

Hotel Lafayette.

Philadelphia, November 10, 1899.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
141--155 E. 25th Street,
New York City.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:

Ida M. Tarbell

I regret that your letter of Oct. 27th has led such a "wandering Jew" life, as is apt to be the case when one casts their fortunes in with us. We had hoped that our wanderings would bring us even to New York, so that we could answer your letter in person, for it is always a great pleasure to both Mr. Emerson and myself to meet you, but the necessities of business, Mr. Emerson says, now forbid us as he must, quite unexpectedly, go south from here.

The letter you ask about was, I presume, a letter from Mr. Lincoln to my father, Hon. Wait Talcott, in regard to the friendly relations of Mr. Lincoln both to my father and the Hon. E. B. Washburn, and you doubtless have a photographic copy, handed you by Mr. Emerson, of the original which is now in the possession of my father's children. If you did not receive such a photograph it would give me great pleasure to send you one, for it is so very characteristic of President Lincoln.

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We are very glad to know that you are contemplating the publication in book form of your work in the direction your letter indicates, and hope soon, as publicly promised, to read the results of your further research.

If you ever do come West, or as near to us as to come to Chicago, it would give us great pleasure to receive a visit from you, and we trust that at some future time not far distant, we may be able to welcome you to our home for more than a passing moment. Our daughter Dora whom you have known most intimately is now living in Austin, Texas, her husband, Prof. Wm. W. Wheeler, having been called to the chair of Embryology in the State University of Texas. She is the happy Mother of a beautiful baby girl about six months old, and writes enthusiastically of her new environment, in spite of its Southern aspects, and if your wandering footsteps ever go that way she will give you a right royal welcome, for she loves and admires you, as do we all.

Yours sincerely,

Adeline Talcott Emerson