

February 26, 1929

Miss Kate L. Roberts
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My dear Miss Roberts:

Forgive the delay in replying to your letter of the 14th - I have been away from New York for some two weeks, only just returned.

Now, as to the "puzzles" in your interesting letter. Mr. Markens was right about its being Willie Lincoln who died in the White House. The boy called Ed died in Springfield, back in 1850.

What is the date of the edition of my Life of Lincoln in which you find that error - it is not in the one before me.

Lincoln did carry a cane onto the platform at his first inaugural. I think canes were reserved for rare state occasions for, so far as I know, he never carried one in ordinary life. Indeed, nobody did in his time in Illinois; it was considered a ridiculous affectation.

Yes, I believe that Laura Keane in private life was Mrs. Muzzy, but possibly you will verify this somewhere else. I have not the time to look it up.

Of course I am deeply gratified by what you say about my Life of Lincoln. A great deal of water has run under the bridge, however, since that book was written and published, and although the last edition has a few changes and the correction of errors to which my attention had been called, it was not rewritten. I am always surprised that it has gone on so long, over thirty years now.

I am ever so much pleased that you liked "He Knew Lincoln" as it was given over the radio. Its reception has been such a surprise to me. The Ever Ready Hour people tell me that they have adopted it as a permanent Lincoln Day feature.

If there is anything else I can do to help you with Mr. Markens' papers, do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours