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My dear Miss Tarbell:

It was indeed good to hear from you a few weeks ago. Both Miss Hendershot and I regret that our eastern trips did not permit a call at your Bethel home.

A month from tonight is the date set for the dedication of the fine room that Mrs. Morck has given for your Lincoln collection. Yesterday Mr. Giddens held the first class of the fall term in the room so you may feel that the room has already begun to yield dividends. Mrs. Morck and her son, from New York, were here last week and seemed genuinely pleased with the room as it now is. Since the picture was taken the rug has arrived. It has a homespun feeling and the color tones into the cherry and into the oak of the floor in a pleasing way. The lampshades have been changed to some that flare more so the feeling is less severe than in the picture that you have. Everyone seems to admire the room and rejoice that it is ready to shelter your treasures.

Will you please have your secretary send me a list of names and addresses to which you wish invitations and the later program sent. We hope to reach the various Lincoln Associations and as many people and institutions as possible among those who will be interested in the dedication. Dr. Schultz hopes to claim the promise of Carl Sandburg to deliver the address and perhaps persuade him to remain for Homecoming next day.

Since we shall hope to make as good a display as possible may I also ask, if it will not hurry or be a burden to you, that any material not here, and which is ready, be sent on so it may be used. All these requests, of course, depending on whether you feel that you can do it without strain. We keep hoping that you will feel well enough to come for without you the occasion will be incomplete.

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President Tolley flew to the coast to make a speech and is expected to return on Monday. College opened this week with a full class and good prospects. A short time ago Mr. Robertson and his new wife were here on a brief visit and his sons are in college. The west side of Hulings Hall is involved in the new construction work. It looks the like de struction since the trees were cut and shrubbery removed.

The members of the staff appreciated your greeting and send with mine heartiest good wishes for your health and comfort and a hope that you will be able to come for the dedication.

With affectionate regards,