549 Hillcrest Ave.
Westfield, N. J.
July 10, 1939.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

It would seem by my silence that I do not appreciate your great kindness to me about my books. I did not get the letter till last Friday. I have not changed my address till I go to The Shire, my future home. I am temporarily with my nephew at above address. I call at my former address at least once a week for mail. Last week I thought of writing you but decided not to for the reason that I was sure if you had word for me I would hear from you. I did not want to be too persistent.

Now to the point. You ask me what I think about $100 for those volumes of McClure's. My answer is that I am more than pleased and even would rather take less than have them on my hands. I will leave it entirely with you and whatever you can get for me will be more than appreciated for it seems such books are of no value only to someone who really wants them. It is very wonderful

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for you to think of me in or kind a way. I want you to know that it would be quite impossible for me to put in words just what this means to me for it will do for me a few real important things that I had planned to do but in clearing up affairs I ran short of funds. But I knew if it was God's will for me to have what I felt I needed a way would open for me just as it did about my entrance to the Home at Ocean Grove. I was just on the Emergency List as I was entirely alone and I am now the second and to go in. My Nephew who I am staying with has been one of the intimate ones. He was once a Government employee but of late he has been trying to sell something called the Soderg which is a filing machine. It has only come recently East but seems to be gaining all the time. They have a son that was in Rutgers but decided to give up after 2½ years for financial reasons and he now has a fine position on the Grace Line and is doing

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me of the World. These hard years has made it very hard for many.

Maybe I did not tell you that my Cousin who sent me the money for my entrance to the Home is a sister to the Presidents of the C. P. R. Railroad in Canada? Of course she has plenty of money but she did not have to give it to me or for that reason I feel it was wonderful for her to do so much for me. If these hard years had not come I would have plenty but my investments and buying a house was just too much. But I have had plenty of company and some who had much more than I had is not to-day as well provided for as I am so I am very happy and feel that I have been rewarded for all I have done in the past.

Excuse me if I have written you too much. Now you will understand that I will leave it entirely with you and whatever you can get for me will be more than satisfactory to me. And I want you to know I shall always remember what you have done for me. Do you think the University might like some Lincoln pictures I have that I really do not know

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there they came from and they were evidently for some kind of an exhibition and I may find other pictures of Lincoln that I could send. I could just them in with the Books. I have tried in clearing up my things which was accumulations of years to pass on to others what each one would like but even at that I think now of some things I forgot. And, by the way, I have a book about Lincoln that I intend to send you. I am taking to the Home most of my Books which I will give away from time to time and later when I get at them I want to consult you on some of them as where I should dispose of them.

I am sure I am writing really too much for such a busy person as you. Be assured I do appreciate all you have done for me and whatever price you sell the Books for I shall be satisfied and thankful. There are 37 Volumes from I to XXXVII inclusive.

Best wishes, and thank you kindly.

Sincerely - Anna M. Dodd

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Mr. McClure autographed the first Volume with the words "To Miss Dodd, the faithful and industrious" - Would you advise I leave that page in or would you suggest I tear it out? By the way - Is Mr. S.S. still living? A party told me recently they read somewhere that he intended starting McClure's Magazine again. Maybe you Know. Thank you again

A.M. Dr

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