

510 S. 2^d St., Springfield, Ills.
Nov. 24th 1915.

Dear Miss Farbell:

Yours of 24th is just at hand.

The editor of the Forum may use my manuscript to which you have put the title "I Come" on the terms you suggest - "as a free will offering." You are kind in keeping me in mind and thus securing that articles appearance in the Forum.

The introductory note you suggest would be helpful to me in view of the "Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln, The First American" so soon to be issued by Messrs Putnam's Sons Co. How much reference to that and my personal connections with the Lincoln & Sherwood life might be one the publishers should be consulted with. Your experience with publishers makes your decision on this final to me.

To write this introduction myself however would be difficult - really unpleasant and impossible. The Putnam's insisted I should

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I should write a preface to my book. I turned their request and a copy of my MS. over to Mr. Joseph Fort Newton, ^{of Cedar Rapids, Iowa} for his reading, and asked him to relieve me, which he kindly consented to do. He had never met me but once and that for a few hours when he was in this City gathering material for his "Lincoln Herndon vol."

Could you write an introductory note for me to "I Come", - something added to the one you made on the copy once set up for use in "The American"? I am enclosing that

proof copy, - also a copy of Mr. Newton's "Introduction" to my "Lincoln". If you write the introductory note to "I Come" in the Forum, - Mr. Newton's paragraphs will be more helpful than any I would furnish you or Mr. Kennerley for that purpose. I prefer your signature, or his, to the note of introduction in the Forum.

I send the "Author's Set" proof - lest you may not have the last revised copy to hand to Mr. Kennerley. I wish to see the introduction and the Forum's proof before it is closed up.

The copy of Mr. Newton's "Introduction",
 please return in the addressed envelope herewith.
 That and your "American proof" of "I come" are
 all the copies I have and I do not wish either
 to get beyond my reach until they are in print.

Mr. Geo. H. Putnam has been the
 member of the Putnam's Sons Co. I have had
 most of my correspondence with and he has been
 very gracious and obliging in all ways so
 far. He has had no intimation from me of the
 limitations and hindrances my MS. has
 grown up under. How I wish for—and would
 enjoy—spending this winter in New York!

I know I am asking much of you
 in the busy life you are in. But it is the
 busiest people who do best work and they
 are the "most" obliging to take on one job more.

Most Truly

Henry B. Rankine