The good story is told in "The Wonders of Prayer" by Major D. W. Whittle. (Revell Co)

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Miss Ida Tarbell

My dear Miss Tarbell,

Some four years ago the Rev Mason Gallagher D.D. of Newyork was in Northfield, & I heard him give an extemely interesting lecture on the religious faith of distinguished public men in American history. In this he gave many details, with their authorities, which he had collected during some years, regarding Washington, Mr Jay, Mrs Marshall, Henry Clay, Andrew Jackson, Alexander Hamilton, Mr Quincy Adams,

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Israel Putnam, Gen Morgan
Gen'l Marion, Benjamin Lincoln,
Philip Schuyler, Joseph Reed,
Muhlenberg, U.S. Grant
& Abraham Lincoln, showing
how Lincoln, in company
with all these eminent
predecessors in our national life
shared a distinct & avowed
Christian faith. I find a
memorandum of this
lecture which refers to
a valuable article on
Lincoln's faith that
was published in the magazine
called Hours At Home
which was issued by
Chas Scribner, & was
the predecessor of the
first Series of Scribner's
Magazine. The date I
have not retained, but
it will doubtless be easy to
find it from the magazine
index. Probably Dr Gallaher
could refer you to
other sources of information.
He also referred
to a volume called
"Christianity the Key to the
Career & Character of Washington, By Rev Dr -- Slaughter"
Of course you are familiar with the testimonies
in Carpenter's "Six months
at the White House" in
Arnold's & in Carleton
Coffin's Biographies, in
Chittenden's books & many
others. I'm sorry I can
not recall the source
of the most emphatic
declarations made by
Lincoln which I have

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seen. One was made in an interview with some distinguished army nurse whose name I cannot remember, but whose biography has been written with, I believe, an introduction by Mr & Mary Livermore. I think it particularly interesting to associate, as Dr Gallagher does the faith of Lincoln with that of so many other of the noblest leaders in American history. With few exceptions those who have done most to upbuild & make honorable this great commonwealth have all belonged to the same "household of faith" — the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Yours very truly

Henry W. Rankin.

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