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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Dr. Charles H. Stocking, of the Class of 1866,
delivered the Decoration Day address in Meadville yester-
day. He recited to me an incident which may be of in-
terest to you.

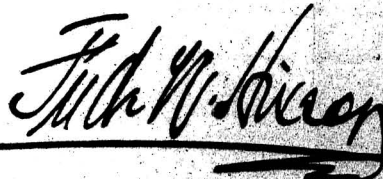
He was a student at Willoughby Academy, Ohio, when
Mr. Lincoln passed through that town on his way to
Washington for his first inauguration. The little school
and the village turned out to meet his train. Young
Stocking stood in front of Mr. Lincoln as the President
spoke from the rear platform of the train. These were
his words:

"Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I am glad to
see you. We are on our way to Washington. They say our
train will be intercepted by the enemy and that we shall
not be permitted to reach the Capital, but we will be
there on time and the Union must and shall be preserved.
Good bye, good bye."

This merest glimpse of the man still indicates that
certain matters were then fixed in his mind with refer-
ence to national policy. The incident, as I had it from
the lips of this old man, strangely moved me.

I trust we may have the good fortune to see you
here within a few days.

Yours sincerely,



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