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Miss Ida M. Tarbel,
120 E. 19th Street,
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My dear Miss Tarbel:

The attached quotation, said to be a statement by Abraham Lincoln, is in circulation here.

The authenticity of it is questioned, and it has been stated that it is to be found in none of Lincoln's works, and that it lacks historical verification of any kind.

Have you heard or seen it before?

Is there, to your knowledge, any historical authority for it?

If so, can you say where it will be found?

Do you know of any evidence or testimony tending to establish it?

Or any to disestablish or discredit it?

I am conscious that this is an imposition upon your good nature, but you are certainly one of the greatest living authorities on Abraham Lincoln, which is my justification for addressing you.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Most sincerely,



The following is circulated as a quotation from Abraham Lincoln, but without citation of authority:

"Prohibition will work a great injury to the cause of temperance. It is a species of intemperance within itself, for it goes beyond the bounds of reason in that it attempts to control a man's appetite by legislation, and is making crimes out of things that are not crimes. A prohibition law strikes a blow at the very principles on which our government is founded. I can never give my consent to such a law and, until my tongue shall be silenced in death, I will continue to fight for the rights of men."

Submitted by W. G. Calderwood,
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