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Mr. F.L.Black,
Dearborn, Mich.

My dear Mr. Black:-

I was pleased to hear from you, and if the interest in the new Ford shown here, is in the slightest the result of your advertising you certainly did a good piece of work.

I am enclosing to you two le ters recieved from Mr. Evans, the present owner of the mummy. These will give you all the information that I have of the gentleman.

Like the rest of the Booth story, I am sure that Evans misrepresents the facts as to the income, etc.

Dr. Wilson was rscently in Philadelphia, and requested an interview with me. I related the Evans story, and Wilso said "I doubt if Evans is making $5.00 per diem on the exhibit.'

Our debate has rather unsettled Dr. Wilson as to the publication of his book. I so clearly showed the impossiblity of his story, that he told me that he would not publish so long as there was a doubt in his mind as to the correctness of his statements. He farther told me that he would this present month submit his manuscript to the Department of History in the Boston University, and if the professors would not underwrite his position, he would not publish.

I challenged him to debate the matter farther, and he accepted. I do not think that the debate will ever com off. The fact is that the Administration of the church in these parts would be against staging the matter. I agree with you that Dr. Wilson's strange obsession,(for it is that), would do harm to the cause he represents, and speciall so if the American Mercury,Mencken, et al would get hold of it.

Yes, I

I am under great obligation to you for the good material placed in my hands by you.

And now a matter which has distressed me somewhat.:- Some days since my daughter recieved at my door a registered package. A day or two thereafter, the postman came with the red return registry card, and wished my signature. My daughter was present when he came and stated that she had recieved the package. I noticed that the card was from the Dearborn Pub. Co., I cannot find the package, and no one seems to be able to locate it. I thot it possible that it was your book, and I would not miss it for gold. I am therefore asking you if you sent me a registered package, or if you did not, have you any knowledge of the Publishing Company sending me registered mail?

Sorry to trouble you but I am anxious to know.

Sincerely yours,

Thompson H. McKinney

I would be pleased to have the Evans letters returned.

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