

January 19, 1920

Mr. W. C. Boyden
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My dear Mr. Boyden:

I was thoroughly pleased by your letter of the 13th asking me to talk on some Lincoln topic on Ladies' Night of the Chicago Bar Association.

As I understand it, we have now settled on the 17th. This will be easy for me as I am to speak in Hartford, Conn. on the afternoon of the 15th and can go to you on a comfortable train.

It is most kind of you and Mrs. Britton to take me in when I reach Chicago. I shall be delighted to go to you for a day or two.

You ask me the exact title of my address. How will "The Lincoln Cult" do? My subject the week before I go to you is "Lincoln's Political Development and Methods", but for your audience I am not sure but it would be more acceptable to discuss the extraordinary fresh interest in Lincoln, particularly since the War - the new materials that have been unearthed in the last decade or so, and perhaps a statement of Lincoln problems still to be solved, that is, as I see them. If you think that I am right in thinking that your audience would care for this, please make the subject "The Lincoln Cult."

You will let me know if anything in particular is wanted of me beside the talk, I will write you in ample time just when I shall arrive in Chicago. I shall probably take this opportunity to stay on for a few days, as I have a piece of work to do in the Library, and possibly you or Mrs. Boyden can suggest a quiet living place near it. I shall be grateful if you can.

With best wishes to you both, believe me

Faithfully yours