May 24, 1939

Dear Mr. McClure:

Forgive me for having been so long in thanking you for your letter of May second. Mrs. Wolfe wrote you that I was out at Allegheny College working with a class of young people on the writing of biography using my Lincoln experience to illustrate. It has been rather fun but it has taken all my strength to put it through with the result that I have written practically no letters.

Now that I am back one of the first I am writing is to you.

You rate me too high, dear Mr. McClure, as a writer. You always did. But that doesn't matter, what matters is that what I have to say about you pleases you. Lewis Gannett in his review said something which I think was true, that while I had a qualified admiration for your deeds I had an unqualified affection for you. I always have had.

You say you have something you would like to have me see, some thirty or forty thousand words. If you will send it down the end of the week, if you still wish my judgment on it, I shall be glad to read it as soon as possible.

Always faithfully yours

Mr. S. S. McClure
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