

84 Nixon Place.

South Orange - New Jersey

June 11. 1920.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell -

Dear Miss Tarbell -

Yesterday my
sister Emma and I received
your lovely present - of your
latest book, "In Lincoln's Chair,"
and as you can imagine we
read every word of it directly.
We thank you very sincerely
for the gift, and the autograph
inscription which you placed
in it. We never knew before

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that there was the slightest doubt as to Lincoln's Christianity. We always thought he was a too devout and Christian man - and reformer, to suit his enemies, and that this was the reason he lost his life - and that he intended to advocate Suffrage for Women after the Civil War, and further National reforms -

I shall never forget the morning in April 1865, seeing young school teacher in Newark - Miss Agnes Lambson, who made her home at my grandfather's house in Newark as our parents did. come in

from the large Dining room porch holding a black bordered newspaper and weeping, as she told our household that "the President has been shot" - I was nearly eight years old - so I could understand what a tragedy had happened - and the deep sorrow it caused, and the trimming of our little spring hats with black, and the tying of black ribbon bows knots around our sleeves as an expression of mourning - and grief, my sister and I also remember being taken to see the parade - held on the day of his funeral - at Newark. Our father - the late Daniel Freeman Duplakes, had left his law practice at 74 Wall Street - New York - and had become a member of the Newark

firm manufacturing Cavalry Equipments
 for the U. S. Government - and he spent
 considerable time in Washington, and
 was at the front - several times dur-
 ing the war - so during all our lives
 we heard him relate very interesting
 incidents of those times, and of the
 Army officers - and men and officials
 of the Government he met - The Girths
 and the Patent Felt Saddle Cloths his
 firm made, saved the lives (pre-
 serving their backs from the fagging
 injuries, often causing death, of
 thousands of the horses and mules
 of the Union Army - and this in
 a great measure won the war.

Hoping that you are enjoying
 the best of health - and with
 many wishes for your future happi-
 ness and prosperity - in which
 my sister joins, I am -

very truly yours -

Abigail Brown Tompkins.

