

July 2, 1937

Dear Mr. Brown:

The secretary of the Lincoln Fellowship Society is Mr. Sherman Wakefield and we address him at the Hotel Lincoln.

Now just a word as to the general proposal which you made Wednesday at lunch that you secure from rich and generous patrons a salary for me as honorary president of the Lincoln Fellowship which you hope to build up. I am not adverse to salaries but I never took one in which I did not at least try to earn the money and there is not a shadow of a chance of my doing anything for the Lincoln Fellowship worth a dollar. Moreover, the Lincoln Fellowship shall have all I can give as my offering. I could not possibly think of money in that connection.

But it is another matter for you Mr. Brown. If you would take hold of the association in the way you suggested you would give time and strength and trained technique to building it up. For that you should

have a salary and a good one. The type of men you propose to interest will understand that.

If you carry out the idea you may be sure that I shall be interested, make any suggestions I can. But as I say it will have to be my free will offering to the cause!

Please believe that I appreciate your kindness.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. Henry Collins Brown
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