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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I received your letter of November 11, addressed to me at the Hotel Lincoln, yesterday afternoon.

Please excuse my delay in answering your letter of October 19 and telling you of the Lincoln meeting held on that day. Only five or six people came, but the meeting was not without profit for the Lincoln cause in New York. The Lincoln Hotel had a small club room ready for us, with Lincoln pictures on the wall, which will do nicely until we outgrow it. We still intend to have a study club, but we felt that it is necessary to stir up public interest in order to get the club started and that publicity is necessary to place Lincoln's life and ideals before the people. We also felt that the 73rd anniversary of the delivery of the Gettysburg Address should not pass unnoticed. We have, therefore, announced a public dinner for November 19 at 7 P.M. in the Blue Room of the Hotel Lincoln. Mrs. Thomas Madigan will read the Gettysburg Address from the original manuscript, and Alice Fischer Harcourt, celebrated actress, will read from an original Lincoln letter. Selections from Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll's beautiful lecture on Lincoln will be read by his granddaughter and my wife, Mrs. Eva Ingersoll Wakefield. Mr. Lyman Beecher Stowe, grandson of Harriet Beecher Stowe and grand-nephew of Henry Ward Beecher, has accepted to address us. We may have another speaker. We hope you can be present, and if you would consent to say a few words we would be more than delighted.

Thank you for your suggestion of a scrap book. I have made Lincoln clippings for several years, but I have not had time to make a scrap book.

Very sincerely yours, Sherman D. Wakefield.