Knowledge & Religion by James Douglas Edinburgh 1830 3d. Edn p. 70 (1st Edn pub. in 1825) refers to the Rhetorical Reader 1831 p 196.

Mann's Report Aug 1851 - Subject of Fortifications - H. R. Ex. Doc. No 5 32d Cong. 1st Sess.

and also quotes Webster and Parker

I have a copy of the Rhetorical Reader - 53d. Edn. - a book which appears to have had an immense circulation - Lincoln might easily have encountered the phrase there, but I incline to believe he forged it for himself as I suppose both Webster and Parker

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did for Clemence.

I hope the Early Life is having the large sale which it deserves

Very truly Yours

Wm. H. Lambert

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