April 14, 1933

Dear Mr. McCorison:

I cannot hope for a moment that you could have had as good a time in reading "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns", of which you speak so kindly, as I had in writing it.

Twenty years before I wrote this book I had written a Life of Lincoln. I wanted to go over the story again and find out whether on closer examination, with all the new material which had come out since I did my first study, I would feel as strongly about his work as I had before.

Not only did this going over the story re-enforce my judgment but it kindled a satisfaction in the man greater than I had ever had.

Lincoln was altogether a man. It is a mistake to think of him as a hero - a demagogue. It is a fine thing that he shows what a man can do with himself in spite of all handicaps, all the temptations of human beings - all of which I take it he escaped. It is the way he came through at the end that is so fine.

Very sincerely yours

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