Cincinnati, March 16, 1891.

Hon. Joseph H. Barrett

Dear Sir:

I have this morning had pleasure in the receipt of yours of [April 13, 1881.]

I have no specific knowledge of the letter you refer to, except a general recollection of a state of affairs. The Oberlin affair I am not able to recall.

Mr. Baber was a man of much more character and brains than he had credit for. His peculiarities and tendency to monotone thought both in speech and action frequently operated as an unconscious disguise. I knew from himself at the time that he wrote to Mr. Lincoln and the general purpose of his answer. I think it extremely probable that consulted with Mr. Stwayne: not their a judge. says, Baber was in some (a remote relative)
of Mr or Mrs Lincoln. I think the tie whatever it was, reached the Swanns. I do not think I saw the correspondence with Lincoln, but the Swanns and Babes talked with me about it.

"Up post facto"

Yours truly

Aaron F. Perry

P.S. If I remember correctly I did all I could to secure Swann's nomination at the time I refer to. It is quite possible a few minutes conversation might renew many recollections. I have a good many public men better than they were aware of.