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JONESBORO, ILL.,

Oct. 23 1898

Miss Ida M. Tarbell

New York

Dear Madam:

In answer to your inquiries of 19th inst. the files of the Gazette as far back as 1858 were very negligently kept. I will see, however, at my earliest leisure if they can be found.

There are persons here who heard the Lincoln-Douglas debates. I think two speeches were made here, by each. It would perhaps be possible to secure something of value to you by interviewing old citizens, and if you would kindly let me know just what you want I shall take pleasure in serving you in any way in my power.

Very respectfully

A. S. Tibbets