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Dear Mr. Finley:

I am venturing to call your attention to a Lincoln event which it seems to me should be emphasized. The three hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Samuel Lincoln in this country comes on June 20th. You probably have been notified that a group of Middle West Lincoln students are preparing to celebrate it with a ten days pilgrimage starting in Boston on the 20th.

Of course the latter part of their journey is perfectly familiar - needs no advertising. It is the first thousand miles from Massachusetts to the Shenandoah Valley which is little known. I made this pilgrimage several years ago and found proofs all along the way of the substantial character of these Lincoln men. As a matter of fact there are more important physical survivals in the first four generations than in the last three, Abraham Lincoln included.

I have written the enclosed on the eastern end of the pilgrimage adding pictures that I gathered when I made my visits. I would like very much to see it in the Magazine Section of The Times. What do you think about it?

Of course I know it may not "fit in" with the Editor's plans, so do not hesitate to return it.

Faithfully yours

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