

April 15, 1924

Hon. John E. Iglehart,
Evansville, Ind.

My dear Judge Iglehart:

I have been out of town for some weeks, only just getting back to my desk and my correspondence. That will explain why you have had no answer to your letter of March 25 and acknowledgement of the copy of the History of Vanderburgh County, which I found awaiting me.

I am most glad to have this book. It cannot but help in my effort to re-create the social and intellectual conditions of the country in which the young Lincoln found himself.

You are good enough to say in your letter that if there is any particular line of inquiry which your workers could make in regard to the Lincoln inquiry you would be glad to have it indicated. I think the great thing to do, dear Judge Iglehart, is to trace and authentically establish the intellectual, social and religious conditions of Southwestern Indiana. What we want is an authentic picture of the atmosphere in which Lincoln lived. It has been sufficiently well worked out, and your Association do it.

Sincerely yours,