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Acknowledged this - saying I forwarded letter to you

Jan. 27, 1920.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

During the last year of the life of Jenkin Lloyd Jones, he spent much time in revising his Lincoln lectures and notes and putting them in form for publication. When he saw Mr. Brett of the MacMillan Company, which published his two earlier volumes - "Bits of Wayside Gospel" and "A Search for an Infidel" - he was given much encouragement; but later when the manuscript was ready for publication, the paper shortage and the limited amount of books allowed to be published prevented their accepting the manuscript. The same was true of the Scribner Company.

Mr. William Kent who had heard most of the lectures was very much interested in the publication of the book and gave Mr. Jones much encouragement in getting it ready. He suggests to me that it might be possible to have you look over the manuscript and say a word regarding it to whatever publisher you might think best suited to publish it after you have considered its merits.

The book, "Abraham Lincoln, the Product and Prophet of Democracy", is intended as an interpretation of, rather than a source-book of facts about, Lincoln

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and should be of especial importance in these days when the Lincoln spirit is so needed in our public life. It is made up of Mr. Jones's sermons and lectures about Lincoln which he gave from time to time, first to his own people and then throughout the country. He drew his material from many sources and was greatly indebted to your Life of Lincoln from which he frequently quotes.

If you have time to look over the manuscript and would be interested, may I send it to you? I know these are days when time such as yours is valuable, so will you let me know what compensation I may send you if you are at all able to give it sufficient attnetion to form an opinion concerning it?

I am sorry that already so much time has elapsed since Mr. Jones's death, but other things have demanded attention and various conditions prevented my writing you before.

With deep appreciation of anything you may be willing to do to point me towards the right road, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Edith Lloyd Jones
(Mrs Jenkin Lloyd Jones)

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