

March 2nd, 1926.

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Dear Sir:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of
your letter of February 18th with reference to
Abraham Lincoln.

There was nothing in my address
indicating that Lincoln was a rail splitter. What
I did was to quote an extract from one of Lincoln's
own speeches in which he said that he was not ashamed
to acknowledge that " twenty-five years ago he was
a labourer mending rails, etc., just like any other
poor man's son". I do not agree with your friend at
all that Lincoln was a cruel tyrant, and it is not
true to say that he starved to death 40,000 men.

I would suggest, with every
respect, that you read Lord Charnwood's 'Life of
Lincoln', or Hayes 'Life of Lincoln', or Barton's
'Life of Lincoln'. Any one of the three is a most
interesting book and will well repay the time taken
in reading it. I look upon Lincoln as one of the
most truly Christian men who ever lived in the
United States.

Yours faithfully,