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Dear Mrs. Tarbell

Under the title "LINCOLN'S LETTER TO A DISCOURAGED STUDENT, JULY 22, 1860," I am printing an edition limited to seventy-five numbered and signed copies, of this most inspirational letter, written by Abraham Lincoln, and never before given to the public. It is an attractive pamphlet of five pages, in wrapper, with short foreword by the publisher. Price, post-paid, \$2.00. The letter is divided into six paragraphs, one of which reads as follows:

"In your temporary failure there is no evidence that you may not yet be a better scholar, and a more successful man in the great struggle of life, than many others, who have entered college more easily."

It would seem almost beyond belief that a candidate for the Presidency of the United States should stop in the midst of the rush and blare of the campaign to compose a letter of encouragement and hope for a young friend who, he had just learned, had failed in his examinations for entrance to Harvard University.

But Abraham Lincoln, who afterwards found time amidst the alarms of war to compose for Mrs. Bixby the most perfect letter of sympathy ever written, did, out of the fulness of his great heart, write such a letter, at such a tumultuous moment, and it is here given exactly as written, withholding only the name of the young man to whom it was addressed.

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