

all Came down and had a Conversation about who had maid the mistake but it
 Could not be decided
 So ended the Chapter

i will tell you a Joke about Jouel and mary
 it is neither a Joke nor a tory
 for rubin and Charles has married two girls
 but biley has married a boy
 the girls he had tried on every Side
 but none could he get to agree
 all was in vain he went home again
 and sens that he is married to natty

so biley and naty agreed very well
 and mamas well pleased at the matc[h]
 the egg it is laid but Natys afraid
 the Shell is So Soft that it never will hatc[h]
 but betsy She Said you Cursed ball head
 my Suiter you never Can be
 besids your low Croch proclaimes you a botch
 and that never Can anser for me

this is memorised by Mrs elizeabeth Crawford an oald blind lady that Can
 hardly See
 ritten by her Son and farweded
 S A Crawford

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114. Richard J. Oglesby to WHH

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Dear friend

I have just read the Synopsis of your lecture "on the Life and character of Abraham Lincoln¹ I regret I did not hear you deliver it. Your discriptions and delin-
 eations of the great man — are true hapy and most complete — given with more
 Effect than I have ever before heard. You constantly reproduce him to his old
 friends, The discription of his Journey to the market house and return is vigorous
 and full of Spirit. The closing Sentence struck me with such force I almost felt his
 presence again this sentence ought not to be forgotten "*Sometimes it appeared to
 me that Lincolns Soul was Just fresh from the presence of its creator*" Do you know
 that at times I have been similarly impressed by that good man,

1. Oglesby refers to WHH's first lecture on AL, delivered on December 12, 1865.