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Dear Mr. Chamberlin:

Pardon the delay in replying to your letter of July 30th. I have been so busy that I have been neglecting my correspondence.

It is a pleasure to know that you are interested in the proposed Lincoln Library at Allegheny College. What I am turning over to the College is little more than a nucleus, but with the interest of the Alumni I hope it will grow into what we will call The Allegheny Alumni Lincoln Library.

Yes, we are intending to make a study of Slavery in the United States and any books or pamphlets discussing the subject would of course be very welcome.

It is interesting to know that you are working on such a subject. Just now I am so tied up I am afraid I could not take on anything as serious as writing a Foreword, or could I for some time read the manuscript as I am leaving town tomorrow for a very much needed vacation. Later in the fall, however, if you want me to look over the manuscript I shall be glad to do it and make any suggestions that occurs to me about publishers. What it always comes down to in this matter of publishing is that the author must submit and submit until he finds a publisher who is interested in his work. Of course this can be done through the established agents of whom there are a good many.

I should be glad if later when I am freer I can be of any service to you.

Thanking you for your letter,

Believe me

Very sincerely yours

Mr. E. T. Chamberlin
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