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The Public Forum

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his ordinarily dull and homely face, that its expressions became angelic; more, his smile revealed the tender soul of Lincoln. His was a wonderful self-restraint in that he was without any of the concealed, personal resentments; he never lived on his hates or pre- judices: he was self-reliant, patient, dignified, his own canoe; sought no aid except when running for office: worked out alone on his own theory law cases without consulting his associates; therein he sometimes crossed their views and confounded them: He seized and led minor issues take care of themselves.

With justice on his side he was invincible in a lawsuit; in its absence he could not and would not fight, so tender were his convictions of right and wrong. Justly he was called "Honest Abe Lincoln." He never sided any party or selfish schemes. He was patient with all things, had faith in the plain people and in their honesty and fairness: he strove long to educate them to his view: knew their mind, waited for it to consolidate before putting up to them public questions for final solution.

Though certainly ahead of most politicians, and apparently in advance of the majority when he issued the proclamation of emancipation, he knew the people and bided his time until he saw they realized slavery was the real impediment to lasting union: that to get it they were ready to destroy slavery.

Reluctantly accepting the challenge of war, time and victory enabled Lincoln to do that. By invoking war, the devotees of slavery hastened a century its complete abolition. No man was more reviled than Lincoln; called meaner names and charged with more crimes, especially by the copperhead press, which favored the South. He refused to suppress it, saying that expression of adverse sentiment was the corrective and confirming power, who erred; and that the best friends public men could have were critical enemies who compelled them to deliberate carefully before acting and to reverse their error and resume their judgment.

He never hated men who differed from him; never said they "were without vision"; were pigmy mind, and "ought to be hung with their heads downward—howards." He believed liberty to be the right of every man to enjoy all privileges and to think as freely and talk as candidly on all public questions as he did. In all his speeches and letters, personalities are completely absent.

Lincoln sympathized with and helped all men, women and children he knew, because he was a very kind-hearted, unselfish man. Lincoln will more inspire manly virtues in the White House for good to the most distant corners of the world than any other man who ever lived. Short of Christ, the world has never had, and is not likely to have, his equal. He rests with the immortals. I am, Sir, etc., M. M. McCLOSKEY.

may be said here that before submitting the resolution they made no attempt whatever to find out the Society's views upon the matter. In fact the reading of the resolution at the annual meeting was the very first intimation that the Children's Aid had that the Social Service desired to give us their co-operation. At a later meeting the matter was again brought up and discussed and a resolution was then passed permitting them to give us their co-operation. It is thus plainly to be seen that they are the co-operating party, and we are still the integral party, and in order to preserve our integrity as a unit, in the event of any other organization whatsoever desiring to give us their co-operation it should be our duty as members of the integral party to see that no such co-operating party shall ever change our laws or in any way interfere with our management.

I am reminded of a story which I once heard about a gentleman who had taught his son the business and set him up for himself. One day a friend enquired what success the son was having and the father sadly replied, "Oh, he is doing fine; he is teaching me now." In permitting other organizations to give us their co-operation it often happens like the gentleman and his son. First they want to co-operate with us and by and by find that they want to "boss the job." Of course I am speaking in a general way. I do not mean in any way to cast reflections on the good intentions of the Social Service in wishing to give us their co-operation.

know that they are doing splendid work. However, as I am a member of the Children's Aid myself, I trust that I may be permitted to give a few flourishes of my own pen (and a few more if necessary), to state that our Society should not be obliged to take second place to any other society in the province. In speaking as I do, I feel that I am voicing the sentiment of all my fellow members, but as the matter is open to discussion, I like to hear from some other member. At any rate, if Mr. Cotton still wishes the man of his choice to be heard over all the different societies, having to do with children, let him please not include the Children's Aid Society in the number. When we have at the head of our Society the man who was chosen as President of the Prince Edward Island Educational Association, with the Chief Superintendent of Education as Secretary, please do not let us now ask him to become a subordinate to his own secretary.

I am, Sir, etc., M. M. McCLOSKEY.

Lincoln's Anniversary
Sir—On February 12th, the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will be observed in the United States. As we all know the breadth of Lincoln's internationalism may be well for us to recall at this time the great and significant points of his character. I am therefore giving you an appreciation of Abraham Lincoln from one who believes him enshrined in the hearts of every one despite difference of race, creed and color.

