730 HUDSON AVENUE
PEEKSKILL, N.Y.

November 4, 1937.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been reading in the paper about your 80th birthday to- morrow. I extend my hearty congratulations. What a wonderful life you have lived and are living and what a part you have played in the progressive thinking of our people. Your pen has been mighty for progress and righteousness.

I think often of the privilege I had of visiting with you some time ago. It was your life of Lincoln which I read years ago which first awakened my interest in him. I have the book yet and prize it highly, as I prize highly my visit with you.

With all good wishes for continued health and usefulness,

I remain,

Sincerely,

Chester A. Smith

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
130 East 19th Street,
New York, N.Y.

The manuscript of my Lincoln drama went the rounds of quite a number of publishers, but without success. I came to the conclusion that it was too long, covered too much ground. I am therefore making it about half as long. It may never find a publisher, but I have enjoyed working with it any way.

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