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Lake Placid Club
Essex Co NY
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

A sheet of this Club's bestest paper is the proper thing for a letter to you. I have returned from my trip to the Mediterranean, and am here for four weeks (ending May 7) as chaplain. Then I go to Springfield, Illinois, to Ill. Hist. Society annual meeting, where I am to give an address on the Lincoln of the Biographers- seven ages of 'em-

1. The campaign biographies of 1860-64.
2. The "complete" lives of 1865 etc.
3. Lamont and Herndon.
4. Nicolay and Hay
5. Ida M. Tarbell
6. Charnwood (and Drinkwater)
7. Here and Now.

Come and applaud.
Then I go among colleges and then to Foxboro.

My son Fred writes me of meeting you in Akron and inviting you to visit us at Foxboro next summer. Very heartily I emphasize the invitation. Can you come and spend a day or two? There is much I should like to talk over with you. My children and I have separate cottages with a large acreage of woods and lake. My Lincoln room is back in the woods as it ought to be, "and I have many pretty things to show you when you're there.

From Bethel, Conn., you would come, I presume to Providence and Mansfield. Leave the train there and take taxi to my door.

Foxboro is in the geographical center of the universe. Boston and Providence are its northern and southern suburbs; and round it as a pole-star cluster in a fine constellation, Worcester, New Bedford, Fall River and the rest. I never said that before but thought it up wholly for you.

Alas for the Atlantic! By this time Mr. Sedgwick must know not only that his stuff was forged but who forged it.

You may encounter my swan-song in genealogy, The Lineage of Lincoln. It will never repay the work that went into it, and the publishers have gratified me by giving it a fine format. It just had to be done.

With every good wish believe me,

Faithfully yours,

William E. Barton

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