

496 Merrick Road
Sybrook - Long Island

Dear Miss Tarbell

Knowing how happy it makes
me to know that I have influenced boys - I am
writing you because I believe you will be interested
in how you have influenced me - I am a
Virginian - and I lived until I was twelve in
a Southern home presided over - and dominated by
my grand mother - My heroes in history were
of course Robert E. Lee - J. E. B. Stuart - Stonewall
Jackson and the rest - while the very name of
Lincoln was anathema in our home - I once
heard my grand mother say, "They didn't kill
him soon enough!" With this background you
can know that I considered Lincoln a great
black blot on American history - I read your
books on Lincoln to try to find out how a
writer - particularly one I admired - and a lady -
could possibly waste her time - talents and
energy on a person as deadly as Lincoln - For

the very first time I was able to see the man
with unprejudiced eyes - I have always
been so very grateful to you - because you
have made me understand Sinceler and he has
made me understand my fellow men - It has
been of great value in my work with boys.

I told Mrs Chisholm - on the occasion of
seeing some fine pictures of you at the Ben
and Brush Club - that some day I was going
to write and thank you for introducing
me to the man Sinceler - Mrs Chisholm
said she thought you would like to know
what you did for me - and so
with gratitude and all good wishes -
Dear

Sincerely yours

Parke E Doland