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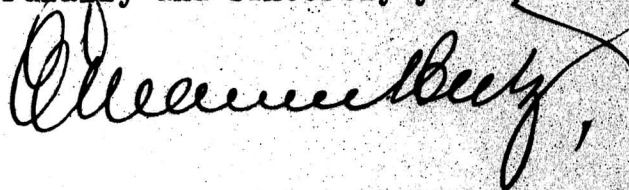
Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have your kind and encouraging letter of February 4th. I cannot tell you how deeply I appreciate your sentiments and your expressions of encouragement. You probably know the condition of the tired author and your words act like balm on my shattered nerves.

I expected such a threnody of abuse and criticism that I am very pleasantly surprised at having the outstanding Lincoln authors and students find something to commend in this book. Professors Nevins, Butler, Buck Herriott and the noblest Roman of them all---Ida M. Tarbell, may she live long and continue to write on Lincoln--have stood up and approved of this, my last effort. It is no mean compliment that my book seems to complete the documentary material for the life of Herndon. This poor hounded soul ought to get some recognition. I will certainly help anyone who wants to undertake the job and write the life of Herndon. I have so much yet to do on Lincoln that I cannot give the time to it.

Again thanking you, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,



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