

Relating to Daniel Drake Oct 1894

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W.D. never met anyone from Cincinnati during the years that he was
asking when they were going to put a monument up to Daniel Drake. They
usually admitted they did not know who he was.

Alletts' proposal finally see also see "a monument" Mrs. Wally ^{lets me}

Dr W.D., copy of Drake's "Pioneer Life in Kentucky" was "Reminiscential Letter
from Daniel Drake M.D." all four these letters which probably
saw him at W.D.'s last interest. ✓

W.D. was called at Rye (Cincinnati circa 1915?) now to find out where the address.

From Alex. H. McGuffey
to Mr Bridgeman.
Cincinnati, O.

6th Oct. 1894. ✓

(typewritten)

Two lines written for date

My Dear Mr Bridgeman,

I doubt whether I made my meaning plain when in a
former letter I made objection to Mansfield's life of Dr Drake.

You are doubtless familiar with the proverb "No man is a hero
to his Valet". This is commonly understood to mean that even the
greatest men have little personal peculiarities which belittle them
in the eyes of those who are in intimate association with them.
But it seems to me that the proverb has a deeper meaning, and implies
that the Valet does not recognize the hero when he sees him - has
no conception of the heroic: - is, in fact "hero-blind". Such was
the fact with Mr Mansfield. He never saw Dr Drake.

The Doctor was, without exception, the greatest man ("totus
teres, atque rotundus") whom I ever met. He was richly gifted
with every intellectual power, - reason, imagination, fancy, wit: -
a lion to all who stood in his way while marching towards any great
public good; but sweet and gentle as a girl towards all who had
any claim upon his tenderness.

To have known such a man I regard as one of the greatest
privileges of my life.

I hope the books arrived safely, and that you may find time
to read them both, before you send them to Dr Osler.

Very truly yours,

Alexr. N.M. McGuffey,

Mr WM.H. Bridgeman,
Equitable Life Ins. Co. Boston, Mass.