May 13, 1925

Hon. John E. Iglehart,
917 Citizens Bank Building,
Evansville, Ind.

My dear Judge Iglehart:

I have been out of town for several days or you would have had an earlier acknowledgment of your letter of May 1 and the copy of the Indiana Magazine of History which you sent me.

I like Mr. Bacon's poem, and Mrs. Ehrmann's paper is a valuable contribution. I am more and more interested in your Lincoln inquiry, and the longer I roll over the idea in my mind, the more convinced I am not only that it is the right approach to any study of Lincoln in Southwestern Indiana, but that it is probably a much wider and richer field than any of our biographers have yet appreciated. I hope you will keep the inquiry alive.

I am sorry that your Society is feeling the effects of rivalry. It seems to be the common human experience. Any group that attempts to break a new path arouses criticism in those who are following the beaten road. I am sure, however, it is not going to turn you away from what you have undertaken. With the Society behind you, as you say it is, and with such a fine corps of workers, I am sure you are going to convince the thoughtful people, sooner or later, that all of our present treatments of Abraham Lincoln in Illinois are inadequate.

I wish I could attend your meeting on the 25th of May, but it is quite out of the question for me to leave here. As soon as I am West, however, with time to spare, I am going to come down and have a talk with you.

Thanking you again for remembering me, believe me

Faithfully yours,

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