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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
Famous Biographer of Lincoln.
% Collier's National Weekly

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Hope you will pardon my audacity in addressing myself to such an éminent person as yourself, but since you are one of the best biographers of my ideal I hope you will pardon me.

Could you tell me at what age Lincoln lost his mother? If I recall correctly, he was about 11. Reason I inquire is that I have often wondered to whom he referred when he said that he owed all that he was to his mother. I didn't know whether he had been old enough to have appreciated his own mother in order to be referring to her. I suppose it was his step-mother he was speaking of.

Hoping again that you will not think me too forward and audacious, I am

Very respectfully yours,


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