

DWIGHT NOTES

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Former Tailor of Dwight Meets Death
Accidentally by Fall from Wagon.

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Abraham Lincoln is without question the most unique President.

In the midst of the dense forest on Nolin Creek, what is now La Rue County, Kentucky, on February 12, 1809, this distinguished American first saw the light of day.

No Gabriel heralded his birth, no Shepherd King saw the star of his nativity. Born in obscurity. Died in the hearts of millions of God's children. In Lincoln there is a likeness unto the Redeemer of Mankind. Lincoln's mother once said, "I would rather Abe would learn to read the Bible than to own a farm."

Of Lincoln it can be said, as it was said of Jesus, "the common people heard him gladly." It is safe to say that he had God's approval. To all lovers of human freedom his name is "one of the few, the immortal names, that were not born to die."

His life is in keeping with these two lines of Pope:
"Honor and shame from no condition rise,
Act well your part,—there all the honor lies."

As we see in Lincoln in his full manhood we turn to 1 Cor. 1-27, and read the philosophy of Paul. "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty; and base things of the world and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are; that no flesh should glory in his presence."

To the unbiased thinker, the candid philosopher and the advanced mind of the young American of to-day no name is dearer than that of the subject of this monograph. Honesty of purpose was the one thing foremost in the life and work of this unique man.

The paternal emigrant ancestor was Samuel Lincoln, who settled in Hingham, Mass., in 1638, and died there. His son, Morticia Lincoln, was a "thrifty man of ye neighborhood." The grandfather of the ever-lamented Lincoln was Abraham, who married on July 10, 1760, Anna Boone, a cousin of Daniel Boone. Thomas, the father of Abraham, married on June 12, 1806, Miss Nancy Hanks. Thomas Lincoln and wife were of "ye good blood of ye Christian neighborhood." The boyhood days of great Lincoln offer an inviting field to the lover of American biography.

The parents of the sixteenth President were members of the Baptist church. When young he attended with his father and mother the church of their faith; the lessons there learned served as guiding lights in after years to one who was called of God.

He read from the pages of nature. He could understand the "Tongues in the trees, books in running brooks, Sermons in stones, and good in every thing."

His mother taught him to pray while a child. She also impressed upon the lad that all men were his brothers.

Passing on, we see him at man's estate, an original thinker, a lover of the good, and always ready to aid weak and downtrodden humanity.

No bigotry existed in the heart of our greatest President.

His first labor was on a farm near his father's residence. Here we see him tilling the soil and building fences. From the latter he gained in later years the title of "the rail splitter of Illinois." We next find him in Springfield, the shire town of Sangamon county, where he wrought in the construction of a large flat boat, which he helped to guide down the Sangamon, Illinois, and Mississippi rivers to the ocean. Upon his return he found work in a general store in New Salem, Ill. In 1832 the "Black Hawk War" broke out, when young Lincoln promptly volunteered, and was chosen and commissioned a captain in local troops. He served three months as a soldier, during which time his leisure moments were spent studying surveying, becoming so well fitted for this work that in 1838 he was appointed a deputy of the county surveyor.

The one who gave him his first real military lesson was Philip Kearny, "the natural soldier."

While President thirty years later it was his pleasure to commission this warrior of many lands "Brigadier General of Volunteers."

We next see him as the Postmaster of New Salem. On November 4, 1842, he was married by the Rev. Charles Dresser to Miss Mary Todd.

His political career dates from 1834, when he was elected to the legislature of Illinois. It is safe to say that he belonged to the Henry Clay school of the Whig party in politics. Upon

every issue he entered in all the ardor of his Anglo-Saxon manhood. All the while we see him with an open heart, and active in the cause of the poor and oppressed of all classes and creeds. In 1836 he was admitted to the bar, opening an office in Springfield, where he associated himself with his old friend and advisor, John T. Stuart. Lincoln achieved success, and won a reputation as "an honest lawyer." His conduct before juries alone is worthy of study by the legal profession of today. He was logical in convicting, yet was ever noted for his fairness in the treatment of his opponent. His principle was one of fairness in all undertakings. His integrity was unquestionable. In 1846 he was elected to Congress and served one term.

While in Congress war with Mexico burst upon our fair nation. He "thought deeply and prayed often" and God gave him wisdom.

The abrogation of the Missouri Compromise of 1854 deeply affected the "rail-splitter lawyer." His heart became touched at the condition of his country. Upon the subject of slavery he spoke frequently and freely. The condition of affairs caused the Republican party to be formed. In the new and vital issue he became much interested. Here "Lincoln the Republican," patriot, freethinker, and "honest lawyer," stands foremost before the citizens of a trembling republic. As he embraced no particular creed he is by a few considered "dangerous to Christianity."

