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The Chicago Society
of New York

New York, January 17th, 1903.

Dear Madam:-

It is the purpose of this Society to honor the memory of one of the most eminent citizens of the State of Illinois, and of this country, by holding a banquet in honor of Abraham Lincoln on the evening of his natal day, February twelth. The officers and Board of Governors of this Society, realizing how closely you were for a time associated with the life work of Lincoln, in preparing your history, and the esteem in which you hold his memory, will be honored and greatly pleased if you will consent to be present upon this occasion. It is a great favor to ask, but from the wealth of material at your command, we hope you will consent to give us a short talk, or paper, bearing upon the life and work of the great liberator.

It is the plan of this Society, that at the speakers' table there shall be gathered only those who knew Lincoln in life, or those who as students of history have given his life and time their careful study.

Senator Cullom and others have consented to be present.

The banquet will be held at Delmonico's, February twelth, 7 o'clock, afternoon. The audience will be composed of both ladies and gentlemen. I am,

Yours respectfully,

Cassius M. Wicker
President.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York.