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Rev. William E. Barton,
Oak Park, Ill.

My dear Mr. Barton:

No, I never received the copy of "The Lincolns in their Old Kentucky Home." Is it out? You have been so generous in sending me your pamphlets I don't want to ask you to include this; if you will just let me know the name of your publisher I will be glad to send for it.

In a letter you wrote me recently you said that you had heard that Mr. H. C. Whitney was still living, and that I knew his address. That is a mistake; Mr. Whitney died some years ago.

I saw him two or three times in the last few years of his life, worked with hom over his original notes of the "Lost Speech," but, as I say, it is some years since his death. Yes, of course, one gets very diverse judgments about his work, but that is true in varying degrees about all biographical work, particularly of those who were friends of the subject.

As to autographing the copies of my books which you say you have, some of these days when I am in Chicago I will make that visit to your library which you so kindly suggested some time ago and autograph them on the spot. Will not that be better?

Sincerely yours,

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