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"His name indicates his character"

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
1200 East 19th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

In correspondence I have received from you on two or three occasions you have mentioned the fact that you are interested in building up a Lincoln Library which might eventually become the property of your Alma Mater.

It would be a matter of deep regret not to have your name perpetuated by a great Lincoln Library, inasmuch as you have probably done more original work in the Lincoln field than any other Lincoln student of this or other days.

Although the tone of this letter may sound like a sales talk I hope you will not construe it as such.

With the several collections of Lincolniana that we have purchased we have built up a very large duplicate collection, most of the items coming from the David Griffith collection of Lincolniana. I find that we have over 1200 separate items including Oakleaf, Fish, and Starr, the larger part of them as early as 1900. *(in duplicate)*

This collection contains 60 lineal feet of Lincoln books and pamphlets and in itself is one of the outstanding collections of Lincolniana in America.

We propose to sell the entire duplicate collection as a whole and I am wondering if you would be interested in its purchase.

Very sincerely yours,

Louis A. Warren
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