

1929 EL DORADO AVENUE
NORTHBRAE
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

January 17th, 1933

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am anxious to get track of a quotation from something you have written. The quotation was in a newspaper editorial and quoted you about a journey you had made through the Middle West and the optimistic conclusions you had come to. There were also quotations from what you had said about the Chicago Exposition. Does this identify the source?

I have been reading your contributions to the Cosmopolitan and hence I am writing to you in the care of that magazine.

Allow me to say that I have tried to possess myself of everything you have written, including first of all your "Life of Abraham Lincoln". My first pastorate was in Bloomington, Illinois. Judge David Davis was a member of my parish and his son was an officer of the church. I knew personally Jesse Fell. My own Lincoln library is of some proportion, according to my means, or rather more than my means.

The problem of Mrs. Lincoln has always interested me and I do not think the last and best word has yet been said. I knew first hand the people who knew the Lincolns if anybody did. There are aspects of Mrs. Lincoln and her husband that, to my mind, have not been adequately treated, aspects that are favorable to a proper regard for, or estimate of, Mrs. Lincoln. I have read with much interest Carl Sandburg's "Life of Mary Lincoln".

I enclose a stamped envelope for your reply, or for just the name of the article referred to.

You will infer from the above that I am no youngster, indeed I will be 76 next June, one of those twins that are coming and going at the same time.

Allow me to say for identification that you will find my name in "Who's Who in America".

Very truly yours,

Frank S. Beach

FSB:M
Encl.