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Miss Ida Tarbell,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

My daughter having graduated from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, she receives "The Alleghenian" from time to time. In a recent issue I noted an article regarding your splendid gift to the Allegheny College Library and desire to express to you my keen appreciation of this fine thing you have done with your excellent Lincoln Library.

The article I refer to noted the fact that among certain items necessary to complete the collection might be listed a work dealing with Lincoln and Slavery - the relation of each upon the other, and so forth. For the past eight or nine years I have been laboring upon just such a work. It is now very nearly ready for submission to a publisher.

My purpose in writing you is, first, to inquire whether you would consent to read the manuscript and prepare some sort of foreword to go with it; and, secondly, to ask your opinion as to the publisher to which such a work should be submitted. A reply at your convenience will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

E. T. Chamberlin

P.S. My ardent interest in Lincoln began with the purchase of your four-volume life of Lincoln almost as soon as it was off the press, and which I have cherished all through the years as yet unsurpassed by any later work.