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Mr Clarence True Wilson, Gen. Sec'y
Board of Temperance, Prohibition & Public Morals
100 Maryland Avenue N E
Washington D C

Dear Sir:

With reference to your very interesting letter of December 27th, the writer will indeed be glad to receive the manuscript for your book on John Wilkes Booth and give you an analysis of the points of the story. Have you personally been over the ground from Washington down to the Garrett barn? You are so advantageously located for a trip such as this.

To what extent have you investigated the Bates claims with reference to Andrew Johnson's connection with Booth. I just noticed among book reviews that Francis Wilson has brought out a life of himself published by Houghton Mifflin. This, I suppose, is a different book than the one to which you refer as the Autobiography of Edwin Booth. How do you dispose of the identification of the dead body of the man shot in the Garrett barn as John Wilkes Booth by Dr May, who had previously operated on Booth? You have undoubtedly seen the stories by Wm Shepherd in the November Harper's and the December 27th Collier's. In your researches, have you learned just when the idea of assassination first occurred to John Wilkes Booth?

The whole thing is tremendously interesting, isn't it?

Very truly yours

F L Black

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