

February 9, 1925

Dear Mrs. McConnell:

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I have just telegraphed you that it will be impossible for me to go to Decatur to your Youth Conference. I have delayed answering as promptly as I should have done because my engagements were a little uncertain, but it is quite out of the question for me to take up anything more this Spring.

I am sorry to lose this opportunity not only being at a Conference which Professor Melrose conducts but of having a fresh look at Decatur. It has always been a point of interest to me with in connection with my study of Abraham Lincoln's life, and I would be glad to go back now and get a fresh look at your Lincoln collection, if as I hope it still flourishes.

Regretting my inability to accept your invitation and hoping you will pardon the delay, believe me

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Florence McConnell
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Decatur, Illinois