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**MOLINE, ILLINOIS**

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
#120 - East 19th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

Thank you for yours of the 13th inst. No, you did not send me a copy of your Lincoln book, "A Reporter for Lincoln", but I bought a copy. I would like very much to have one with your autograph and with such inscription as you desire to add.

I have put you on my mailing list for copies of the Dearborn Independent, and I am sending you one of his latest effusions.

When he writes any Lincoln article, he writes on the principle that the least half should be Lincoln. It reminds me of the man who was selling sausage made of horsemeat and rabbitmeat, and he guaranteed it to be fifty-fifty--one horse and one rabbit. So it is with Barton's Lincoln articles. They are fifty-fifty, but the Lincoln matter represents the rabbit and the other matter represents the horse. He is very tiresome. He puts in so much fiction that is supposed to be history, that it is very unsatisfying.

Most cordially,

