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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 E. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

According to promise, I am enclosing herewith corrected copy of my Chamber of Commerce address in Evansville on the 28th of February last, delivered at the luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce as part of the program of the annual meeting of our Society with Senator Beveridge as a special guest. Unfortunately, he did not come, and the circumstances appear in the address.

On account of the interest you have taken in one matter which appeared in my address, particularly the question of the authorship of the poem of eight verses set out by Herndon in his book, I have revised it expressing my judgment as in fact I felt when I first dealt with the matter, but when I first referred to that matter I did it with some doubts as to the propriety of referring to it at all, but inasmuch as you see something in it, I have dealt with the matter a little bit more fully.

I have personally talked with Professor Harlow Lindley, Director of the State Historical Commission, who has charge of the issuing of the forthcoming bulletin of that commission, which will be No. 18, and told him that you desired to make some reference to the matter, and I have his assurance that our society proceedings will be published, and that my address will be published as the copy shows, so that you may rely upon the foregoing facts. It will not be too late for you on receipt of this if you see any serious objection to anything in it, to let me know, and I shall be glad to hear from you, but I think the manuscript will go to the printer now within a few days, and it will not await any further action on my part, but I could reach it if emergency required.

I fully appreciate your view of the value of our historical work, and realize that you are a far more competent judge on that subject as we are too close to it to be impartial judges, and neither have we the world wide view of the subject which you have had.

Sincerely yours,

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John E. Iglehart
I will be for the next
two weeks at the D. K. E. Chapter House Langdon
& Henry Sts. Madison, Wisconsin