February 9, 1923

Dr. John W. Wayland,
Harrisonburg State Normal School,
Harrisonburg, Va.

My dear Dr. Wayland:

How much trouble I have made! And how kind you have been! The pictures came just in the nick of time.

I am publishing in a newspaper syndicate at least part of the material, which will afterward appear in my book; and as they are beginning the articles on the 11th of February, it is driving me hard. I am sending you with this letter advance sheets of the first and second articles that you can see about the kind of thing that I am trying to do.

One advantage that comes from serial publication is that if you fall into error, somebody is sure to pick it up, and somebody is almost sure to send you things of which you had never heard.

I think I wrote you that Mr. Henry Scarborough of Philadelphia has given me clews in regard to the Hanks family which he thought it would be advisable for me to follow up. One of these was about a Mr Amos Estep of Gout's Store, Va., who, he said, had the early records of the Linville and Smith Creeks Baptist Churches. I have a letter from Mr. Estep this morning saying that John, Mary and Jacob Lincoln are mentioned in the records, but not Abraham. I am asking Mrs.E. R. Lincoln, to whom I have already written about the matter, to follow Mr Estep up, suggesting that she and Miss Elliot go there. You may have already examined these records, but it seems to me, if you have not, they would be of interest to you.

And now, dear Dr. Wayland, you must have been put to expense in getting these pictures. Will you not be good enough to send me a bill for them? The Syndicate will want to reimburse you.

Thanking you again for your kindness, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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