Peterson Comm,
Nov. 9, 1916.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I was immensely pleased upon receiving your letter of the 15th to learn that there was a probability of your coming to Valley View for a much too short visit. Do stay for three days or more, for I want so much to talk over matters; then, too, I want a day to take you around to see the country and hamlets.

I want you to see and know Col Lawrence Brockway and Mrs. Hale and Lowry go Tribune — the latter Miss Hale edited before Dec. Have in which he tells Vice to take Brisbin by the throat and strike his head against a stone wall, etc. etc. It

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is a very obscure and erroneous
letter that Col. Lamon incorporated in
his second volume to show the malicious
abuse President Lincoln endured from
the newspaper editors as those
Greeley, Bennett, Weed and Raymond
of Maryland. There are a thou-
sand and one things I desire to
call your attention about the tremendous
popularity of this most important
man. Mrs. Field and I gave
me the Lamon-Lincoln correspondence
without reservation, I feel at liberty
to give you any paragraph in the
correspondence you may desire —
especially the letter to Chief Justice
Mary Clarissa, to show another fea-
ture of my friend and his surroundings

that upon your renewed visit next
summer, I may have the pleasure
of presenting it to you; I have also
got on track of a copy of Col. Mc-
Clure's "Lincoln Yarns and Stories"
and if it is not sold when you
receive this book story, I will procure
it and hold for your benefit.

I know all these explo-
sion and "big fizz" Lincoln cock and
bull stories are pure fabrications, but Major
Lamon and Ward H. Lamon finds
the warmest place in my heart.
I am pleased that you are to have
an opportunity to examine Mrs.
Oakley's collection. I imagine you
will find much humor in sermons,
addresses and orations — about the
only thing that throws no light on the great

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an[illegible] summary. From these great advantages I am happy, my dear Mrs. Dana gained with a multitude of things I shall thank. My purpose has been mainly, to collect an accurate account as would aid in full understanding and enlightenment of the Sherman's great personality, and I have some items, I am glad sure others have not.

Yours truly Mrs. Dana

I came to write his "Recollections" and your part in it, I am added greatly to my interest and I have been pursuing it over again. It is funny how different people observe things: I notice on the page preceding the last in the book that Mrs. Dana thinks General Sherman in error when he says he

reviewed to take Stanton's splendid hand. Now I think Mrs. Dana is the one in error, and I will give you my reason. At the time of the Grand Review of the armies on May 23 '24, 1865, four or five brave Depts clerks including myself, stationed ourselves very near the steps of the Reviewing Stand, for we were curious to see how Gen Sherman would look Stanton knowing the feeling existing towards Stanton. We watched every movement of the reviewing with a vigilant eye and when Gen. Sherman rode along at the head of his troops on his fine sleek prancing steed passing the reviewing stand, he raised the President with his sword, he rode eight or ten yards further on, then

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returned to the reviewing stand, dismounted (his orderly taking his horse) ascended the steps of the platform, the Presidents and cabinet rose to greet him at the same instant greeting whom he knew. He shook hands first with Pres. Johnson, then with members of the cabinet, as he came near Stanton in his greetings, Stanton extended his hand, but Sherman turned his back upon him & quickly walked away, bursting into a loud laugh, for he admired Sherman and had no love for Stanton; and we paid then and there, did not Sherman give him (Stanton) a good drubbing before the public? We talked it over then, and the next day in the office we compared notes again. He fully

agreed on Sherman repaying Stanton & and in turning his back upon him. I have a very vivid recollection of the incident as Stanton stood near the platform & I see me now as it is astonishing how people observing from different angles give different results. We were nearly at right angles facing the Presidents and guests as they rose to greet Gen. Sherman.

Now! I have written altogether too long private note; but I must tell you that I am finding the dates and places Mr. Stearns spoke in New England after his Cooper Union speech while on a visit to his sons Robert at Exeter Phillips Academy. I mean to keep busy. I have been studying Daniel Webster and his

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great speech [illegible] on the Constitution and the Union. Later I will give you a summary of my conclusions, but send you a copy of the Lamar History of the Nullification episode.

May I look for the pleasure from time to time of hearing from you, as the years pass, that it be often or rarely?

With renewed assurances of my esteem and appreciation

Yours cordially,

Gilbert K. Davis.

Copied from card lying on Desk in Oldroyd Collection.

"Friend Jesse, will you take my old desk and give it room in your house as it is the first desk I used when I began business? My wife in one of her passions has thrown it out doors because I had spilt ink on it."

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