January 3, 1937.

Ida M. Tarbell

Dear Miss Tarbell ;

Lately I read your story on WORK and how it interested you. I am an admiring fan and have always enjoyed your work, especially your numerous writings on Lincoln. For the last two or three years I have been greatly interested in Lincoln; so much so, that I have enjoyed going to the trouble of gathering many good pictures, writings, quotations, of Lincoln. I have written to some Lincoln authors in quest of their autographs or photos only to find that some had died recently or other disappointments. However I hope you will find time to write and send me your autograph. I assure you I will prize it highly in my Lincoln collection.

I am only 15 years old and have exercised my talents of art by drawing many pictures (originals) of Lincoln. I also enjoy writing stories about him.

Enclosed you will find one of my drawings, which you may use as you like.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully;
A. Lloyd Ostendorf,
1060 Grand Avenue.
Dayton, Ohio.

A. Lloyd Ostendorf. '37.

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