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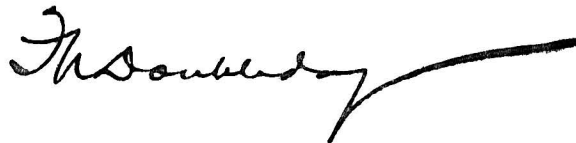
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

In accordance with our arrangement with the McClure Company, we are selling them the plates and whatever rights we have in your book, "The Life of Lincoln." This is done with genuine regret on my part, but I have honestly believed that they could do better by the book than we could, although it has now just fairly begun to sell and I am extremely sorry to break this association between us. I wanted to write and tell you that it was only because I thought it right they should have the book, and I sincerely hope you will feel that it isn't because of any lack of appreciation. I hope the time may come again when we may have business together, as I know the friendship will continue.

As ever, sincerely yours,



Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
C/o S. S. McClure Co.,
141 East 25th St., City.