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\* Only on condition that the Groves is something more than a Dummy. 6/24 '41.



As every Lincolnian is characterized

# The Lincoln National Life Foundation

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
Bethel, Connecticut  
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

We are very anxious to have a group of Lincoln students loosely organized who might speak with some authority in the field of Lincolnia. With this in view, we solicited votes from several hundred Lincoln Lore subscribers asking them to nominate such an informal committee.

We are pleased to say that you were one of the nominees to receive the highest number of votes.

It would be a great personal favor and a deeply appreciated response if you would serve as a member of this Lincoln Foundation Advisory Group.

There will be no meetings to attend, no letters to write, and the individual reactions which we shall secure from time to time will be kept in strict confidence. Of course the replies will be entirely voluntary.

Three projects are before us: One is the selection of a Recognition Roster, a "Lincoln Hall of Fame," which will contain the names of those who have passed on but who have contributed in some significant way to the Lincoln story; another project is the choice of the best Lincoln book each year; still another is the emphasis on neglected fields of Lincoln research.

We know of no one whose advice, such as we seek in this effort, would be more valuable than your own. Inasmuch as we contemplate publishing the names of the group this next week, may we not have a favorable reply from you just as soon as you make your decision.

Yours very truly,  
*Louis A. Warren*

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