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Dear Miss Rowley:

Thank you for your letter of February 18th. I hope you will keep me posted as to what you are adding. The books you list should all be in the collection. I have them all, I think, and they eventually will go to you and become good trading material in time.

Are you getting the Lincoln Lore, published by the Fort Wayne Lincoln Foundation? I have a practically complete list from the start. I think that when I get to a point where I can look over my file I shall send it on to you and ask Dr. Warren to send you the regular issues. It has much that's helpful in it.

Again, are you getting the Abraham Lincoln Quarterly published by the Abraham Lincoln Association of Springfield, Illinois. It's the most serious Lincoln publication we have. If they are not willing to put you on their free list I'll send you my copies as soon as I am through with them.

Inclosed is the annual booklist from Fort Wayne.

One point that I have stressed as important is that of collecting the books that Lincoln read.

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We madd a beginning as you know. How about setting aside something from Mr. Scheide's gift to build up that collection? You have the materials there on the books, that is as to what they were.

You asked how I feel about clipping all possible material of Lincoln. My notion is that an index of this material would be more useful than scrap-books. Important articles should be obtained, of course, suf h as those that come in the good magazines, and serious weeklies. I should hesitate, as I think you do, to mutilate any of the periodicals that you file. A classified index would be sufficient, I think. One difficulty about newspaper clippings is their unreliability. They are often edited by people who know nothing about the subject, whose only idea is to get a snappy papagraph which will be timely.

I'd rather see the time and money put on more serious material.

I was so pleased about Bob's modelbeing displayed. So far as I know nobody has had a replica of that invention.

End of my time. Affectionate greetings to everybody.

Faithfully yours,

I. M. T.

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