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ROBERT L. KINCAID
Executive Vice President

August 15, 1938

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East Nineteenth Street
New York, New York

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Thank you for your kindly comment on the Mary Todd story in the July issue of the Lincoln Herald. We thought you would be pleased to get it.

We are certainly grateful for your mention of the article on "A Teacher Asks Why". It will be splendid if Mr. Kellogg will use it in The Survey. The student who wrote the article is certainly close to her problem and we thought her interpretation was written so delightfully and truthfully it should be passed on to our readers. It was written only as a class-room assignment and not for publication.

We are delighted that it is your hope to get to the University some of these days. What do you think of listing November 19 as the time of your coming? We plan to have a special celebration of the 75th anniversary of the delivery of the Gettysburg address, and as a variation from the usual type of Lincoln speakers, we are turning Southward for the guest speaker of the occasion. We have a tentative acceptance from a young Southern Editor but we are not yet ready to make the announcement.

The celebration will be quite simple but we hope inspiring. Your presence would add tremendously to the occasion and we believe that you would in turn get something worthwhile from it. Your acquaintance with General Howard, the founder of our institution, as well as your deep devotion to Lincoln as one of his great biographers, would combine to make it most desirable for you to be present on this occasion. We would be happy to work out some little feature in which you would take part. Please think about it and see what you can do.

Professor McMurtry who is in charge of our Department of Lincolniana was delighted to see what you said about the desirability of our Lincoln collection. Your statement "I doubt if there is a collection in the country which is getting at young people in the way yours is", was particularly pleasing. He would be happy if you could write a short general statement enlarging upon that idea which we might be able to use to advantage in our publicity. If you are so inclined to do that, we certainly would appreciate it.

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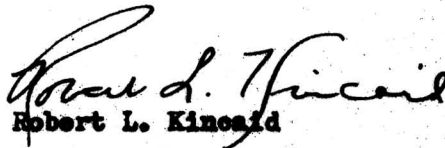
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You may not have seen our announcement that a special Lincoln course is to be started this fall. Attached is a copy which gives you some idea of what we propose.

Thanking you again for your kindness, I am

Sincerely yours,


Robert L. Kincaid

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