Like Jesus, the outcast, "many of his own misunderstood him." A great-hearted American, a Christian without a creed, "To what church do you belong, Mr. Lincoln," asked a divine of the day. "Mine is God's church," replied the statesman, "the church of living humanity."

He had a better understanding of the Bible than did most clergymen of his day.

The old parties are trembling, the condition of the country is critical. By the slaveholder he was considered as a "disturbing element." The truth of the situation was that he was not to disturb slavery in any of its established rights that it might have under any state constitution, where it existed, but he boldly opposed its further incoherencies. Here his vision was clear in seeing what the final issue would be. In his immortal address of 1858 he declared that "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved. I do not expect the house to fall, but I do expect it will cease to be divided."

Early in 1860 Mr. Lincoln visited the East, where he spoke with marked interest. The moral and intellectual force of his speeches commanded special attention from all parties and classes. In May of that year was held the Republican convention in Chicago. On the third ballot he was elected the standard bearer of that party by more votes than were given for all his distinguished competitors, and under the feeling of enthusiasm his nomination was, amid great applause, made unanimous.

The situation before great Lincoln was fully understood by him. The teachings he had learned from his departed mother were to him of deep significance.

In his inaugural address he declared "the Union perpetual and all acts of secession void." Civil war burst upon the republic, with the results well known to many thousands now living. During the entire war we see the great-hearted Lincoln using every means possible to avoid bloodshed. On April 9, 1865, General Lee surrendered to General Grant. This gave much joy to the heart of the rail-splitter lawyer. The U. S. A. and C. S. A. were again one nation, to stand fair and strong. He stood before the civilized world "with malice toward none, with charity for all." The "North and South" were no more. A cemented republic to look square in the face of the entire world. His mortal deed was accomplished. All loved him as the great-hearted President. He died April 15, 1865, from the effects of an assassin's bullet.

He loved the Southland, that spot of our fair republic that gave him birth. His kin had fought on both sides in that unsurpassed struggle for supremacy.

Youth of the nation, barefoot boy and blushing maiden, study the life of Abraham Lincoln as the grandest type of the American ideal.

His name will live as long as the story of Jesus has a charm for the children of men. There was no bigotry in the heart of Abraham Lincoln.

It was the man that counted, and not the sect to which he belonged. No man in all America is more worthy of emulation than "Honest Abe."

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Bradley, C. R. (postal).
Carbana, Mrs. (postal).
King, E. L. (postal).
Michleson, Mrs. Mildred (postal).
Nelson, Mrs. Sophia (postal).
Phelan, Hugh.
Washburn, M. D., Frank L.
To obtain any of the above letters, call for advertised letters, giving date of list.

WM. G. DUSTIN, Postmaster.

"Charlie, dear," queried the fair maid at the ball park, "why does the man behind the batter wear such a big bib?"

"That," explained Charlie, "is his shirt from getting mused when the ball knocks his teeth out."

The man who found a snake in the mail box should have stamped it.

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Mr. Oliver Naffziger is spending the week in Wisconsin.
R. H. Mills attended the auto show one day this week.
Eugene Flagler was in Bloomington Thursday on business.
Harry Adams attended the automobile show in Chicago Friday.
Thermos and Icy Hot bottles, quart or pint at O'Malley's Drug Store.
Messrs. Jos. Tavares and Burton Orr are in Chicago attending the automobile show.
James Brown returned from Chicago Wednesday evening, where he had been visiting for several days.
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harrison attended the auto show in Chicago a couple of days the forepart of the week.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Danish M. E. church met Friday, Feb. 18, at Mrs. Anderson's on Seminole St.

Otto Mickelson went to Chicago Thursday evening to attend the automobile show, returning Friday evening.

Miss Mayme Barnum and Miss Hazel Goodman are in Chicago this week purchasing new spring millinery goods.

In the Danish M. E. church, Sunday, Feb. 13 you are given the opportunity of hearing a discourse on "Almost Christianity."

Misses Martha and Josephine Moore of Odell, accompanied their mother to Dwight Monday evening, where the latter had dental work done.

The following were passengers to Chicago for the purpose of attending the automobile show, J. B. Hayes, Geo. Benjamin, Edward Chalmers, A. J. Diefenbach, John Racher, Clyde H. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thompson.

The friends of Joseph Anton Diefenbach will be pleased to know that, through the influence of Col. Frank L. Smith, he has been designated by Senator Cullom to a West Point Cadetship, subject to examination held the 24th of February. It is hoped he will be successful in his examination, and that Dwight will have the privilege of enrolling from among her citizens a soldier in the regular army.

