

Miss F.E. O'Dell,
C/o The McClure Newspaper Syndicate,
373 Fourth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss O'Dell:

I have the copies of the big circular. It seems to me very well done and I am putting it with people particularly interested in the undertaking.

I have been here a week and it has been more fruitful than I could have dreamed. I am not only refreshing my knowledge, but I am getting hold of some really new things, and all sorts of impressions. This is the very heart of the Lincoln country. There are three main institutions here gathering Lincoln material, and a great rivalry exists between them. They have all been very friendly and generous. Many towns in the state, with which Lincoln was in one way or another connected, are as busy bees scratching up every bit of Lincoln reminiscences to be had, making collections, putting up markers, etc. I should not get away from here before spring if I saw everybody that wants to see me. I have even had May rs invite me to come to their town.

I am gathering a good many photographs and having some documents copied. I think it would be well to get that photographer, to whom you sent me for my picture, to give you a lot of all his Lincoln negatives. He told me he had bought all those that we had in McClure's. I would like to have the list to select from when I get back.

I am leaving here in the morning. My address for a week will be C/o Alvin Scott, Jr., Naperville, Illinois.

Very sincerely yours,