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Autobiography: Lincoln impressions:

One of the results of Lincoln work has been that rarely nowa days do I go away for work or sightseeing or pleasure that I do not run into somebody in any town that is not in some way ~~is~~ connected with that work. Here is this visit made to Mansfield in March of 1935. As I motor to the town I struggle to remember the name of my Lincoln connection there and it comes back - Donar - a fine old man. (See notes)

I lectured there for him and his society. I remember that first nomination in the Toledo Blade by Locke "Lincoln for President," November 1858. I was a guest of the Donars and she tells me when I go to call on her how when I came in and she asked me what she could do I said, "Just let me go to bed for the afternoon," ~~ixxxxxxx so she tells me~~ though I am far from remembering myself.

The night before I had spoken in Toledo and there had been a dinner party and I was fagged out. I suppose it was a state of weariness that did so much to obliterate my memory of these lecture trips. I went through them in something like a fog which must have been physical weariness combined with intestinal disturbance - the variety of food, the irregular hours, raised a constant protest in my unde,spinnings.

These Lincoln recollections/^{should}certainly turn up some interesting stories from the first, things that did not get into the History. I remember I used to say, and I think probably

true, that the gathering of the material was so much more interesting than anything I was ever able to produce. I certainly should tell the story aided by those informal notes I kept in the form of letters to J.S.P. of the trip made with the Rices and Mr. Fortune through the Lincoln country and there I can pay my debt to Mr. Fortune perhaps.