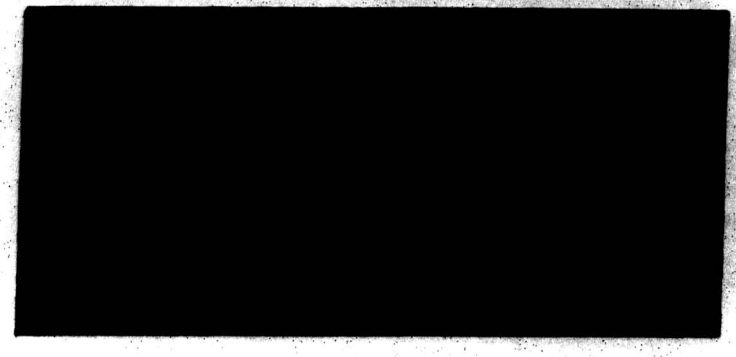

THE LINCOLN SHRINE
REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA

September 28, 1939

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East Nineteenth Street
New York City
New York

My dear Miss Tarbell:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your autobiography, "All in the Day's Work". I am about half way through the book, and must confess it is difficult for me to lay it down. I can well understand the enconiums of various press agencies throughout the country that have been written concerning this work. I feel that it is important that we have it in the Shrine because of your supreme interest in the life of Lincoln, and your contribution in carrying it to the hearts of the American people.

There are several names of persons mentioned in the autobiography whom I personally know. Professor R. Ogden Doremus was my instructor in Chemistry at Bellevue Hospital Medical College. He was the most versatile and best informed man that I ever came in contact with. Frank Bray was leader of the Glee Club and a contemporary of mine at Allegheny.

I have followed your career with interest for a period of forty years and I am frank in stating and believing that your influence on the citizenry of the United States has been one of the most important contributions to the political life of the country.

We will comply with your request in sending to Allegheny College, for the Lincoln Room, all the several items mentioned in your letter as soon as they are assembled.

I wish it were possible for you to visit California and see our Lincoln Shrine. My wife and myself, both graduates of Allegheny College, would be delighted to entertain you as long as you cared to stay. I wish to congratulate you on the full and satisfactory life you have led and to express the hope that you may have a great many years still ahead of you.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr M J Sweeney

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