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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am taking special pleasure in writing to you and sending to you a copy of our Lincoln catalogue of John S. Little's collection for two reasons.

The first is that Aunt Lizzie and the late Uncle Bay Scott live just around the corner from me in Naperville, and have been the warmest friends of my parents since they were children, and mother and father remember with great pleasure the privilege of having met you when you visited in Naperville. Of course, I have heard Aunt Lizzie speak of you many times - the most recent being last week when she called one evening. We were talking about the Lincoln collection and she told me more about you; particularly the time she asked you if you remembered Lincoln's assassination, and you recalled for the first time how your mother went to the door and heard the news of it and put her arm to her eyes and wept. I was specially interested in that memory suddenly being drawn out of childhood, and the miracle of it. We had a grand visit and she said I must be sure to write to you - which was all the encouragement I needed, since I have thought of you so frequently while I have been writing this catalogue.

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The second reason for my writing is that you figure with such importance in Mr. Little's collection. Of course no collection would be complete without your monumental pioneer work. And furthermore you evidently knew Mr. Little, ~~have~~ visited him and examined his collection. This I surmised from your inscription in "He Knew Lincoln", Dec. 1928. Lot # 346.

It has been an exciting and fascinating experience to describe Mr. Little's books. We consider this sale one of the most important ones held since the auction house was founded three years ago. I hope you will enjoy reading the catalogue, and I particularly hope that the next time you are in Naperville I, too, will have the real pleasure of meeting someone who has made such a significant contribution to American letters.

Most sincerely,

Eleanor A. B. Beckman

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