Mrs. Clinton James Ahern entertained in an informal but delightful manner a number of friends on Saturday afternoon last. The cards called for "thimbles," but in addition there was the reading by Mrs. Lowther and Mrs. Smith of the much discussed drama from the pen of Maurice Maeterlinck, "The Blue Bird." Refreshments were the concluding feature of the afternoon's entertainment, and in this instance history repeated itself, for the proof of the pudding was in the eating.

Chickens Come Home to Roost.
This is the subject of the Men's meeting at the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. All men cordially invited. This will be an eye-opener, and will make a big stir in town. Every man who misses this will be angry with himself for months to come.

Evangelist Hicks is unafraid, and will say some things that need to be said, and say them in a way that nobody can ever forget.

Notice.

We, the undersigned boss barbers have agreed that after February 14th the price of shaving will be raised to 15 cents, neck shave included, and that shops will close at eight o'clock p. m., Saturday excluded.

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When a few miles from home Mr. Rabbeck accidentally fell from the wagon to the frozen ground, striking upon his head, breaking his neck and causing instant death. Mr. Holm did not notice the disappearance of Anton until he had reached the home of J. A. McConnell. He told them of Mr. Rabbeck's sudden disappearance and asked them to go in search of him. Mr. McConnell and son went out immediately, while Holm drove to his home.

The body was found at the side of the road still warm, but with the pale color of death upon it. Mr. McConnell took it to his home and notified Mrs. Rabbeck, who has recently been keeping house for Holm.

An inquest was held in Dwight Sunday morning, the verdict of the jury being as follows: Anton Rabbeck met his death accidentally by falling from a wagon to the ground breaking his neck.

Mr. Rabbeck was favorably known in Dwight, he having been engaged in the tailor business here for several years. He first engaged in business with Thompson, under the firm name of Rabbeck & Thompson. Later they dissolved partnership and Mr. Rabbeck conducted the business by himself. He has a number of friends here who were greatly shocked to hear of his sudden death.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the Danish Lutheran church, Rev. Holm officiating. The body was laid to rest in Oak Lawn cemetery.

Stirring the Dry Bones

That is what Evangelist Ira Hicks is doing at the Methodist church this week. He is an utterly fearless preacher, and delivers the most scathing sermons against sin wherever it is found, in the preacher, the church, society, politics, or anywhere else. He hits hard. He is gifted with a wonderful voice, that reaches and rings to the remote corners, and stirs every fibre of the being, and thrills the soul. He is also a scholar, a college man, and a teacher, and brings the world of science to the illustrations of his discourses. He is a brilliant man, a thinker, a reasoner, a logician, an orator of the first quality. He is also a successful evangelist, having been the leader in many great revivals, such as the one in Abingdon, Ill., where the entire town was converted except three or four incorrigibles.

There were over 700 conversions in a town the size of Dwight, which was a great church town before. The Methodist and Evangelical churches, which have united for the revival, have the opportunity of all their history before them. The greatest revival ever known in Dwight is just within the grasp of these churches if they will arise to the opportunity of the hour. Everybody should attend the meetings for the pure pleasure and enjoyment of the preaching and the splendid singing. Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who have charge of the music, are superb singers, and soloists, and Mr. Williams is a great chorister, and leads the congregation in a masterly manner. Everyone who can sing, whether or not they are members of a church, is most cordially invited to help in the singing. If one is a music lover it would pay him to attend for the music alone. Services every night at 7:30 and in the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

In the Land of Windmills.

The Dutch when they invite you, and they are not a guest seeking race, are extremely hospitable and make you at once welcome. Sometimes, however, when it comes to dinner, their active hospitality demands an energetic recognition. The table is laid with piles of plates before each chair. On your first visit the spoons and forks are heavy silver, the knives of the finest steel and ivory. You never, however, eat with them again. When you have been shown that a family possesses them that ends it. You eat thereafter from everyday ware.

"What would the silver be like for our descendants if we used it often?" an old lady asked me. "What would we have if our ancestors had been careless?"—Eva Madden in Harper's Bazar.

A Curiosity in Boundaries.

About 600 yards from the station at Herveaux, at the crossroads from Oudenarde to Roubaix, on the way from Tournai to Monstout, there is a directing post which from a topographical point of view is a curiosity. This post marks the separation between the two countries, France and Belgium; three provinces or departments, Le Nord, western Flanders and Hainaut; three bishoprics, Cambrai, Burges and Tournai. Three races dwell around it, speaking three languages, French, