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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteeneth St.,
New York City.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:-

You may have forgotten the writer, but we have not forgotten you, nor the honor you conferred upon us last winter by being our guest while in our City.

I thought you would be interested in knowing that for the first time in nearly seventy years it has become known that Abraham Lincoln kept the letter written to him by Grace Bedell. You have written of this incident beautifully in your books, and of course the contents of her letter to the President could not all be given.

I received the original letter from Mrs. Robert Lincoln in August and have it here in my possession. I have her permission to publish the story, and I have written for the consent of Grace Bedell.

We expect to go to Kansas to visit Grace Bedell within the next thirty days.

I do not wish to commercialize this hitherto unpublished piece of history except that we might be reimbursed for expenses we have been under in obtaining it. Would you be interested in assisting me to write the history for some of the publishing houses, magazine companies or in booklet form. I should be very glad to obtain your advice and judgment on the matter.

Most sincerely and cordially yours,

Geo. A. Dondero

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