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MINNEAPOLIS June 18, 1924.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
120 East 19th.,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

In fulfillment of my promise to forward you, for your collection, a bound copy of my booklet, "A Defence of the Mother, Conversion and Creed of Abraham Lincoln" I am mailing the same this day and write you for another purpose, that is, to forward the enclosed copy of a letter dated November 5, 1863, from Rev. Col. James F. Jaquess to his brother, William B. Jaquess, which I think may be of interest to you.

Miss Fannie M. Jaquess, the niece of Colonel Jaquess and daughter of William B., came into my office the other day and said that she had been going through her father's effects and had found this letter, telling of the Battle of Chickamauga which was written in his hand and was in the original time-stained envelope, post-marked Chatanooga, Tenn.

I read it with great personal interest as it gives an additional picture of the man, the soldier and the preacher, who, in the July previous, had, single-handed and alone, gone to Richmond in an effort to end the cruel war in which he was taking an active part.

It was in the summer of the next year, 1864, that he, in company with J.B. Gilmore, made a second trip to Richmond. When the substance of the interview with President Davis was published, it aided substantially in the re-election of President Lincoln.

This letter not only shows the spirit of the man but discloses the wonderful Providence that so clearly preserved him in the midst of this carnage.

It is Miss Jaquess' intention to donate this letter to some museum for preservation.

The "Willie" named in the closing sentences was "The Drummer Boy of Chickamauga", his son, who, in 1921, -Prof. W.G. Jaquess, was Superintendent of the Tunica County, Mississippi, schools.

With very sincere regards, I am, sincerely,

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