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Evansville, Indiana,

Dec. 8, 1925.

Miss Ida Tarbell,
120 E. Nineteenth St.,
New York, N. Y.

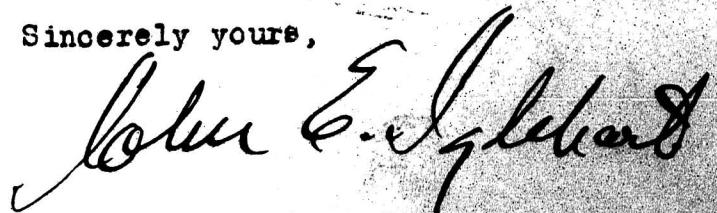
Dear Miss Tarbell:

You were advised of our late meeting at Princeton on the 17th of November, when Mr. William Fortune delivered to us a wonderful address. We gave him two hours to make the address, taking off the usual twenty minutes limit. I have talked with him fully about you. He and I are in sympathy in these historical matters. In my address, which was also lengthy, I had occasion to deal with certain fundamentals in our historical work, which were to me very interesting, and it will be some time before my notes, which are being transcribed by the reporter, will be properly corrected and revised.

I believe there is enough in the air to interest you to come out here. I imagine the notice is too short, and probably it would not be convenient for you to be in Indianapolis before Christmas. I expect to spend Christmas day there, and probably two or three days in advance. I wish it were possible for you to be there a day. I am sure you could profitably talk with Mr. Fortune, and I believe I could profitably talk with you.

There will be forthcoming from the State Historical Bureau a bulletin containing a good deal of valuable material, proceedings of this Society, as well as an address delivered by me on a typical pioneer in Spencer and Dubois Counties, dealing also with the question of the environments of Abraham Lincoln. I will send you copies as soon as they are printed, which will be probably before the end of the year.

Sincerely yours,



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