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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Ever since we went to Fort Wayne to see Dr. Warren's Lincoln collection I have expected to write you to tell something of our fine trip and the generous amount of time Dr. Warren gave us,as well as such fine courtesy. Although it was the first day after his return from vacation,he gave us almost all of Monday to show his treasures and explain the methods of caring for them. It is beautifully housed and to me seemed usable and very well supplied with the valuable things for study and reference. Many good ideas came to Miss Hendershot and me from it. Miss Cushman,being a veteran of the Lincoln collection group, spoke a language beyond us but we gained even from that. Your gift was quite well catalogued before we went. We secured a fine kind of tough heavy paper from the Hammermill Paper Mill in Erie and had it cut for folders. The labels are not put on yet but are written in pencil on slips of paper. The collection grew more interesting as we worked upon it.

You know already I think of the lovely thing Mrs. Morck is going to do for your room. Yesterday she came to Meadville with a Miss McClintock,and the ladies were the guests of Pres. Tolley at the Country Club for luncheon. He asked me to be with them but,alas, I had promised to speak at the Rotary Club luncheon at the same hour. Mrs. Morck went thru the room,discussed it with us,and seemed to see possibilities. She wishes her decorator friend from Cleveland tosee it before any decisions are made. We all agreed that your preferences are to have much weight in determining what shall be done. She will come again and the decorator will look the room over too.

President Tolley went to Canada last evening for a few days of much needed vacation. He has been driven very hard lately. There is so much repairing and so little with which to do it. Bentley is nearly painted looking vary colonial in its red walls and newly white pillars. They are such beautiful ones. One hopes they will last for I recall that when some similar ones were replaced on an ancient hotel at Richfield Springs, N.Y. they cost $400 each.

Miss Hendershot has gone to New Jersey for a much needed vacation. She did much work in the sorting and arranging the Lincoln material. And Miss Painter catalogued the books. My arm is out of the cast and sling at last and I can use it to a considerable extent. It has been a great nuisance. I was quite spoiled by having an attendant in the house but she has now gone, so I must depend upon myself.

The checked list of Books that Lincoln studied or read is enclosed. I am glad we have as many as we do. The rest can be secured, I think, without too much trouble. This is your list to keep.

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I trust you are resting during these hot days at your country place and that you will not try to do anything hard until it is cooler. Our drought was broken recently by generous rains so things are looking better.

The staff members who are still here join in affectionate regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

Edith Rowley

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Miss Tarbell

Condensed Titles of

BOOKS LINCOLN STUDIED OR READ

(A * preceding a title indicates that Mr. Lincoln's own copy is yet extant)

TEXT-BOOKS

Dilworth, T.	"New Guide to the English Tongue." Barton (d), i, 120.
Webster, N.	"The American Spelling Book." Herndon, 57.
	*"The Kentucky Preceptor." Lincoln Lore, No.80.
Murray, L.	"The English Reader." Dodge,6.
Scott, W.	"Lessons in Elocution." Beveridge, i, 75.
Lowe, A. T.	*"The Columbian Class Book." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Kirkham, S.	*"English Grammar." Tarbell,i, 64-67.
Blair, H.	"Lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Grimshaw, W.	"History of the United States." Beveridge, i, 75.
Hale, S.	*"History of the United States." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Pike, N.	"A New ... System of Arithmetick." Herndon, 57.
Day, J.	*"Introduction to Algebra." Whitney, 49.
Olmsted, D.	*"An Introduction to Astronomy." Beveridge, i, 519.
Simson, R.	"The Elements of Euclid." Beveridge, i, 518.
Flint, A.	"System of Geometry ... with Treatise on Surveying." N. & H. (b), i, 641.
Gibson, R.	*"A Treatise on Practical Surveying." Ibid.
Neilson, W.	*"Exercises on the Syntax of the Greek Language." Barton (c), 185-7.