As all know of the poverty in which Lincoln was born, of his early hardships, of the death of his mother at 7, of his riding miles to get a preacher to preach his funeral sermon, of his good step-mother, Sarah Johnson, who counseled the ambitious boy in every way and said, though she had a son of her own, Abe was the best boy she ever knew, of his great athletic strength, holding firmly a heavy ax at length by its handle, of his peace-loving disposition among rowdy Cleary Grove boys, but ready to fight if forced, of his failure and indebtedness as a young storekeeper, of his honesty as a postmaster of his learning to be a successful surveyor, of his youthful captaincy in the Black Hawk war, of his sorrow on the death of his first sweetheart, Ann Rutledge, of his early election to the Legislature of Illinois, of his beginning to practice law at 26 in Springfield, of his unvarying kindness to always make a ready friend, who were always ready to aid in fact did succor him; in short, as we all know the outlines of Lincoln's early career, we will not dwell thereon, but will seek to disclose his salient characteristics, seek an estimate of what made him the greatest and most beloved man of not alone the history of one country but the history of mankind; for Lincoln today stands next to Christ. In spite of his defective education, not over six months in school and that he was never a great reader or deep book student, Lincoln saw clearer, thought out more concisely, bravely for him, every problem confronting him, than any man of his time. He sufficiently made books on the special occasions he needed them to strengthen the points he had reached. The fertility and originality of his mind was unbounded. He required less research than other men needed. It is now recognized that for pure intellect Lincoln was the superior of any American of his time; that he had never met his intellectual master. In the end he thus impressed everybody, as he availed himself of the worth of every man he worked with.

He used selfish men to their capacity to aid the Union cause, he suppressed cunningly, for he was very secretive, with a show of humility. His homeliness, awkwardness, and angular form were great aids in giving him greater fame and power in this: When aroused to speech his sweet smile was so beautiful and so softened

Conserve Eyesight for Good Health

Statistics show that most people in Canada are subject to eye strain unknowingly, and as a result are less efficient and have poorer health than if the faulty conditions were corrected.

EARLY inhabitants of this earth lived in green fields and softly lighted forests, with no strain to their eyes. Keen distant vision was a necessary adjunct to existence then. To distinguish friend from foe and to sight game at great distances were vital to maintain life.

But today our lives are lived at short range. Concentrated use of one's eyes imposes strain on the whole nervous system. Glasses are required to give relief and enable the eyes to "carry on" efficiently at their daily tasks.

Consult

G.F. Hutcheson OPTOMETRISTS

The United States Senatorship, which gave the senatorial election to Douglas, but in the end, as did his Cooper Speech, helped to make Lincoln President. The greater responsibility imposed on Lincoln the more reserve power enabled him to meet and surmount it.

The taint of financial scandal never touched Lincoln. No man craved sympathy and loved appreciation more than Lincoln. He believed in prayer, and often resorted to it for help; he believed in and relied on God. He sought the brotherhood of man.

The foregoing are the traits which make Lincoln the greatest national hero of the United States; which give to his name and character a prodigious influence for good, not alone in the United States but throughout the world. Exercising with moderation vast war powers conferred upon him, he stands high compared with Alexander, Caesar, and Napoleon, who were tyrants. It is unnecessary to determine which was the best and greatest man—Lincoln or Washington. It is sufficient to say that, while, in some respects they were unlike, in others they were alike; that perhaps the most composite of their united characters are necessary to make the perfect man, a ruler. As it is, Lincoln will more inspire manly virtues in the White House for good to the most distant corners of the world than any other man who ever lived. Short of Christ, the world has never had, and is not likely to have, his equal. He rests with the immortals. I am, Sir, etc., A. B. G.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS
Suds
Beat the soap flakes into a foam with the egg beater. Fewer flakes will be required and better suds will result.
To Keep Cheese
Cheese will keep fresh and free from mould by wrapping it in a cloth wrung out of vinegar. Cover with oiled paper and keep in a cool place.
Better Fruit Cake
Brown the flour before using it in fruit cake; it will give it a most delicious flavor. Use an aluminum frying pan for this purpose, taking care not to burn the flour.
Better Than Patches
Should the lining of your coat show signs of wear under the arms, make neat silk dress shields to match your lining and sew carefully over the worn parts. A silk belt may be added over the lining if it is worn out at the waistline.
A Good Investment
Where there is a baby in the house a thermometer is a necessity. Baby's head always seems hot to the anxious watcher, but when his temperature can be taken, either under the arm or by rectum, and the result is normal, home remedies can be applied and a doctor avoided.

