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Dear Janet Post:

You will forgive me, will you not, for having delayed so long to answer your letters about the Centenary celebration of Knox in 1937? It is a grand scheme and you will have the country a-gog. All your plans seem to me admirable. I am particularly interested in what Ernest Calkins proposes. He and his associates will do a fine job.

Of course I am honored that you think I should be on your program. I take it that the most suitable thing for me would be a Lincoln talk, would it not?

I will speak to John Finley about it as soon as I have the opportunity and let you know.

Now what is much more important for your whole project is to interest Frederick Bancroft. It has been impossible for me to get to Washington for the few days or so that is necessary to do anything with him. I probably shall have to go down before the summer is over for a few days as I believe he never leaves the place. I will possibly have a better chance at him than I would when Congress is there, at least I will do my best. I look on this as a fair diplomacy and the approach should be leisurely, but for me to get to see him leisurely is not so easy. But I shall not forget Judge Bancroft.

I hope you are keeping well and not doing too much hard work for Old Main and the celebration.

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