

Putnam, Conn.,

Nov. 12, 1916.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am writing this early, because I wish to speak of some things before they pass from my mind. I am hoping you were your destination safely without great fatigue. I enjoyed your brief visit so much, that I am anxious for you to plan to visit me next May or June for at least two or three days, for but hardly two and upon my Lincoln collection; and there are so many interesting things all about to Lincoln topics!

When I return home, after your departure, to read the proofs of the two articles, I am having printed

in pamphlet form - Mr Edwards
 article "The Solitude of Lincoln" and
 Col. Koblenz "Lincoln as a Politi-
 cian". They are interesting and
 valuable, but Col. Koblenz is
 far more important as a historical
 contribution to Lincoln literature. When
 they are issued, I shall take pleasure
 in sending you copies, and when you
 receive them, I wish you to give
 them an attentive perusal and to
 write me frankly your criticisms of
 them (valued as Lincoln contributions,
 and if you think they were not worth
 reading from the newspaper files ^{book}
 I have done some criticism on
 them, but Mr Edwards' article is
 some kind of statement of opinion
 let stand as he wrote them.

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 When you were here, I failed to see
 to send my correspondence with Ellen
 Hubbard, also with her granddaughters.
 I must get the Hubbard affair
 over. Hubbard published an article in
 "The Philistine", I had forgotten to tell
 in which he classified Mr. Lincoln
 with Alexander Hamilton in regard to
 the beginning of peace, I found it very
 true in his answer. Receiving
 no reply, I wrote again telling him
 it was not idle during that prom-
 pt answer to write, but one as a Lincoln
 student and admirer. This proved a
 letter brought a very gracious courteous
 reply in which he stated that Mr.
 Lincoln told his (Hubbard's) father
 that Mr. Lincoln was born out of
 his date. I thought how peculiar

and impudently to the contrary
 crew. Mr. Lincoln did not do the best
 work of his life, some of his most intimate
 friends: he was always very reticent
 about the matter, but even he ^{may have} thought so
 behind; and he must have known
 better, if he did not of his mother.
 I forget to ask you to auto-
 graph my favorite copy of the four vol-
 ume edition of your Lincoln. I want
 your name to come over my app-
 ropriate volume with your autograph,
 and you see, you must be sure
 to send again. Then, too, I failed
 to tell you of my cherished duties
 with General Strol and St. Henry
 in Baltimore, leaving St. Henry
 when my company was on duty;
 and General Strol's farewell to me

to his Post as a Regimental Com-
 manding and Citizens of Baltimore,
 I had the original order in the
 beautiful penmanship of Gen. Chris-
 tian Sigurd in fact by Gen. Strol.
 The order came to the clerk early on
 Sunday morning to write copies, and
 I at once wanted the original, that
 I wrote extra copies to send to you.
 I know how Pitt stays off
 for Gen. Robert C. Sokenok - a
 vigorous, pompous fellow whose President
 Lincoln came near obtaining. He
 made Pitt quarrel between his angry
 power. Pitt narrates the episode in
 his "Memories". My hand is so out
 of tune for writing, I fear you will
 not be able to decipher and I
 better call a halt.

Appreciating your visit so pro-
foundly and wishing you a much
longer one next time

Believe me,

Most sincerely & cordially

Yours,

Gilbert A. Tracy

P.S. Excuse this scribbled message