

900 PARK AVENUE

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Dear Miss Tarbell?

Near us in the country there lives an old man of 84, by name, Henry E. Wing. He fought in the Civil War, was seriously injured, and later became dispatch bearer, carrying dispatches night after night from the front straight to Lincoln in Washington. Probably few people saw as much of Lincoln during that critical time as did the boy, Wing, who spent hours going over the war maps with the President.

Twenty-five years ago, Mr. Wing, then a Methodist Minister at Rowayton, Connecticut, used to come out to our Point in the summer evenings and tell wonderful stories of Lincoln and the Civil War. I urged him at that time to write them down, but he never found the time to do so, until he retired from active work in the ministry. Within the last few years he has written out the stories as best he could. They are poorly written, but they contain much of real historic and literary value. Mrs. Mary Raymond Andrews took one of the stories and rewrote it at my request, and sold it two months ago to the Curtis Publishing Company for \$2,500., giving Mr. Wing half the proceeds.

I am deeply interested in the old man, and would like very much to help him place his stories. A few of them came out in the Tribune during the Civil

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War period, as Mr. Wing was for some time a war correspondent for that paper. I enclose one short sketch; most of them are much longer. Will you kindly return it to me? Knowing your interest in everything pertaining to Lincoln, I thought you might be interested either in reading the stories, or in coming up to Rowayton to see Mr. Wing.

Hoping this may interest you, believe me

Sincerely yours,

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