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May 28th 1923

My Dear Miss Ida;

My letter to Mrs. Haines Greene and her reply will explain this getting into your "awfully" busy life. I send them herewith.

Your "doorsteps" are fine. "Ruff ed" for all future time on Lincoln's ancestry. Your are, in a literary way, "doing yourself proud" in this immensely exhaustively work. I knew you would do a good job, - but did not expect one so well done as you are doing it. Many mention to praise your, H. A. &

J. B. Lippincott Co., Pubs., have prodded me up into writing a little book about half the size, - or less, - of my Pub. Rec. of L. to which I devote my script around the title of, "Intimate Character Sketches of Abraham Lincoln." I'd like you to see the MS. before I send it to them? May I? None of the "Sketches" will be dignified by "Chapter," - only Roman numerals & title, each of varying length.

I have much more I have in mind to say to you but will favor you by not "saying" it this time, - considering what I script at you in my 3rd R.

Bye-bye. Lovingly Thine

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May 23d 1923

My Dear Gelie:

I send you XVth No. of Miss Tarbell's "In the Footsteps of Abraham Lincoln," herewith, - marked in certain paragraphs. She has Bowling Green as father of M. G. Greene, - which if I am not in error is not the case. He was distantly related - cousin or nephew?!

Please give me correct genealogy of these two Greene families so I may write Miss Tarbell and send her your answer to this. Miss T. wishes to be absolutely correct in all parts of her "Footsteps," &c and will feel deeply obliged for the correction of any error in her articles - especially all names &c relating to New Salem & Springfield.

Please reply promptly that I may forward correct data to Miss T. so she can correct this error (if it be one) in her article when she makes up copy for putting these Nos. in book form, which she intends to do.

Most Sincerely

Henry B. Rankin

Return clipping of No. XV & this letter with your reply. It is a fuller account of how "Billy got some supper" as I have if you any.

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