

# THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN ASSOCIATION

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## PURPOSES:

"To observe each anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; to preserve and make more readily accessible the landmarks associated with his life; and actively to encourage, promote and aid the collection and dissemination of authentic information regarding all phases of his life and career."

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

December 24, 1937

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with Palmer?*

Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
120 E. Nineteenth St.  
New York, New York

My dear Miss Tarbell:

As a member of the Abraham Lincoln Association for many years, I know you are familiar in a general way with the Association's observance of Lincoln's Birthday - the public meeting which is held in the afternoon in the old Hall of the House of Representatives, where Lincoln delivered his "House Divided" speech, and the dinner that evening for members of the Association and their guests.

This year General John McA. Palmer will be our speaker at the afternoon meeting. General Palmer is a native of Springfield, the grandson of Lincoln's contemporary and associate, John McAuley Palmer. He is also the author of a number of studies in American history and military affairs.

We should be greatly honored if you could be with us on Lincoln's Birthday, and make the principal address at the Association's dinner. An informal talk of approximately thirty minutes would fit the occasion perfectly. I shouldn't want to designate the subject, but if you find it possible to be with us, and have no better subject in mind, I might suggest the contrast between the state of Lincoln scholarship today and the time when you began your work as a possibility.

Should you honor us by accepting this invitation, we shall defray all your expenses and provide an honorarium of \$100. The honorarium would be in the nature of a token of appreciation rather than adequate compensation, for our funds are limited.

May I hear from you in the near future? The time is rapidly approaching when final plans for our meeting must be announced.

Very truly yours,

*Logan Hay*

President.

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