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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

c/o S. S. McClure Co.,

141 E. 25th St., City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

Sometime ago I had occasion to write you relative to items of interest regarding Abraham Lincoln for our forthcoming Banquet of the Chicago Society of New York, to be held at Delmonicos under date of February 12th, the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday.

Miss Tarbell, I have been authorized by the Reception Committee (a number of whose names appear among the Board of Governors) to invite you to the Banquet. It is to be Ladies' Night and there will probably be some two hundred plates.

It would please all of our members, as well as the ladies, to hear from you regarding Abraham Lincoln, not necessarily an extemporaneous speech, but something from manuscript, if that would suit you best. You must in the tremendous amount of matter you have regarding Lincoln, have some very interesting items and anecdotes to tell about, and we would like very much to have you favor us.

However, whether you can do anything of this kind, or not, we would like to have you with us, and if you can thus arrange, I will see that the proper preparations are made for your coming.

I might say, by-the-way, that Mr. Oscar Brady and Mr. Curtis Brady of McClure's Magazine, are among our members.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*A. Russell Lee*