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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your esteemed letter of the 9th inst. is before me. Miss Elliott is enthusiastic about what you mention. I am not sure that Mrs. E. R. Lincoln has communicated with her yet.

I am obliged for your reference to Mr. Estep. Cootes's Store is not very far from the Linville Creek section, where we were.

I am pleased to know that the photos and the cut reached you in time for your uses. I have been planning to get a number of other photos of the Lincoln graveyard, the Lincoln house, and the adjacent landscapes, but the weather has upset all my plans so far. But I hope still to get these pictures if they will be of any use to you.

In regard to those sent you: The cut you may return, if you please, when you are done with it. There is no charge for it, of course. The two photographs cost me about $3.50. If you will have the Syndicate reimburse me for them I shall appreciate it.

I shall certainly be pleased to see the advance sheets of the articles you mention. As yet, they have not reached me. Do you wish me to return them?

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

John W. Wayland.

Please send this & tell him I am away - will call attention

Will you pardon this bit of personal news? My little book, "History Stories for Primary Grades", is proving a fine seller. Already 40,000 copies have been sold. The state of Indiana has added a supplement and gotten out a special Indiana edition — more exactly, the publishers have done it; but the book is being used in nearly every city and county of the state. Naturally, I am very much "stuck up" about it. — J.W.W.

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