

August 30, 1932

My dear Mr. Hall:

Your letter of August 26th has just reached me and I am hastening to accept the invitation with which it honors me.

I consider the dedication of Paul Manship's statue of The Young Lincoln an event of National importance. The statue which I have seen several times and of which I felt with Mr. Manship when he first undertook it is noble and stirring. I am deeply thankful that we have such a conception of the youth Lincoln in his Indiana days.

Your whole undertaking at Fort Wayne and the connection of your work with my friend, Dr. Warren, makes me eager to accept this invitation. I very much want to see your museum and to meet those who are back of this noble undertaking. *enterprise*

You ask if after the formal dedication I will be one of those who are to give brief eulogies. Thank you for including me. I shall be glad to speak for five minutes. Would Lincoln, Leader of Youth be satisfactory as a subject or has it already been preempted?

Thanking you again for your invitation and assuring you that you can count on me to be at Fort Wayne on the morning of September 16th, believe me

Very sincerely yours

Mr. Arthur F. Hall
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