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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
Dear Miss Tarbell,

I am interested in what I have read about the life and career of Lincoln and I know you have been . I am anxious to learn whether his eulogy on Washington is printed in any publication relating to Lincoln's life, I ran across it when I was an M. C. during the World War and quote it as follows.

Lincoln's Eulogy on Washington in brief,

"On that name no eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name, is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name and in its naked deathless splendor leave it shining on".

I do not find this in any authentic history of Lincoln.

I do not like to trespass on your time and patience by asking if you do, but it would be greatly appreciated by me to be enlightened by you, that would be as it seems ex cathedra.

Yours sincerely,  
Henry Clark.

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