

May 10, 1922

My dear Herbert Quick:

Your letter of May 2 would have had earlier reply than this but that I have been out of New York for ten days and my mail held here.

It was good of you to write me, but I am ashamed that it should have been in reply to a letter written to William Allen White instead of one written directly to you. From the time that "Vandermark's Folly" came out I meant to get the book but I was exceedingly busy and am famous for putting off things which I want to do. Then Mr. White sent on the copy, and I set down for him immediately my reaction, in thanking him for the book. I feel just that way about it, it's a solid, honest piece of work - it's an understanding of life and a sympathetic interpretation of it that pleases me immensely. It is one of the most genuinely American novels I have ever read. It gives me particular joy, as I told Mr. White, to find that it has met a whine nor an evasion in it.

I wish you would let me know if you are coming to New York this year. I am here at intervals, and I would like mighty well to see you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Herbert Quick,
Berkley Springs, W.Va.