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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,