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

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been reading Henry B. Rankin's "Intimate Character Sketches of Abraham Lincoln" with great interest and I am prompted to write and tell you that I have greatly enjoyed your Foreword. It is a model in the way it fulfills its purpose.

I have corresponded some with Mr. Rankin and have called on him at his home. He is a fine Christian gentleman and therefore qualified to recognize and appreciate the spiritual greatness of Lincoln - far better than his chums and comrades, who met him on a common level which they never left, but from which he passed on to greatness and immortality. I have heard it said that we find in a new country what we take with us in the way of understanding and sympathy. You have helped me to a better understanding of why I have called Mr. Rankin my closest tie to Lincoln. As you say, he has made us a precious contribution.

Sincerely yours,

Jarvis A. Wood