November 17, 1928.

Mr. Paul M. Angle,
Lincoln Centennial Assoc.,
Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Angle:

I was pleased to receive your letter of November 15. However much I should like to go to Springfield on December 21 and be present at the meeting at which the Boy Scouts receive their medals it is quite impossible. I had always hoped that the Boy Scouts in Illinois would do something of this kind but this is the first proof I have had that they were really at work on Lincoln problems.

But it is impossible for me to consider going to Springfield, or, indeed, leaving here at all during my college work. I am undertaking something quite new to me and feel that I must not distract attention by outside trips. Then, too, December 20th is my last full day here and there will be all sorts of things to attend to.

But will you tell Mr. Stephens how much I should like to be present at his meeting and how willing I would be if I were to give the boys a little talk.

One reason for going would be to have a talk with you about your work. Find out how you are getting on and when you expect to publish your book. With all good wishes, believe me.

Very sincerely yours,

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