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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have received and appreciate your letter of August 24 in reply to my inquiry regarding the religious views of Abraham Lincoln.

I don't know that this little controversy will interest you, but in the meantime I have received another letter from the owner of the "Southern Churchman", now accusing Lincoln of having been a saloon keeper. He bases it on a reproduction of the license issued to Berry and Lincoln for operating a tavern, but which was headed by the Liquor Dealers Association as a saloon license granted to Lincoln.

My library is just now packed away during remodeling operations, but I dug out your "Life of Lincoln" and fortified with it and your letter, I replied as per the enclosed, covering briefly both points he raised. I have also ordered copies of your other two works for future reference.

"A lobster" said Johnnie in reply to his teacher's inquiry, "is a insect what's red and walks backward." "Johnnie" replied the teacher, "except that a lobster is not an insect, and is not red, and does not walk backwards, your answer is correct."

I don't suppose I will get anywhere with this, but it has the good effect of interesting me further in Mr. Lincoln's life and character.

Sincerely,

BF:RS



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