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Miss Ida Tarbell,
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

May I intrude on your time enough to inquire what history of Lincoln you refer to when you speak of Moores as one of the Lincoln historians in your review of Beveridge's book published in the American Law Journal.

I have before me "The Life of Abraham Lincoln for Boys and Girls" by Charles W. Moores, which does not seem to have been copyrighted and has no date on the title page, published by the Houghton-Mifflin Company, and I suppose this is the book you refer to. It is well written. I knew Moores very well. His loss between us was the greatest loss that could have happened almost to Lincoln literature in Indiana.

I have a fine introduction of Dr. Barton to me from Moores and am up to my ears in work, concerning which I feel like James Madison did in regard to politics, "that he would rather walk one hundred miles than write a letter", but our matters are going to be of deep interest to you. About that I will no doubt talk with you or write you later.

Will write you one of these days on the subject of evidence and its uses in historical research in the Rutledge matter.

Our public library management have carefully investigated and think there is but the one book, "The Life of Abraham Lincoln for Boys and Girls" but I thought you would know off hand, and as I am going to have Moores written up for our Society I want to be accurate.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Iglehart

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