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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
NEW YORK.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

Thank you very much for your letter of February 14th.
I very much appreciate your generous appraisal of my article
on Lincoln and liquor in the February Atlantic.

The excerpt from the records of the Pigeon Creek
Church is very interesting indeed, and I am very grateful
to you for sending it to me.

The article in The Atlantic is taken from a larger
manuscript on the same subject, which I have just completed,
and I would like very much, if you have no objection, to use
this church reference in my chapter on Lincoln's Indiana
years. I would like also to cite the source of this excerpt
in a footnote. I suppose it may be found in the Minute
books of the Pigeon Creek Church, but I shall be obliged
if you will advise me definitely as to this, and also inform
me where the original book is at this time. In dealing
with this highly controversial subject, I have tried to
make my footnotes as full as possible.

Thanking you very much, and with very best regards,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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