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From the Editor }

Lake George, N. York, Sep. 1889.

My dear Sir:

Messrs. Belford Clarke & Co.
publishers, of New York and Chicago, have
in preparation "A New Encyclopedia of
American Biography," which is intended
to not merely cover the ground usually
occupied by such publications, but to
also make special mention of the men
and women who are doing the work, and
forming the thought, of our time. We desire
for it a brief biography of yourself, and
will thank you if you will furnish us with
the place and date of your birth, and such
incidents in your life as will enable us to
prepare a proper sketch; or if you should
prefer it we would be thankful for an
extended sketch from your own hand.

I am sincerely yours,

James R. Gilmore
("Edmund Kirke")