BIOGRAPHY

Weems, M. L.	"Life of George Washington." N. & H. (b), i, 688.
Ramsey, D.	"Life of George Washington." Rothschild, 526.
Reed, A.C.	*"Life of George Washington." Monitor, April 11, 1935.
Prentice, G. D.	"The Life of Henry Clay." Townsend, 156.
Franklin, B.	"Autobiography" Dodge, 6.
Weems, M. L.	"Life of Benjamin Franklin." Beveridge, i, 76-8.
"	"Life of General Francis Marion." Rothschild, 10.
Plutarch	"Lives." Barton (a), 14.
Scott, Sir W.(?)	"Life of Napoleon Bonaparte." Edwin Davis et al., Letters.
	"American Military Biography." Beveridge, i, 155.
Burke, P.	"Public and Domestic Life of ... Edmund Burke." Dodge,7.
	*"Life and Speeches of Henry Clay." Lambert, 17.
Drake, B.	*"Life of Black Hawk." Hill, 15.
Flint, T.	*"The First White Man of the West." (Boone) Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Holland, W. M.	"Life of Martin Van Buren." Weik, 250.
Wirt, W.	"Sketches of the Life ... of Patrick Henry. Ibid.
Marryat, Capt. F.	"Diary in America." Beveridge, ii, 161.
Massett, S.C.	"Drifting About." Tracy, 256.
Scripps, J. L.	"Life of Abraham Lincoln." Barton (c), 24.
Howells & Hayes	*"Life & Speeches of Abraham Lincoln ..." Abraham Lincoln Assoc. Bulletin, No. 35.
Thayer, W. M.	*"The Pioneer Boy." Barton (a), 31.

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HISTORY

Riley, J.	"Narrative of the Brig Commerce." Rothschild, 10.
Abbott, J. & J.S.C.	"Biographical Histories." Robinson, 58.
Rollin, C.	"Ancient History." Beveridge, i, 135.
Worcester, J.	*"Elements of History, Ancient and Modern." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Hallam, H.	*"View of ... Europe during the Middle Ages." Lambert, 17.
Gibbon, E.	*"History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Herndon, 115.
Ford, T.	"A History of Illinois." N. & H. (b), i, 299.
Dalrymple, Sir J.	*"Memoirs of Great Britain and Ireland." Union Art Galleries Catalog No. 17.
Napier, W.F.P.	"History of the War in the Penninsula." Ill. Sta. His. Soc. Journal, October, 1932, 166.
Young, A.W.	*"American Statesman: A Political History." Angle (b), 159.
Livermore, G.	*"Historical Research ... Negroes as Slaves, as Citizens, and as Soldiers." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.

PROSE LITERATURE

Aesop	"Fables." Herndon, 59.
	"Arabian Nights." Rothschild, 10.
Bunyan, J.	"The Pilgrim's Progress." Tarbell, i, 29.
Defoe, D.	"Robinson Crusoe." Ibid.
Cervantes, S.M. de	"History of Don Quixote." Angle (a), 101.
Cooper, J.F.	"The Last of the Mohicans." Rothschild, 10.
"	"The Pioneers." Ibid.
Poe, E. A.	*"Tales." The A. L. Association Bulletin, No. 55, p.7.
Dickens, C.	"The Pickwick Papers." Oldroyd, 347.
Hackett, J. H.	"Notes and Comments on Shakespeare." McMurtry, 270-1.

POETRY

Shakespeare, W.	*"DRamatical Works." McMurtry, 265-77.
Burns, R.	"Poetical Works." Dodge, 12.
Bryon, G.N.G.	"Poetical Works." Dodge, 10-11.
Knox, W.	"Poems." Putnam's Magazine, February, 1909, 525.
Hood, T.	"Poetical Works." Dodge, 15, 34.
Young, E.	*"The Complaint; or Night-thoughts." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Cook, Eliza	*"Complete Poems." Ibid.
Homer	"The Iliad." Review of Reviews, February, 1920, 196.
"	"The Odyssey." Ibid.
Milton, J.	"Poetical Works." Beveridge, i, 300.
Moore, T.	"Poetical Works." Dodge, 15.
Whitman, W.	"Leaves of Grass." Rankin, 124-7.
Holmes, O.W.	"Poems." Dodge, 13.
Goldsmith, O.	*"Miscellaneous Works." Gordon A. Block, Letter.
Longfellow, H.W.	"Poems." Robinson, 205.
Pope, A.	*"Poetical Works." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Whittier, J.G.	"Poems." Rankin, 130.
Bryant, W.C.	"Poems." Robinson, 204.
Poe, E.A.	"The Raven and Other Poems." Century, February, 1911, 597.
Halleck, F.	*"Poetical Works." Tracy, 147.
Willis, N.P.	"Poems." Carpenter, 115.
Knox, Rev. V.	*"Elegant Extracts." Townsend, 156-9.
Croker, C.	*"Popular Songs of Ireland." Chittenden, 309.
Dupuy	"Song Book." Beveridge, i, 72.
Wesley, J. & C.	"Hymn Book." Curtis, 379.
Watts, I.	"Hymn Book." Ibid.
Carden, A.D.	"Missouri Harmony." (Song Book), Sandburg, 108.

