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Dear Miss Rowley:

I was so pleased to receive your letter with the pictures of what's been done in the Lincoln Room. How handsome it is and it looks as if it might be as convenient for work as it is lovely to look at.

I am particularly pleased that Mr. Miller and his students were able to do the mural. Its exactly the kind of intragration with under graduate work that I had in mind when I proposed that we start the Lincoln Collection.

Dr. Giddens writes me that he is arranging a reading course for a small group that will work in the Room. There are plenty of problems for research work for every college department centered in that little place.

Dean Skinner came to see me the other day to my great delight. She will take back a report of my condition and tell you what I hesitated to tell that it's going to be out of the question for me to get to Alleghany in October. I am much better, but not much strength, and although gaining, the gain is slow. It seems up to me to make a good job of it this time and I shall not go back to Town until I feel that I have some reserve.

In the meantime, I am working as I can on the Lincoln collection. I have moved all my books and papers here and hope to get them into shape before a final turning over to you.

I hope you've had a happy summer and are well enough for the heavy labors that await you. Please give my love to the Staff.

Affectionately yours,

Ida M. Tarbell

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