

GEORGE P. HAMBRECHT

Madison, Wisconsin,
January 25, 1922.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
Powahatan Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

On December 5 I took occasion to write you a letter, delivered to you by courtesy of our mutual friend, Miss Tracy Copp, of which the following is a copy:

"I hesitate to intrude on you and I would not do so except for the fact that I was recently invited by General Charles King and others of this state to deliver an address on President Lincoln at the Annual Meeting of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of Wisconsin, to be held in Milwaukee, February 1, 1922.

I was invited to make this address probably because of my life long interest in the trials and accomplishments of President Lincoln. I have accumulated a private library on this subject of nearly 1100 volumes and pamphlets.

I do not care to give a stereotyped address and would like to bring to the Wisconsin Commandery a message of greeting from three or four intimate and personal friends of President Lincoln to be used in connection with my remarks, and I want to assure you that the members of the Loyal Legion of Wisconsin in general, and I, in particular, would appreciate any courtesy you might extend us. The message need not be a long one but dictated as your heart feels for this occasion. I shall be glad to send you a copy of my address after delivered if you care for it."

Miss Copp assured me that you intended to send me a thought to be used on the occasion of my Lincoln address February 1. Doubtless the matter has

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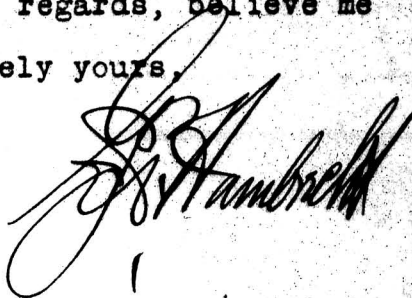
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since escaped your attention, and I take the liberty of addressing you now as a reminder. I want to assure you, Miss Tarbell, that the Loyal Legion of Wisconsin will appreciate a sentiment from you in connection with a remark that I intend to make. I have heard from the others to whom I wrote and would like very much to get a sentiment from you.

With kind personal regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. P. Hambrecht', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Address

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin.