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Dear Mr. Simons:-

Your lovely letter came yesterday, and gave me much pleasure as you are responding just as I hoped people would. If the Journal-World has any review of the book I do hope you will do it. Frankly, I do not believe this present generation have grasped the significance of the whole matter the way our generation did, for we were close enough to the struggle to almost learn it at first hand. The schools did so much more about Washington and Lincoln than nowadays.

Just as the G.A.R. closes its career, my book at last comes out through the kindness and vision of the Arthur H. Clark Publishing Company. I showed your letter to Mr. Clark yesterday when I opened it, and he said, "Well, I agree with him in all but the last paragraph, for this country is in a mess right now with that little pismire in the White House." I said, "Don't worry. Mr. Simons is just as good a Republican as you are."

Contrary to my expectation, a great fuss is being made about me and the book out here. You would laugh to hear people arguing in front of me who is to play the parts in the movies. But that is Cally for you. My idea is to get this book into high school and college libraries where it will do, I hope, some permanent good.

Thanking you for your interesting letter, I am, as always,

Cordially yours,

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