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Dear Mrs. Rudolph:

You'll think me very negligent I fear for not having acknowledged before this the copy of your article, "A Refutation", and particularly the interesting and careful chart which came with the copy of the magazine.

How good of you to take all that trouble for me, dear Mrs. Rudolph. I have read the article with real interest, though have not studied it as I hope to do a little later. What gladdens my heart is that you put down only what you know, have documents for. There has been so much jumping at conclusions in all this Hank genealogy that to go back to the first as you are doing and make sure of each step as you go along is cheering.

I wish I could endow you and Mr. Ewing or indeed give you help of any kind.

I am carefully saving all the letters and outlines you have sent me. I find I have a big grist of them. They are going with my little collection - documents, books, pamphlets, manuscripts and correspondence - which I am giving to my old college Allegheny at Meadville as the nucleus of what I hope will be in time a really useful working collection on Lincoln's life.

I am not considering it as more than a modest nucleus - indeed, that is all it is. But the college is interested and hopes to build up a really valuable working collection for students in American History. Certain of the Alumni are interested and indeed I think we shall call it "The Allegheny College Alumni Collection." In time something very good could be built up, don't you think?

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I wonder how you are weathering this long torrid spell, which I suspect is quite as bad in your part of Ohio as it is here in New York. I have been here held by a piece of rush work but by taking particular care I have gotten on very well. I am hoping in a few days to get away for a couple of weeks in the country.

With all good wishes and many, many thanks for the generous way in which you remember my interest in the Hank genealogy, believe me

Faithfully yours

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