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Dear Dr. Barton:

I have just received my copy of the Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society for 1929 and looked over your admirable paper on "The Lincoln of the Biographers." Of course, I want to thank you for your generous recognition of my own work. I am conscious that it is only a drop in the bucket, but ~~you forget~~ that I have taken great interest in keeping afloat.

The paper is so valuable that I am anxious to have it for my collection in a separate form. Has it been published anywhere in pamphlet form? If so, will you not tell me where, so I may get a copy. If this has not been done, I shall ask Miss Osborne to let me have a second copy of the Transactions so I may cut it out and put it in a folder.

I hope you are well and I also hope that one of these days I am going to have the pleasure of seeing your Lincoln collection. How many things there are in this world that one is always just on the point of doing and possibly passes into another world without ever accomplishing. I hope your Lincoln collection, that is, my visit to it is not going to be one of them. With all good wishes, dear Dr. Barton, believe me

Faithfully yours

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