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Mr. William Fortune
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Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Mr. Fortune:

I have been holding your letter of December 31, together with the copy of your talk at the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society in November, with the idea that I might hear that you are to be in New York. I take it, however, that that is not to be now. I am off myself very soon, not to be back until March, I think.

I am much interested in the report of your talk. It is a substantial contribution, and will be a useful guide in whatever research work I may make in the future.

When you have time read Sandburg's treatment of the Indiana period. It is most interesting, but does not get, after all, to the heart of the matter, in my judgment, which seems to me the actual social and intellectual life of the people of Southwestern Indiana in that period.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice have just arrived in town, and we are lunching together tomorrow. We shall be sure to talk of you and Mrs. Lilly and repeat how great a debt we owe you for your generous hospitality three years ago.