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Dear Mr. Putnam:

Some years ago I published the enclosed article, "Lincoln and the Youth of Illinois." I have always had it in mind to drop off "of Illinois" and add to the article a similar story of his relations with boys and young men during the Civil War. There is ample material and there is ample proof that he was able to awaken in youth that went into the Army, and which he so understood and followed with such anguish of spirit, awaken something of the same sense of spiritual greatness of the importance of truth and honor above everything else, that he had in the earlier days in Illinois.

What would you think of a little book which could be called "Lincoln and Youth", if you like the title, made of this article and of a similar treatment on the material of which I speak?

I would really like to do it. And if we do it I have a scheme for illustration of which I would like to talk to you.

Very sincerely

Mr. A. J. Putnam
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