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Mr. John W. Starr, Jr.,
Millersburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Starr:

I was much interested in your recent letter. It is always a pleasure to me to receive a communication from a student and lover of Abraham Lincoln.

I am glad you like "In Lincoln's Chair," and that my view of his religious experiences coincides so nearly with your own. I think myself that neither Herredon nor Wayne Whipple were capable of understanding Mr. Lincoln's full nature. They were men of very different natures and of very different personal experiences. Pride in their own view of him had probably no little part in their insistence that he felt in matters of religion as they did. They were unwilling to admit that there were any depths in him that they had not sounded.

The list of my Lincoln writings that you give is, I think, about complete. The little volume of selections from his speeches and letters was prepared for schools a number of years ago, but seems to go on very well yet. I take pleasure in sending you a copy with my autograph.

As to the article in the Presbyterian Banner, of which you speak, I never saw it. You would have to write to the paper itself for it. They may have an extra copy in their files. It is the only way that I know of getting it.

As to other articles, you will find a little paper in the February, 1920 issue of "Boys' Life." There is also a short introduction by me in a volume called "Hitherto Unpublished Letters," edited by Gilbert Tracy and published by Houghton-Mifflin, some two years ago.

Yes, Billy Brown is Roland W. Diller, the one who ran the drug store at Springfield for so many years. He was one of the most entertaining and likeable of all of the acquaintances of Mr. Lincoln that I met.

If I can be of any further service to you at any time I shall be very glad indeed, and when you publish what you are writing, as I take it you are going to do, I shall be very glad if you will let me know.

Very sincerely yours,