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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
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New York City

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am writing to ask if it is possible for you to speak for a few minutes at a luncheon at the Empire State Club on Thursday, November 19, given by Mr. J. Frederick Talcott in behalf of Lincoln University.

Lincoln University is the oldest Negro College in the United States. In June, 1935 Princeton University conferred the Doctor's degree upon the then president with the following citation:

"William Hallock Johnson of Lincoln University..... the pioneer institution of the world in the higher education of the Negro, Alma Mater of many men prominent in the ministry, education, law, and medicine, a worthy successor to those other Princeton men who like him have devoted their lives to Lincoln University and, with zeal and a Christian spirit have instructed and guided those of another race."

Lincoln University was chartered in 1854 as Ashmun Institute, and on April 4, 1866, the legislature of Pennsylvania authorized the changing of the name to Lincoln University. During the eighty years of its existence, it has sent out a large proportion of the men who have occupied positions of influence and leadership in the Negro race.

The occasion would furnish an opportunity to say something of interest and value in the field of Negro education which has been sadly neglected. The University has facilities for the distribution of statements of interest to the public.

I am asking Mr. George Aubrey Hastings to deliver this letter in person, and I assure you that any help you may feel able to give at this time will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Wright

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See Miss Tarbell's answer Oct. 31

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