Washington
Dec 21st 1860

My Dear Sir,

I have watched
your noble & patriotic
course with much in-
terest. The prospect of
saving the Union &
evading slavery. We
are now making an
effort at constitutional
amendment in our
Committee of Thirteen.

Open each current copy
Mr. Curtin's report
to learn the Mather
line. I desire you to Muster
men on my lines. I think it
of the new year. Thank you for your support and trust in us. We are proud to serve you.

A true friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.

Trust is the key to unlocking the door of friendship. Without it, the bond is weak and fragile.

She is not the one who speaks the loudest but the one who listens most attentively.

In truth, it is the simple things that make life beautiful.
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