

January 2, 1924

Miss Adeline J. Murphy,
141 Willard St.,
W. Quincy, Mass.

My dear Miss Murphy:

I have your note of December 24, saying that you are to write a review of my biographical sketch of Madame Roland, and would like my photograph. That, I am enclosing.

You ask further if there is anything that I can tell you of interest in regard to the book. You might be interested to know that it was my first book, written in Paris between the years 1890-94. I had gone to Paris to study French methods of historical and biographical research and presentation, and I did this book as a thesis.

I may say that I had become thoroughly interested in the French Revolutionary period before going abroad and my object in going was to specialize on that period.

As you can see from my preface I had rather exceptional opportunities. M^{rs} Marrillier, the only living descendant of M^{rs}. Roland of her generation became my most intimate French friend, and through her I was able to get whatever existed in the way of documents and relics as well as family tradition. I never had a more interesting experience in gathering material for a book, and as training it was excellent.

Although "Madame Roland" was the first book that I wrote it was not the first I published. That was a short study on Napoleon Bonaparte, published first as a serial by McClure's Magazine.

Hoping that this little personal note may be of some interest to you, I am

Sincerely yours,