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MINNEAPOLIS May 16, 1924.

Miss Ida M.Tarbell,
New York City,N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., relating to the paper-bound copy of my Lincoln Booklet entitled "A Defence of the Mother, Conversion and Creed of Abraham Lincoln" which was originally an open letter of protest to the author of another volume.

I appreciate very much your very kind remarks on my attempt and as you speak of adding the same to your collection of Lincoln books,I will do myself the pleasure and honor of forwarding you a bound copy to fill that place.

I am having the last dozen of the eleven hundred that I had printed, bound for just such occasions, and as soon as I receive them,I will mail you one. Knowing that you would be interested, I would have sent you a copy of the booklet long ago if I had been able to obtain, definitely, your address. This, I found in Mr.Rankin's last book.

I am greatly pleased to note that what I gathered in regard to Col. J.F.Jaquess and Rev.Chas.Chiniquy is of special interest to you and trust that the facts may be of some assistance in the future.

I added the three appendices in the Second Edition mainly to bring out and emphasize the facts in regard to the spiritual beliefs of Abraham Lincoln which had been overlooked or purposely omitted by the "indefatigable worker" who had issued a volume claiming to

> "be a digest of <u>all</u> of the available evidence concerning the religious faith of Abraham Lincoln."

I have always regretted that my writing on the subject of the Greatest American was rather in the form of controversy, but I am not able to see, even now, that I could have done otherwise.

With sincere appreciation of your colossal work toward the preservation of the facts and fame of America's greatest citizen, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

J.M.Martin

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