September 16, 1938

My dear Dr. Kincaid:

Please forgive my long delay in replying to your letter of August 15th. It would have had an earlier answer, I think, if I had not been hesitating a little over your invitation to the celebration you are preparing for the Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the Gettysburg address. I should be very glad to go, but I find that it is quite out of the question. My day for celebrations is, I think, over, but I shall read the report of your doings with great interest.

But if I cannot go down in November one of these days I shall drop in on you and after I have looked you over on the ground I may be able to write the statement which Professor McMurtry suggests. I would hardly feel that it was proper to do it until I had seen with my own eyes what you are doing, got the feel of the thing. Now the feeling I have is all second-hand.

Regretting that I cannot be present at the Gettysburg celebration in November and wishing for it the greatest success, believe me

Very sincerely yours

Mr. Robert L. Kincaid
Harrogate, Tennessee.

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