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221 East 35 St. New York
March 24, 1934

My dear Miss Tarbell,

This is just a little note of gratitude, six weeks late but none the less sincere, to thank you for telling Mrs. Meloney that my story about Lincoln's church was a "nice little piece", worthy of publication in her magazine.

First she told me she couldn't run it since all the historians would jump on us. Writing about Lincoln was like writing about the sea. To print any but authentic stories about him was like violating natural laws.

Then a week later I had a very nice note from her saying she was going to use it. Mr. Field in her office has told me since that she sent it to you and you had assured her the historians wouldn't be offended. Hence ever since February, I have felt very grateful to you for passing judgment so kindly upon it. One of the reasons I'm writing you now is because I'm glad to have the opportunity to write you a note.

Because you are a very remarkable person, you may remember having dinner with me one time about two years ago at the Pen and Brush club. I had made a little speech before the members that afternoon,

telling them what a smart free lance writer I was and how often I had made the Saturday Evening Post. Afterward I was the Club's gust for dinner and enjoyed sitting at the table with you.

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I couldn't make a speec like that now because I'm a free lance writer who has run down with the Depression. It takes a gentle tip from the author to find my name in the big magazines today.

Nevertheless, I enjoyed that afternoon at your club thoroughly - one of the reasons, because I had the privilege of meeting you.

I enjoyed so much the story which Gove Hambridge wrote about you in the Herald Tribune.

With very best wishes and thanking you again for helping get my Lincoln's birthday story into print,

Sincerely

Margaret Norris

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