

Sept. 14, 1923

Mr. J. B. Oakleaf,
Moline, Ill.

My dear Mr. Oakleaf:

I was very pleased to hear from you. I remember so well your courtesies to me at Moline six years ago and the time that I spent in your Lincoln library. I was in Indiana last fall for some weeks and tried my best to go to Moline, hoping to have a Lincoln talk with you; but just about the time that I thought I could make it, I was called back to New York.

And now as to the Bibliography you are undertaking. I think I shall have to have it, though I am not a collector, as you know. This, however, seems to be too important to let pass. Then, of course, if I am getting two pages, I should feel that I ought, in appreciation of the space you are giving me, to at least subscribe for the book, so my acceptance is going to the Moline Bank.

I am sorry that you have put money into that new edition of my Life of Lincoln. It is not my "last" book, by any means. It is my first Lincoln book, crammed into one heavy volume. I don't like it myself at all, and, as I say, I am sorry that you paid \$4. for it. I am to have a new book this fall, however, rather an informal account of a Lincoln pilgrimage which I made last year, covering the ground from the first Lincoln in 1637 up to Abraham Lincoln's election to the presidency. I shall take pleasure in sending you a complimentary copy when that is out. I want to make up for your having put \$4. into that old book.

Sincerely yours,

See his letter of Aug. 30, 1923