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Miss Jane E. Hammand,
Schaller, Ia.

Dear Miss Hammand:

It is pleasant to hear from you again. I am glad that you had such a good time in the Hawaiian Islands. It is interesting that you were able to get a copy of the commission of McBride. I do not find this in Nicolay & Hay's collection. Is it an entirely new piece? If so, I am going to ask you if you will not let me have a copy of it.

Mr Volk told me he would send Decatur a photograph of Lincoln. Possibly it has slipped his mind, or perhaps he has had so many demands that he must stop or he would bankrupt himself. I shall see, however, that you get the picture.

Thank you very much for calling my attention to the fact that you are the donor instead of the owner of the collection at Decatur. I am delighted that this is true. I understood that you simply had loaned the collection. It is a fine thing to have done, and I don't believe you could have put it in another town in Illinois, or in any other State, where it would be more appreciated; and it will be bound to grow in the future. I hope it is going to mean some day that the children of Decatur will be playing over the seated Borglum statue in front of the library - a memorial to you, dear Miss Hammand.

Please remember that I shall be grateful at any time for any suggestions or criticisms of the work that I am now doing.

Very sincerely yours,

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