

Hallingford, Ct.
January 7, 1940

Dear Miss Tarbell,

I have just finished reading your "All in the Day's Work" and want to tell you how much I enjoyed it.

I was a young girl in Chicago when you were writing for "McClure's" and I read many of your articles then. I've read your Lincoln again this winter.

You have said so many things that I think should be said and written so much that I would like to have written that I feel

moved to tell you so.

And don't counting on you to
be on hand when the time comes
to open Robert Lincoln's papers.
You should have first chance
at them!

With thanks for ^{the} pleasure and
satisfaction you have given me
and best wishes for the future,
Sincerely yours,

Mary Gilbert Smith