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Dear Mr. Calkins:

I think this is a grand scheme, this writing a history of Knox College and Galesburg and I know no one who could do it better than you.

Four years ago, I think it was, I spent a few weeks at Knox, holding some informal conferences with the students - some historical - some economic. I made Galesburg my center of approach. I have an idea that any place could be made the center for the history of a country. You will find the United States revolving around Galesburg before you get through.

Nobody is more interested than I in your undertaking and believes more heartily that it will be a fine thing.

Very sincerely yours

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