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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
Bethel, Connecticut

Dear Miss Tarbell:

On Friday, March 14, the Detroit Lincoln Group will observe its second birthday, and for the first time the wives of the members have been invited to attend a meeting and will be the guests of the evening.

Could we ask of you a letter of greeting to the Group which could be read at that meeting? Similar letters of greeting are being sought from several prominent Lincoln students and authors. If you will honor us in this manner please address your letter or note to the Detroit Lincoln Group and mail it to me at the above address.

Thank you for this favor.

Incidentally, you might be interested to know that you are indirectly responsible for the formation of the Group. Twelve years ago, on the 12th of this month, you addressed a Lincoln banquet in Royal Oak, Michigan, my former home. That day I secured a copy of your two-volume "Life" and that night you autographed it for me. My interest in Lincoln commenced with those volumes. At the present time my library fills a room in my home and numbers in excess of 1,200 volumes. After some urging upon the part of several other Lincoln men here in Detroit I organized the Group in March 1939.

Eventually, it is expected, my Lincoln library, like yours, will find a permanent resting place in a Methodist college. Albion College, from which I was graduated in 1926, feels that it sort of has a lien upon it.

But all of this personal conversation is apart from the original intent of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

