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Miss Ida M Tarbell.
McClures Magazine.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 25th inst and in reply submit the following statement of how the Lincoln programme came into my possession. The programme was formerly the property of A.K. Browne a prominent member of the Washington bar, it having been presented to him by John T Ford the manager of Fords Theatre a few days after the assassination of the President. It came into my possession about seventeen years ago. The above mentioned A.K. Browne being an Uncle of mine, and with whom I resided in the city of Washington for several years. Mr Browne died at his residence on Mass Avenue in Washington three years ago.

At the suggestion of Col "Wm" B Mix, who was on Presidents Lincolns staff during the war, I obtained the affidavits of both John T Ford and A.K. Browne attesting the genuineness of the bill. It was placed on exhibition at the Fair of the Seventh Regiment on the occasion of the opening of their new armory. Walt Whitman in a lecture at the Madison Square Theatre a few years ago, held the programme before the audience, and feelingly referred to it. It has been exhibited at the Union League, and Lincoln Clubs, of this city where it attracted much attention.

I should be pleased to have you submit the matter to me which refers to the programme, when you reach that part of it, if you so think best. I enclose you a photograph of Booths associates, which may be of use to you. I think I stated in a previous letter that I have all the cuts of the articles illustrated, which you have on file, and are at your disposal should you require them.

Very truly yours;

