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Miss Ida M. Tarbell-

My Friend of long ago.

Your Photo reached me a few days ago. How lovely of you to send it to me. - and how did you happen to think of me.

I have been thinking how remarkable the friendship between us has been.

Together. only a few years in our childhood, then our paths parted. Yours led you to a busy literary life that has made you famous, greatly loved and admired.

I have been just a wife and Mother

We have met but once in all these years and then for a brief visit only.

You have not forgotten me - how strange - of course I have followed you through New papers. Magazines and articles you have written. So, of course I have remembered you - and to a certain extent, know you. I think that such a friendship, with so little to encourage it, is nothing less than wonderful. True friendship is lasting is 'nt it?

When your photo came. My son Paul asked me what I was going to do with it. I told him I was going to frame it and put it in the living ~~room~~ room.

He said "Then what?" I took the hint & told him after I was

through with it he could hang
it in his Lincoln library -
Hee has been collecting Lincoln
books & love for a few years -
This was just what he wanted
his mother to say. You see you
are going to give pleasure for
quite a while -

Now I am wishing for you,
not only a happy New Year but
but hope that all the coming
years will fall lightly upon you.
and that they will be peaceful and
happy. Pardon this long letter,
I hope it has not made you tired.
I am almost "y.g." so what could
you expect. With another - Thank you!
and God bless you.

I am affectionately
Della Page French.