

Pittsboro, Vermont,

October 3, 1916.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell

132 East 19th St., N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am making you
my direct acknowledgment of your
esteemed letter of the 9th inst. to tell
you how much I appreciate your
heartly endorsement of the Serenus
letters and how admirably you sum-
med up the whole matter in the closing
paraphrase. It is all my heart to
thank you. I have no doubt that an im-
provement in the spelling of the paper
names - Corwin instead of Cronin
as in the text; Semen instead of Sem-
ner as I substituted; Elijah P. Souzy for
Owen Souzy as you had it. I have added

the lines you introduced to the Introduction
and sent the whole material
letters, papers and introductions to
Dr Greenleaf for his consideration.
The matter has gone so far, that I
deemed it best to let Stephen Wif-
flin C. take the matter.

I find nothing to add in
the way of criticism. The whole article
pleases me exceedingly - all except
your gratuitous work in writing it,
which I would like to have paid for -
not that I do not appreciate all
your kindness and generous spirit
in donating it, for I do most heartily
and thank you most profoundly.

If so slight recompense as
a visit to Peter and will pay you,
I do hope you will allow yourself, too

or three days we cannot longer to visit
and I want to talk about Sincere,
books and politics - whatever will interest
you - see my domicile - my sur-
roundings - my way of life - all
very modest and plain and simple.
Be sure to make it a point to come
I shall feel honored by a visit by so
devoted a admirer of Abraham Lincoln,
and one so truly appreciates his
writings and great character. Let
me know a day or two in advance
that I may meet you at the station.

Again referring to the letters,
did I ever call your attention par-
ticularly to a letter Mr. Lincoln wrote
Isaac H. Arnold? It is one of
great historical importance. Arnold
urged Lincoln to dismiss General

Hallak, and the letter is Sweden
reply in plain statements of the facts.

Again thanking you for
the generous gift of the Introduction
and in any good wishes

Believe me,

Cordially & gratefully

Yours, Gilbert H. Tracy.