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Dear Miss Tarbell:

This is to bring you greetings on the occasion of your birthday from all members of the Library Staff and Library Committee who would be happy to tell you in person,were that possible, of the pleasure it is to wish you Many Happy Returns of the Day.

Undersseparate cover a package containing the Letters of Congratulation from many institutions and associations with Lincoln interests is sent you. I can imagine them as personal greetings from thesse people whom you,in most cases know better than we do, as coming into your room and each giving you a hand shake and a hearty greeting both for the consummation of your wishes and dreams for the placing of your Lincoln Collection in the Library of your Alma Mater, and to wish you happiness personally. There is one advantage,too,in getting greetings this way. You do not have to be in a reception line,nor do you have to read them all at once. I do sincerely hope they bring you pleasure. We plan later to put them into a book or some enclosure which will preserve them as one of the fine things coming out of the dedication.

The room is being used and visited and the class is enthusiastic over the course that Dr.Giddens is giving to them.

I was ever so happy to receive your letter a few days ago and hope that the restful winter in the country may be neither dull nor wearisome because you are separated from New York City. There is healing in country scenes and its heavenly quiet. May both of these add to your healing and next Commencement we shall await your visit to Allegheny to see the Lincoln Room. Yoru host of friends here will welcome you with open arms.

Affectionately yours,

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