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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Madam:-

On my shelves there stands the two volume edition of the History of the Standard Oil Company - all marked up, and somewhat carefully studied. If the History has done a great work, and it's author must

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have a feeling of satisfaction in the knowledge that its aim was true, that it did its work, that it helped tremendously in moulding the age.

Not Bishop Potter, but Miss Ida M. Tarbell was, judging from tweets the preacher of the time.

What the comes a feeling that Lincoln was a subject closer to the heart of this writer, Lincoln as shown in the

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article "He knew Lincoln"

Let me make the
Miss Tarbell acquainted
with another Miss Tarbell
of this town, who in my
judgment is doing a
work in life and is "leading"
Her name also bears
an H. and she may be a
connection. I do not
know - but I do know
that she is earnest and
that her work is telling
She is the Librarian
of our Public Library - a

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post-card of which and others, I send you—

From these you will learn something of the plan of this New England Village.

It needs "pushing"; as it is running down amazingly in population, and would welcome your helping hand.

Please accept this bit the volume of "Stage-Coach Days" from one who greatly admires the work you have done in life.

Yours - Resting yours

Samuel A. Eliot

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