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SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY

Chambers, R.	"Vestiges of Natural History of Creation." Barton (c), 166-171.
Wells, D. A.	"Annual of Scientific Discovery." Beveridge,i, 519.
Bacon, F.	"Essays." Whitney, 126.
Burke, E.	*"A Philosophical Inquiry into ... the Sublime and Beautiful." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Chandler, M.G.	*"The Elements of Character." Sandburg, 477-8.
Emerson, R.W.	"Essays." Lamon, 494.
Hume, D.	"Essays." Ibid.
Mill, J.S.	"On Liberty." Brockett, 719.
	*"Wealth and Worth." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.

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Blackstone, Sir W.	"Commentaries." Herndon, 324.
Greenleaf, S.	*"Treatise on the Law of Evidence." Ibid.
Chitty, J.	*"Treatise on Pleading and Parties to Actions." Ibid.
Story, J.	*"Commentaries on Equity Jurisprudence." Ibid.
	*"The Revised Laws of Indiana." (1824) Herndon, 45.
	"The Revised Code of Laws of Illinois." (1829) Beveridge, i, 141.
	*"Revised Statutes of the State of Illinois." (1841-5-5) Hill, 15; Barrett, Letter.
Callan, J.F.	"Military Laws of the United States." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Whiting, W.	"War Powers of the President." Ibid.
Kirkland, C.P.	"Letter to Benj. R. Curtis." Ill. Sta. His. Soc. Journal, October, 1952, 166.

POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Elliot, J.	"Journal and Debates of the Federal Convention." Herndon, 455.
Hickey, W.	*"Constitution of the United States." Oliver R. Barrett, Letter.
Benton, T.H.	*"Thirty Years' View." Dale Putnam, Letter.
Sheppard, F.	*"The Constitutional Text-Book." Hertz, Abraham Lincoln, ii, 916.
Carroll, A.	"Relation of the National Government to the Revolted Citizen." National Republic, November, 1954.
Robertson, G.	"Scrap Book on Law and Politics, Men and Times." Townsend, 256-60.
Stowe, H.B.	"Uncle Tom's Cabin." Rankin, 150.
Sumner, C.	*"The Republican Party." Hill, 15.
Beecher, E.	*"Narrative of the Riots at Alton." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Helper, H.R.	"The Impending Crisis of the South." Robinson, 85.
Lincoln & Douglas	*"Political Debates." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Lincoln, A.	*"Address ... at Cooper Institute." Tracy, 149-51.
Fitzhugh, G.	"Sociology for the South." Herndon, 363.
Parker, T.	*"The Relation of Slavery to a Republican Form of Government." R. Gerald McMurtry, Letter.
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Ross, F.A.	"Slavery as Ordained of God." N. & H. (b), i, 413-14.
Goodloe, D.R.	*"The Southern Platform." Harry E. Barker, Letter.
Fisher, S.G.	"The Laws of Race as Connected with Slavery." Angle (a), 252; Letters.
Bacon, L.	"Slavery Discussed in Occasional Essays." Century Magazine, March, 1883.
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Stille, C.J.	"How a Free People Conduct a Long War." Ill. Sta. His. Soc. Journal, October, 1952, 166.
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French, J.	*"The True Republican." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Williams, E.	"Statesman's Manual." Register, ii, of the Illinois State Library.
	"Congressional Globe." (Various Volumes) Sandburg, 455.
	"Niles Register." (Various Volumes) N. & H. (b), i, 105.
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"	*"An American Dictionary" (1858) Lambert, 16.
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Gilman, C.	*"The Illinois Conveyancer." Lambert, 16.
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Mitchell, D.G.	*"Fudge Doings." Lincoln Lore, No. 167.
Newell, R.H.	"The Orpheus C. Kerr Papers." Dodge, 16.
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Lowell, J.R.	"The Bigelow Papers." Dodge, 15.
	"Yankee Notions." Ida M. Tarbell, Letter.
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	*"Bible." Barton (c), 93-94.
	*"The Book of Psalms." Monitor, March 21, 1835.
Volney, C.F.D.de	"The Ruins ... of Empires." Herndon, 459.
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Baxter, R.	"The Saint's Everlasting Rest." Barton (c), 289.
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