New York, December 9, 1919

Dear Mr. Marsh

Thank you for your letter of December 5th. I am glad you think that my little Lincoln story has the bones, at least, for a little book. I did not think I had hit it quite, but I did not seem to be able to do any better. This is the second time I have tried it and I am afraid I am pretty stale; but your suggestions are helpful and I think I can see my way to carry them out. This week I must spend in the West, but I shall be back at the beginning of next week, and could begin the revision. Will you not tell me how soon you must have the copy in order to get the book out before Lincoln's birthday? It would not interfere with the magazine publication. That would be out a few days before February first.

As to the royalty. Could not the book go on under our regular arrangement? As I understand it I am having 10% on my books until the war is over. Could this be arranged?

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Edward C. Marsh
The Macmillan Company
64-Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dictated by Miss Tarbell.

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