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President Albert Britt
Knox College
Galesburg, Ill.

My dear President Britt:

The announcement of my visit to Galesburg has begun to bring me invitations to speak on the way out or while I am in Illinois - invitations from clubs that like to get rid of paying speakers' traveling expenses. The only important one has come from the Springfield Mid-Day Luncheon Club, of which you probably know more or less.

I have written them that I am engaged for a specific piece of work and could not run away without your approval. That is, if you would say that you had put into my contract that I ~~was not~~ to leave the campus during the six weeks that I am to be there, it would be such a fine alibi.

But if you should see any advantage to the College in my going to Springfield for this particular luncheon club, why I will do it; but for any other invitation I would plead that my work was holding me, as indeed I think it should.

I know I am going to be so interested that I will not want to break the current by running away for talks. Please, at your convenience, let me know how you feel about it.

I am sorry I cannot go to your Lincoln celebration, but it is entirely out of the question. The first week of October has been for some time filled up with engagements that I cannot decently break.

Sincerely yours