"WALKING FISH."
This name is given to an eel-like fish of the snake-head family, on account of the fact that it spends some time on land. It is common in the fresh waters of the East Indies and China, and has a double respiratory apparatus, enabling it to breathe in or out of water.

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BANISH DOUBT AND FEAR

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MIDDLE OF OLD TESTAMENT
In the King James version of the Bible, the middle book of the Old Testament is Proverbs, while the middle chapter would be the 29th chapter of Job.

DAILY THOUGHT

"There are no arrangements so illusive, and yet so imperious, as those which arise from subtle discords in temperament."—W. H. Malloch, in Harper's.

NOTHING BUT EMPTINESS

A little girl, a neighbor of mine went to the country with me last summer. When we were out of doors looking around the first day the immensity of the sky seemed to amaze her. "Oo-oo!" she cried, stretching her little arms wide and looking as if to embrace all nature. "Where's everywhore gone to?"—Exchange.

The teacher had been explaining fraction to the class. When she had discussed the subject at length wishing to discover how much the lesson had gone home to the brain of her students, she inquired: "Now, Jimmy, which would you rather have one apple or two halves?" The little cap promptly replied: "Two halves, you bet." "Oh, Jimmy," exclaimed the young woman, a little disappointedly, "why would you prefer two halves?" "Because then I could see if it was bad inside."

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THE ANNUAL MEETING New Wiltshire District Royal Scarlet Chapter will take place in Barton Lodge Room on February 14th. 8-21

OWING TO THE TRAINS being held up the sale of Arthur C. Wood, Mt. Herbert has been postponed until Saturday, 10th. If stormy the first fine day following.

HAMPTON CONGREGATION—Rev. M. J. MacPherson, M. A., B. D. minister. Preaching services for February 11th, weather and roads permitting, Tryon at 11 a. m., Borden at 3.30 p. m. A cordial welcome for all.

EX-SERVICE MEN who have not received their Service Medals, Victory Medals or Memorial Crosses, or next to kin are requested to communicate with the G. W. V. A. Secretary giving rank, Reg. No. and present address.

P. E. I. HOSPITAL RECITAL—Prof. Ball assisted by Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Henderson and the Charlottetown Male Octette will give a twilight recital in Baptist Church tomorrow (Saturday) from 4.30 to 5.30.

HALF PRICE. All odd 'scrim and net curtains—one to three pairs of each design. On sale this morning at exactly half price.—Beer & Weeks.

ROTARY CLUB—In the course of an interesting address on Music and its influence on the Community before the Rotary Club yesterday, Rev. E. M. Malone, rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, appealed to Rotarians to lend their support to choirs, glee clubs, orchestras, and other musical organizations because of the ethical and disciplinary value of music. Musical centres are as valuable to a community as public libraries. They provide a close sense of interdependence and unity and make for collective happiness. Rotarian Prof. Fletcher presided at the luncheon, the guests present being Messrs Bert Green, formerly of Halifax; H. G. Hooper, Owen Wenning, Dr. J. C. Houston, and Walter Hyndman.

TOO FREE USE OF CORN.—The American Agriculturist attributes the abnormal mortality among spring litters in the United States to the too free use of corn. In the region, American farmers had plenty of corn, but little money to buy other feed, and so used too much corn in feeding the little pigs.

A SCRUB BILL.
A scrub bill does not necessarily mean an animal to grade or mongrel breeding, but may be a miserable individual to pure-bred ancestry and not until this point is fully realized by the breeder, the bull's campaign become a general success.

The Unwise Father
"When I was your age," said the stern parent, "I thought nothing of working 12 or 14 hours a day." "Father," replied the young man, with the exquisitely pressed trousers, earnestly, "if I wish to heaven you would mention it. These nonunion sentiments are making you hideously unpopular."—Town Topics.

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