

ARTHUR F. HALL  
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

August 26, 1932

Dear Miss Tarbell:

On September 16, 1932, there will be dedicated in the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, a heroic bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln - the Hoosier Youth - by Paulanship. This will be an event which has already aroused nationwide interest. Not only have critics appraised this statue as being an outstanding work of art but it has the unique distinction of being the only statue of Lincoln depicting his youth. We feel it is quite fitting and proper that we should memorialize Lincoln's youth, as it was in Indiana that he spent those formative years of his life - from seven to twenty-one.

I am enclosing an invitation requesting the honor of your presence at the dedicatory ceremonies. I sincerely hope you will find it convenient to attend and participate in the program. Because of your years of research and study of "Lincoln the Man," we would welcome a few words from you, of not more than five minutes duration, at the ceremonies following the formal dedication.

Will you kindly inform me at your early convenience if you will be able to accept this invitation. The Lincoln National Life Foundation has arranged to defray the personal expenses of its specially invited guests.

Sincerely yours,



Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
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