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Miss. Ida M. Tarbell,
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Dear Miss. Tarbell:-

I want to personally thank you for your contribution to the Lincoln literature, especially for the Vol. "In The Footsteps Of The Lincolns."

Along this line I was wondering if you ever read "Lincoln and Stanton" by Wm. D. Kelley, M. C. Pub. 1885 A study of the War Administration of 1861 and 1862, with special considerations of some recent statements of Gen. Geo. B. McClelland.

The attempt of some to make a comparison between Lincoln and Wilson, to me is blasphemous out side of difference of the two's morals. Lincoln was ~~not~~ only a patriot and a lover of man kind, actual not academically. Note how he, an extremely sensitive ~~man~~ man stood insult and abuse from McClelland, how he before election was slighted, insulted and ignored by several men, who he appointed to cabinet and other important commissions, and kept in office as long as he felt they could serve the country. How he gave McClelland every chance to win, after knowing he was the active head of the Democratic party, how the only consideration was what has the man to offer the country. The other as Pres. of Princeton, crossed in academic matters of little or no importance, or rather disagreed with. Repeatedly passing the prof. who dared to disagree with him without speaking, refusing to speak to members of the prof. family. As Pres. developed ~~him~~ as his outstanding personal characteristic a vindictive, vitriol hatred of every one who dared to disagree with him in any matter no matter how small. A man who had no use for any one of a different

party, even in the army. Who carried all his petty hates and animosities to the grave and took particular pains to air them to Loyd George. Leads one to wonder when under Wilson & for instance Stanton would have got his appointment, whether McClelland would have been hung or just burned in oil, with a list of many other prominent men who would have suffered had the so called Idealist been president rather than a Man Who Illustrates to the Highest Degree a love for his fellow man all History has failed to produce an equal of.

If only a writer of your ability would write a short article on Lincoln, featuring his love of his fellow man, and self sacrificing patriotic devotion to the cause, appointing his (best haters) to office and defending them against his friends and well wishers, because he could get service out of them, his more than willingness to sacrifice all his ambitions provided it would promote the countries good, why it would call attention to what real Idealism is, not the shell covering personal hatred of mankind, a pose to give one a place in History, but the real thing, why it would be an incentive to the coming generations, to model their lives on a firm foundation, not on a selfish self seeking model.

Thanking you for your contributions to the Lincoln literature, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

Geo. F. Lawrence .