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Miss Ida M. Tarbell

120 East 17th Street,
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My dear Miss Tarbell: -

you will no doubt recall our communicating with each other sometime ago concerning the Salter family in New Jersey and your reference to it in "In Footsteps of the Linedrive". I have your splendid, friendly letter in reply to my communication on file. During the summer, I vacated in Monmouth County. It is strange coincidence, but one of my cousins has bought a home in Middletown, N. J. not far from the site of the old estate of Richard Salter, the ancestor of Abraham Lincoln. I presume, that I also told you in my previous letter about the beautiful portrait I have of President Lincoln, given to me by my cousin, Mrs. Jessie Lincoln Radolph, of Washington, D. C. a daughter of the late Robert Todd Lincoln.

But with all this, I am getting away from the intent of my letter.

24/12
I wrote to extend my best wishes
on your birthday. I realize that these
greetings came late, but due to the
illness of my grandfather, Mr. Wesley
F. Satter, with whom I live my
writing has been indefinitely postponed.
Grandpa is 84 and has been well his entire
life, this is his first sickness in over
twenty five years, so you may realize how
"up set" we all are. We hope and pray
for his recovery trusting in God and in the
stability of the old "Satter Stock".

Not long ago I re-read "The Confessions
of a Reformer" by our mutual friend, and
your early associate, Dr. Frederic C. Howe.
I received a beautiful, inspiring letter
from him during the summer. I have
also just completed reading the recently
published, "Autobiography of Lincoln
Steffens" who I had the pleasure of meeting
personally in Brentano's Book Store in New York.
I thought his autobiography was one of the greatest
and most interesting books I have ever read.

I trust that you will pardon
this long and rather personal letter, but
please accept my hearty birthday greetings
and sincere wishes for many more years of
health and happiness.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frederic C. Howe