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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19 Street,
New York

Dear Miss Tarbell:

In looking through Father's papers, I came across a letter from you to him, dated October 22nd, when he was sick in the hospital. He may have answered it, for he attempted to keep up with everything despite the doctors; but just to make sure that your friendly greeting to him gets some answer, I am writing you now.

You asked about "separates" of his paper on "the Lincoln of the Biographers." From other letters he left I judge this was reprinted and that Miss Osborne has copies -- no doubt you have one by this time.

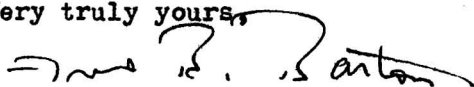
Your letter states that you hope soon to visit Foxboro and see Father's Lincoln collection there.

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I hope you will be able to do so this summer. We have no definite plan for the collection, other than to get it into safer quarters than Foxboro affords and to have it maintained somewhere as the Barton Collection. It may be sold to some school such as Chicago University, or if it is necessary to give it away to make sure that Father's name is perpetuated, then we will donate it to some suitable school or society. At any rate, the books and pictures are still at Foxboro, and some of us - Bruce, Charlie, Helen, Robert and myself, and our in-laws,- will be at Foxboro from May until October. If you pass that way and care to see Father's "Lincoln Room," we shall be happy to welcome you.

Next time you make a visit to Akron I want to get your autograph in a couple of your books.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fred B. Barton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.