The Chicago Society
of New York

New York, November 10th, 1902.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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New York.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Some time ago it was my pleasure to read your Life of Lincoln and I appreciate the fact that you must have a large amount of information in regard to Lincoln and his associates in his generation.

As Secretary of the Chicago Society of New York, I would ask, if it is possible for you to give me the names of prominent men in New York and vicinity, and perhaps in Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, who are now living, and who could relate pleasant incidents in the life of Lincoln. It being desirable to gather together such personages at the next banquet of the Chicago Society of New York, which will take place on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th, 1903, I would appreciate a list of such names, especially, of those who may now be living in New York.

Thanking you for the pleasure which your writings have given me and hoping that you may give us new material for contemplation from your pen, I am, with kindest regards,

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

SECRETARY.