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OLIVER H. BARTINE
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October 29, 1940

Dear Miss Rowley:

I wish I had the strength to tell you how I feel about the fine way you and Miss Hendershot have handled the Lincoln collection. You know, of course, how disconsolate it made me to lie in bed instead of being there on the ground, but the reports that have come back to me, your letter and your report to the Board of Trustees, the story of the Lincoln room, (could I have a few extra copies) the newspaper report of Sandburg's talk, which must have been masterly - all of this has given me the deepest satisfaction.

It touches me deeply that with all the labors for the Library you should have given such loving attention to the Lincoln room. I feel so sure now that it will grow as we would have it, not rapidly but slowly, because of its usefulness to the students. I am so glad Dr. Giddens has started a course.

It is going to be some time I am afraid before I shall be able to do anything with the materials that are packed in the country, but the Doctor assures me that if I am good and quiet this winter that by Spring I can sit up and take notice. I shall be hibernating which seems to be one of nature's ways of taking care of her crippled.

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Please give my love to all the staff. Tell Miss Hendershot I am going to answer her fine letter very soon.

Affectionately

Ida M. Tarbell
Per F. W.

Miss Edith Rowley
Meadville, Pa.

Dictated but
not read

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