

1425½ Eighth Avenue,
Altoona, Pennsylvania,
July 17, 1926.

My dear Miss Tarbell,

In a recent English recitation a question was raised by one of the pupils concerning a statement made by you in the book you edited on Abraham Lincoln. The point brought out was somewhat of a surprise, and altho I offered three solutions I was dissatisfied. Naturally took it up with my supervisors. They in turn became interested, and endorsed my plan of writing for the correct answer to the author.

The sentence under consideration is found on page XI, introductory for the third paragraph: "His father was illiterate, unable to sign his name save with difficulty, and never known to read any book but the Bible".

The pupil found it hard to accept the statement of illiteracy - if Mr. Lincoln could read the Bible, as-

suming, of course, that he comprehended what he read.

Your kind attention to this, and a brief explanation, would indeed be sincerely appreciated by those acquainted with the incident. Deeply regret the seeming necessity for disturbing you on such a triviality.

Sincerely yours,
Kathryn E. Westter.