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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

For many years we have been thinking of publishing an encyclopaedia for children, to do for boys and girls of the Junior High School grade or lower what the Britannica itself does for those older. Before the World War we had started such a work; in fact, we spent close to fifty thousand dollars in its preparation. The War, however, ended the project for the time being.

Recently it came to our attention that one of the children's encyclopaedias now in the market, published less than three years ago, was for sale. We made a complete examination of the work and came to the conclusion that it was the best of such encyclopaedias in existence today. Accordingly, our president made an offer for the plates, copyright, etc., and the offer was accepted. I do not know whether you are familiar with this encyclopaedia, "Weedon's Modern Encyclopaedia," but, as I have said above, it seems to us on the whole an excellent work.

We are now going over this carefully, examining every article and changing or re-writing where necessary. There is an article of six pages, much of it pictures, on LINCOLN. I should be very glad if you would let me send this to you for revision or re-writing, as seems best to you when you

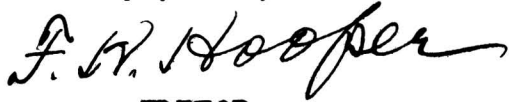
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have read it. The copyright belongs to us and you would therefore be at liberty to keep any of the article that you would like. On the other hand, if it does not please you, you are at liberty to re-write it entirely.

I should like the manuscript to reach me not later than the 10th of March. We should expect to make payment at the regular Britannica rate of two cents a word, this sum to apply to the article whether entirely or partly rewritten.

I sincerely hope that you can write this article for us, for I am sure your name in connection with it would carry the greatest weight.

Very sincerely yours,



EDITOR

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