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November 15, 1946

My dear Mr. Fleming:

I am very glad to answer the questions submitted by you and Mr. Dillon.

I am afraid I am not very clear as to what our present trends in education are in this country, but I am quite sure that every young American needs to know more history and a great deal more about the actual day by day living of people in other parts of the world. I do not see how we can lead the world, and yet we are the nation which has the strength to do so, unless we have a real understanding of the needs and conditions existing in other parts of the world.

I hope that you young people will strive for exchange professors and an exchange of scholars, and will study history in its application to the present, striving always for better understanding in order that we may develop an atmosphere in which peace can grow.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter

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c/o SETONIAN
South Orange, New Jersey

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Economic and Social Committee,
United Nations, Lake Success, New York.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We regret that we were unable to remain until the conclusion of your committee meeting. We anxiously desired an interview with you and appreciated your kind offer to meet us at the close of the session.

If it is at all convenient, will you please write us a brief statement on the following questions concerning the college effort in the movement toward international cooperation in cultural advancement:

1. Do you consider the present trends in education a contributing factor in the development of better understanding among peoples?
2. Have you any suggestions regarding this?

In submitting these questions, we do so with a profound respect for your opinion and judgement. Your reply will be of vast interest to the student body of our college.

Sincerely,

Robert Fleming
Robert Fleming

Paul Dillon
Paul Dillon

W. H. ...

Thank
Library

October 28, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher:

Thanks so much for writing us such an interesting
letter.

We have forwarded the poems to Mrs. Roosevelt, as
requested, and are glad to have been of service to you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Fletcher

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Dallas, Texas

The Ladies Home Journal

W.P.H.
AE

Dear Sirs:

This is a letter of
appreciation for the
Ladies Home Journal, that
I have long wanted to
write, for Mr. Roosevelt's
question and answer, page.
It would take a
letter longer than you
would wish to read,
perhaps, to tell you why

LEITCHER

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for I should have to
take up the book,
if you ask me, and
I'd have to reminisce
about several of the
answers as I read
them first in your
magazine — one on
reading for children,
her own experience with
her children. I am not
the mother of one, but
the teacher of hundreds,
now running into the
thousands, and I have

graphs as well as
experience and opinions
to show how right
she is on that one.

I wish you would
print and illustrate
a series of her travels
(which might be shown
in "Teleneus") using a
poem suggested and
enclosed in this letter.
In its entirety it mentions
many more places than
given here.

Two more things

I'd like to say, but
this is enough for
one letter, as there
are about other things
any way.

How wonderful it is
to be able to write a
letter freely this way
with no regard for
military brevity and to
say "If you don't like
it long, you can leave
it alone!" (I was in the War
for twenty-seven months
Vanceboro)

Sincerely,
Edith W. Fletcher

P.S. The suggested poem
is not yet available ^{to}
send to you so I am
sending three which
I request you to send to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

It was because of a
question and answer in
your magazine that I
wished to share my
anthology with her as
well as for its history
and significance.

The question was about
what she would like to do
if she should be choosing a
different life from her own

and the answer was
that she would like
to take up English
literature. My major
subject for graduate
and post graduate work
was that, but my major
interest is history. I have
combined the two in
the anthology from which
I have taken the first
two poems and the
last to send to her.
(It is called So Fair an
Inheritance)

E. J.

For 1215

'So Fair an
Inheritance'

EPITAPH ON KING JOHN

John rests below, a man more infamous
Never hath held the sceptre of these realms
And bruised beneath the iron rod of Power
The oppressed men of England; Englishman

Curse not his memory, murderer as he was
Coward and slave, yet he it was who signed
That charter which should make thee day and night
Be thankful for thy birthplace; Englishman!

That holy charter which shouldst thou permit
Force to destroy or fraud to undermine,
Thy children's groans will persecute thy soul,
For they must bear the burden of thy crime.¹

Westburg, 1798

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The Poetical Works of Robert Southey (New York: Thomas Y. Crowell and Company, no date). Southey was Poet Laureate of England during the War of 1812.

Written before 1338

(Second
poem
in
collection.)

