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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:-

Thank you very much for your letter of February 14th. I very much appreciate your generous appraisal of my article on Lincoln and liquor in the February Atlantic.

The excerpt from the records of the Pigeon Creek Church is very interesting indeed, and I am very grateful to you for sending it to me.

The article in The Atlantic is taken from a larger manuscript on the same subject, which I have just completed, and I would like very much, if you have no objection, to use this church reference in my chapter on Lincoln's Indiana years. I would like also to cite the source of this excerpt in a footnote. I suppose it may be found in the Minute books of the Pigeon Creek Church, but I shall be obliged if you will advise me definitely as to this, and also inform me where the original book is at this time. In dealing with this highly controversial subject, I have tried to make my footnotes as full as possible.

Thanking you very much, and with very best regards, I am,

Sincerely,

W. H. Townsend

T/J

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