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Sept. 16th, 1927.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
#120 East 19th Street,
NEW YORK.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have your letter of September 13th and thank you very much for your generous words about my little book, "Abraham Lincoln - Defendant."

I am very sorry that I did not know sooner that you were writing an article on Mrs. Lincoln. A niece of Mrs. Lincoln, using important data given her by Robert T. Lincoln just before his death, and valuable documentary material and reminiscences in the possession of Mrs. Emily Todd Helm, has just completed a rather extended article entitled "Mary Todd - Wife of Abraham Lincoln," which I understand will appear serially this fall and will be published in book form thereafter. It so happens that I have given to the author what material and information I had collected about Mary Todd, and I am of the opinion that her early life in Lexington has been gone into with considerable detail.

I shall, however, be very glad indeed to see you if you come to Lexington, and I shall appreciate it if you will let me know as soon as possible the approximate data so that I may be sure to be in town when you arrive.

Sincerely,

W. H. Townsend

T/J

See her letter Sept. 13, 1927
" " Sept. 29. "

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