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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East Nineteenth
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your kind response to my letter reached me at noon on the day I was to give the review, and it must have at least doubled my enthusiasm for a subject over which I was already enthusiastic. The interesting letter and clippings did much to make the program a success. — I was very much interested too in learning of other phases of your life besides those dealt with in the book — you know when you get interested in a subject, every new bit of information is so welcome.

You may be interested to ^{learn} that one of the members of our club

once belonged to Dr. Vincent's reading circle of which you wrote. She told us after the program was over that she did — her sister spent a summer at Lake Chautauqua and introduced the idea into the family. This same lady told me too, that she followed closely your work in the Standard Oil Company as it appeared in McChure's.

Let me thank you again for your letter. I intend to save it to pass on to my children, as letters from celebrities are quite rare in our family. As for the clippings, I am mailing them to you under a separate cover, as they are not folded to fit this envelope. I took the liberty to make copies of them for myself and also for our county library which is new and, in some respects, inadequate. Our librarian informs me that she intends to buy some of your Lincoln books

is, and I am looking forward
to reading them.

As for "All in the Day's Work",
I found so much of permanent
value in it that I hope to add
it to our own small beginning
of a library.

Very sincerely yours,

Valle W. Bonds

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