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Mr. F. L. Black,
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Dear Sir:

You certainly did me a great favor in sending me the last five issues of The Dearborn Independent, in which you exposed the Booth Myth. I will, of course, be interested in the earlier articles, if you will be so kind as to send them. As soon as members of my family have read these articles, I will see that they are returned.

As to my contemplated pamphlet, it is not intended that it be published unless Dr. Clarence True Wilson, D. D., LL. L. D., comes out with his promised book. I am informed that this "General Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church" has taken over the Bates "manuscripts" and intends writing a book on the subject. His secretary writes me as follows:

> "Dr. Wilson has worked on this episode in history for the last forty years, gathering evidence, and will sometime in the future get out a volume setting forth the proofs that he has gathered. I cannot say when this will be ready for publication, however. He is thoroughly convinced of the truth of the story set forth in the Bates volume. In all probabilty his volume will have the sanction of some reputable historical society before it is printed."

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I think the work you have done is excellent; and I would like to see it printed in a book. Of course, it might be said that intelligent people will not be fooled by the Bates book, but a great many people are not intelligent, and a great many people who are intelligent have not the facts for checking up on Bates.

The body of old George was being exhibited in Idaho two years ago as the body of Booth, by a traveling lecturer, who sold the Bates book and made claims of having clear "documentary proofs". Many persons were convinced, and many were non-plussed.

I think you have done a great work. Thanking you again, I remain,

Yours truly,

J. P. Reed