IN PRAISE OF FREEDOM

(FROM A MIDDLE ENGLISH POEM *** BARBOUR *** BRUCE)

ALAS! THAT FOLK WHO ONCE WERE FREE
AND WONT IN FREEDOM AYE TO BE
THRO' THEIR MISCHANCE AND FOLLY GREAT
WERE FALLEN ON SUCH WORFUL STATE
HAD MADE HIM JUDGE WHO ERST WAS FOE --
WHAT GREATER SORROW MIGHT MAN KNOW?
AH, FREEDOM IS A NOBLE THING
FREEDOM A MAN TO JOY DOTH BRING
FREEDOM TO MAN SWEET SOLACE GIVES,
HE LIVES AT EASE WHO FREELY LIVES!
A NOBLE HEART MAY FIND NO EASE
IN LIFE IS NAUGHT THAT SHALL HIM PLEASE
IF FREEDOM FAILS, FOR TO BE FREE
ABOVE ALL THINGS DESIRED SHALL BE.
ONLY THE MAN WHO LIVED BEFORE
IN FREEDOM, KNOWS THE ANGUISH SORE,
THE WRATH, THE WRETCHEDNESS AND PAIN
THAT'S COUPLED WITH FOUL THRALLDOM'S CHAIN.
BUT LET HIM ONCE HAVE TESTED IT
AND THEN I TROW HE WELL SHALL WIT,
AND FREEDOM PRIZE, AND DEARER HOLD
THAN ALL OF THIS WORLD'S WEALTH IN GOLD;
THUS EVERMORE THINGS OPPOSITE
THE WORTH OF EACH DOTH BRING TO LIGHT.
AND NAUGHT THE THRALL HIS OWN MAY CALL
FOR THAT HE HAS ABANDONED ALL
UNTO HIS LORD, WHO'EER HE BE --
YET IS HE STILL IN NO WISE FREE
TO LIVE AS PLEASETH HIM, OR DO
THAT WHICH HIS HEART INCLINES HIM TO.

BUT THRALLDOM SHALL BE WORSE THAN DEATH
FOR WHILE A THRALL MAY DRAW HIS BREATH
IT MARS HIS LIFE IN FLESH AND BONE,
DEATH VEXES HIM BUT ONCE ALONE.
IN SHORT IT PLEASETH TELLING ALL
THE SORE CONDITION OF A THRALL!

AMERICA, OUR COUNTRY

Arlo Bates

Last

For, O America, our country.—land
Hid in the west through centuries, till men
Through countless tyrannies could understand
The priceless worth of freedom,—once again
This world was new-created when thy shore
First knew the Pilgrim's keels, that one last test
The race might make of manhood, nor give o'er
The strife with evil till it proved its best.
Thy true sons stand as torch-bearers, to hold
A guiding light, here the last stand is made,
If we fail here, what new Columbus bold,
Steering brave prow through black seas unafraid,
Finds out a fresh land where man may abide
And freedom yet be saved? The whole round earth
Has seen the battle fought. Where shall men hide
From Tyranny and wrong, where life have worth,
If here the cause succumb? If greed of gold
Or lust of power or falsehood triumph here,
The race is lost! A globe dispeopled, sold,
Rolled down the void a voiceless, lifeless sphere,
Were not so stamped by all which hope debars,
As were this earth, plunging along through space
Conquered by evil, shamed among the stars,
Bearing a base, enslaved, dishonored race!
Here has the battle its last vantage ground;
Here all is won, or here must all be lost;
Here freedom trumpets one last rally sound;
Here to the breeze its blood-stained flag is tossed.
America, last hope of man and truth,
Thy name must through all coming ages be
The badge unspeakable of shame and ruth,
Or glorious pledge that man through truth is free.
This is thy destiny; the choice is thine
To lead all nations and outshine them all;
But if thou failest, deeper shame is thine,
And none shall spare to mock thee in thy fall.¹

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Hilah Paulmier and Robert Haven Schauffler,
Columbus Day (New York: Dodd, Mead and Company, 1938),
p. 289.

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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to the matter mentioned therein. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to visit Chicago at the present time, but I trust that you will be able to do so at some future date. I have no objection to your making such use of the information furnished to you as you may see fit. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
John D. Rockefeller

1 For Mrs. Roosevelt,
Envelope enclosed for
care of address