

166 Park Avenue West  
Mansfield, Ohio

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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I was very much pleased to receive your kind letter, and I am glad to send you a copy of "The Lincoln I Voted For" which my husband dictated just before his death. I am also enclosing copies of two of his "effusions" as he called them, which I thought might interest you as being composed by a man past ninety years of age. His mind was young and keen up to the last moment, and there was no pain nor suffering at the end-just a stepping from one room to another.

I do hope that you will sometime tell the story of the many lovers of Abraham Lincoln you have known. It would be most interesting, I am sure. I am enjoying your articles which are appearing in the Cosmopolitan Magazine.

Mr. Bonar's tribute to Abraham Lincoln was evidently catalogued, as I had many requests for it from collectors of Lincolniana, and received some very nice letters from those to whom I sent copies-especially interesting ones from a Mr. Stuart W. Jackson of New York, and a Mr. Lodge of near Philadelphia, both of whom wrote me about their large collection of material relating to Lincoln, and of which you probably know. Mr. Bonar left his collection of books to our Mansfield Public Library, (for reference only) your autographed gift among them.

I am indeed sorry to learn that heavy work and illness in your family have made it difficult for you to carry on. It seems as though every one was feeling some sort of pressure in these distressing times.

I have not visited in Titusville for some years, but while spending a few weeks with my brother's family at Chautauqua Lake last summer, I had a nice call from Louise Cogswell and Kittie Young Hampton. We have kept up our correspondence always, and our old interests.

I can't tell you how much Mr. Bonar enjoyed your visit in Mansfield, nor how happy and proud he was to have you as our guest. It was a bright spot in his life.

With the best of wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

*Harriet W. Bonar*

*For Miss Ida M. Tarbell*

# The Lincoln I Voted For

By LEWIS J. BONAR



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