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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have just finished "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns", and I write this note to express my deep appreciation of the needed contribution you have made to a great subject.

I lived in Springfield, this State, for four years. I knew intimately many of Lincoln's old friends. Without exception they resented the frequent misrepresentation of Lincoln as uncouth - even boorish - and as not being a gentleman in every way. It has delighted too many historians to misrepresent him in this respect, and, for some inscrutable reason, to misrepresent his ancestry. Of course, his father lived in a log house. Most of our fathers out here at one time lived in log houses. I myself for a time lived in a simple log house. It never occurred to us, however, that this was at all in derogation of our dignity or our self-respect. Lincoln was uniformly addressed, in Springfield and in other communities where he found himself, as Mr.Lincoln and not as Abe, as so many of our historians would have us believe.

I am glad you have written this book. It was time that someone dispelled some of the myths which have accumulated around his name.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank O. Lowden

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