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Miss Ida M. Tarbell

#120 East 19th Street

New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I did not expect when you wrote me Nov 11th asking me for a copy of the invitation to Willie Lincoln's party that I would be so slow in delivering the same to you. On Feb 12th I took my son and grandson to see Mr Rankin and during our talk I mentioned the picture and invitation so took it over a couple of days later for him to see and on my way back left them at the photographers to have copies made and while there told him to reproduce the envelope and cards mailed to my father and mother Feb 11th 1861, the day they left for Washington. The little envelope containing ^{the invitation} should have been turned the other way but it was finished before I saw it but he apologized for his error.

The fact that Mrs Lincoln took the trouble of writing invitations to small children to attend a child's party and mailed their cards to old friends on the eve of their departure from their home town, to my mind reflects credit to Mrs Lincoln's sense of courtesy that is worthy of mention. Most people under the circumstances would have felt a verbal invitation to children

sufficient and the same about their departure. Well I believe some day she will receive more credit for her part in all matters than she has so far received. While Willie was older than I, he was always the favorite playmate as he did not give way to temper like I ad.

I want to express my great appreciation of the three articles so far published in the Register and look forward from week to week for the next. The announcement was made that it would not appear in book form until all had been printed in this way. I send a copy each week to my sister in Montana and also a cousin in Philadelphia from whose grandmother's stoop the picture was taken in which I was shown with Lincoln and his two boys.

My grandchildren are now going through a seige with the measles but are doing as well as we could ask. I trust you will be called this way again in the near future so we can again have the pleasure of seeing you and we want you to know the invitation to make your headquarters with us was not an empty form but an honest desire to have you accept our hospitality.

With kindest regards in which all the family join, I remain

Yours very truly

Isaac R. Diller

The Photographs are here -
Please acknowledge it.