

(Late 1930 or early 1931)

My dear Dr. Lockwood:

Do forgive me for having been so slow in replying to your kind letter. I did appreciate your writing me. Miss Dean, knowing that I expected to go in February to your University, had been most kind in telling me of friends of hers there who she thought would interest me, and of course mentioned your name. I did not at the moment connect you with Allegheny. It is a real pleasure to know that I am to be associated with someone with whom I have previously had contacts.

The work that I am to do is to be I suppose in your Department. It is a more or less informal series of discussions on the writing of biography, the materials of which are not entirely, but very largely, personal experiences, particularly in my study of Lincoln's life.

I am interested to see that you, too, have entered the biographical field as well as that of local history. The little volume you send me on Tucson is most interesting. I am afraid I am going to find the country too fascinating for my own work. The announcement of your Life of Ayer interests me. I shall get my hands on it as soon as possible.

I believe I am to begin my work at the University on February 16th, with possibly a preliminary public lecture. That I do not know as yet, having not heard from Dr. Shantz. But I shall hope to see you very soon after I arrive. It is a real pleasure to know that I am not going to be an entire stranger to everybody in the University.

Thanking you again for your letter,
believe me

Very sincerely yours

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