Dayton O. Oct 16 - 1932

Miss Ida M Tarbell
New York
Dear Miss Tarbell :-

Words fail to express my appreciation of the gift of an autographed copy of your book "A Reporter for Lincoln" I accept it with gratitude, have read it with keen interest. My father, 89 years of age, - a veteran of the civil war, is just convalescing from a sick spell & recovers strength very slowly at his age. I found him sitting up reading your book. He said

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I have started to read this book & I can not find a place where I can stop". He recalls with pleasure two incidents in his life connected with the great emancipator. He was attending High School in Cincinnati when Lincoln was given a reception, when on his way to Washington to be inaugurated as President & he attended that reception & had the privilege of shaking hands with Lincoln. Four years later, my father having been disabled by a wound received on Apr 8-1864 on the Red River expedition in Louisiana, instead of being discharged was assigned to clerical duty in a hospital in Cincinnati. He got a leave of absence & went to his

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home in (Butler County near) Cincinnati to cast, his first vote, one of the "soldier vote" for Lincoln - of which Henry Wing assured the president. Part of his service was under Grant at Vicksburg

What I had in mind in referring to Mrs Nickum's letter was a brown folder entitled "The Nickum Portrait of Lincoln by Mrs Charles W. Nickum widow of the Artist". One of these was with the Copy of the Portrait which I mailed to you when I mailed it. It contains the major part of the letter to which I referred. The only part omitted was description of some efforts she had made to sell it and prices quoted. She was trying to sell it because of her need of money

If by any means you failed to get this leafelet or folder, I will

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either get one somewhere or have a copy made for you. I only seem to have one copy left.

On the brown folder you will notice the name - William Marchant. - The Shaw Marchant Company made the engravings - and the making of them was Mr Marchants suggestion and he gave them free of charge to the Committee. I think it is splendid work & am so pleased to know that you like it. I hope sometime you may see the original in our Dayton Public Library Museum.

Please let me know whether or not you have the leaflet referred to so I can supply it or a copy if you do not.

Again thanking you for the lovely gift I am

Yours very truly

Walter V Snyder

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