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Dear Mr. Giddens:

I have been very neglectful. First, let me thank you for the trouble you took in looking up this story about the inscription on the McHenry house pane of glass attributed to Booth. There is a point in the notes which you give me which is new to me and that was that Booth was playing in Meadville at the time the inscription was written. I have never heard the story or it has slipped my mind if I have. I doubt it but no doubt it could be verified by a look at the file of the newspaper for August 1864 if such a file exists. If Booth played there at that time there must be some record somewhere of it. I do not think he was filling engagements in 1864 - certainly not barn-storming as this would mean.

Of course there is a possibility that there may have been local dramatic companies who invited him over. This certainly would be noticed in the newspaper if there is one.

If you have a student who would like an odd job of looking over any records there are for that month of 1864 I would be glad to pay him for his time.