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Dear Ida M.

One of the men who heard you  
at the church sent me this  
copy of a newspaper story and  
asked me to pass it on. You  
have seen it - I'm sure, but  
I am complying with his  
request -

affly  
Bart

## Lincoln's Question

It killed the storm of applause for his opponent Douglas

Prof. James T. McLeary of Mankato, Minn., who for 14 years represented a district of his state in congress, told this Lincoln story.

\* friend of mine told me that when a boy he attended with his father one of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates in Illinois.

My friend's father was a Lincoln man, but the place in which that particular debate took place was a Douglas stronghold.

"Douglas spoke first, and he was and frequently interrupted by vociferous applause. The cheering and the hand clapping at the end lasted four or five minutes. When Lincoln was introduced the crowd broke out into cheers for Douglas and kept it up for several minutes. Lincoln meanwhile waited patiently. "When at length the enthusiasm had subsided Lincoln extended his long right arm for silence.

When he had partly got this he said in an impressive tone, "What an orator Judge Douglas is!"

This unexpected tribute to their friend set the audience wild with enthusiasm. When this applause had run its course Lincoln, extending his hand again, this time obtained silence more easily. "What a fine presence Judge Douglas has!" exclaimed the speaker earnestly, (again tumultuous applause followed the tribute. "How well rounded his sentences are! How well chosen his language is! How apt his illustrations are!" ending up with, "What a splendid man Judge Douglas is!"

Then when the audience had again become silent at his call Lincoln leaned forward and said: "And now, my countrymen, how many of you can tell me one thing Judge Douglas said

"My friend told me he searched his own heart for an answer and found none. Afterward he asked his father if he could remember anything Judge Douglas had said, and the latter remembered practically nothing.

"But," my friend said to me impressively, "even now, half a century later, I can recall practically all that Lincoln said." — Exchange