Lincoln — Memo.

Curious impressions come up in this Lincoln work. Mr Forrest who believes he knows more than any body else in the world about L. who does not "take" to Mr Schneider's suggestion to write together their memoirs. A pessimist this F if there ever was one. Think the world is going to ruin. that France is doomed. that Eng. is the only nation that in a year the money question will have finished America.

He like all the rest of these men likes to touch on the duty-side of Lincoln - all ask me if L have read Herndon's first edition. L he smiles knowingly as he says it. I saw yes right totally and tell him I think none the worse of L. for it. Judge Turnbull refers to this and is glad to have such good opportunity to call L a

Mr. Forrest

Judge Turnbull

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Judge Bradwell

Hackguard. Judge Bradwell speaks of it but gives no judgment - too rather harmed and evidently too, afraid of the use that I will make of his material. Mr Van Benthuysen think suppressing a mistake. It is well to know how far above such influences I feelings human nature can rise. Mr Emerson finds in L's vulgarity - "only the dust on the tree trunk" the effect of his standing where he did in life. The country in which he lived vulgar in the extreme - the result of its descent from poor hash - He has heard him tell the most vulgar stories but never with any delight in their vulgarity - always in parables to illustrate a point he wanted to make, a truth he would emphasize.

Mrs. Forrest

Mrs Lincoln interests many. Mr Forrest has gossip about her which

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she tells with a certain maliciousness. She thinks her a perfect tomagant. Tells how when "Abe" was away (notice that all these old-timers here speak of "Abe" invariably save Mr Emerson where I did not notice) she had roof of house raised which she had forbidden. He came home from his circuit-court & found it done & asked in astonishment "whose house is this" she swore at him & told him to come in & she would show him. Mrs F. says that Mr Dubois of Springfield was kept out of office by Mrs L's contempt for his manners - Judge Bradwell says she kept Heandon out too. Judge & Mr Bradwell got Mrs Lincoln out of insane asylum at Batavia. He tells with gusto & frequent lapses into discretion lest I write him up

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the story of her rescue. Doesn't think she was insane but admits she had an awful temper. He has lot of correspondence with her etc. — He thinks she made Mr L. by constantly pushing him on in her ambition. There is a similar view expressed by Hendrix quotation from a "friend" on p 142 of Vol. II.

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