

January

Feb. 12th 1916.



Wellesley, Mass.

My dear Miss Tarbell.

For years I have had it in mind to write to you about a fact in connection with Abraham Lincoln's funeral and this seems an appropriate date on which to carry out my idea. In almost all the histories they speak only of Dr Gurley and Bishop Simpson as having officiated. As a matter of fact, it was my father, ^{then Rector of the Epiphany in Washington} Rev Charles W. Hall D.D., who read over him the Episcopal service & there was also a Dutch Reformed Minister who took a part which I have not forgotten. The service was read, I think, in the east room of the White House. I have my father's pass, with directions to his escort, and the book which

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was printed at the time but the
Washington newspapers will, so doubt,
have the true account & I think it is
Mr. Stanton who wrote telling it as I do.
In those days Cragmen were furnished
with large linen scarves, adorned with
black ribbon rosettes, to wear across their
surplines at funerals. On the occasion of
the President's funeral, instead of
linen, the scarves were of black silk and
my father's scarf was afterwards cut up
& made into a little black silk jacket
for me! So little did they then think
of it as a relic that not even a
scrap now remains. Every thing relating to
Lincoln is so important that I hope
you will look into this matter & have
the names of all those who took part
in the funeral registered in future
editions of your wonderful book -

Very sincerely yours -

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