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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 E. 19th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

On my return from vacation your
letter of July 13th, addressed to Mr. Barnard,
and acknowledged by Mr. McAlpin, was brought to
my attention.

I am sorry to say that we do not
seem to have in our library, which contains a number
of rare and interesting volumes of the Scriptures, a
copy of the Bible imported from ^{Holland} ~~England~~ by vote of
the American Congress in 1777. If we had it you cer-
tainly would be welcome to make such use of it as you
could in connection with a "Boy's Life of Lincoln" on
which you are now at work.

I am sending you, under a separate cover,
a copy of the Centennial History of the American Bible
Society, on pages 3, 290 and 291 of which you will find
reference to Lincoln. Also on page 3, you will find
reference to the Bibles imported from ^{Holland} ~~England~~ in 1777.

There has just come into my hand a little
volume entitled "Lincoln's Use of the Bible," by S. Trevena
Jackson. I wonder if you have seen it? It is published by

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the Abington Press of New York, and was printed in 1909.

If any of our collection of old Bibles would be of interest to you, we would be very glad indeed to have you call and look them over.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph H. Mann".

General Secretary.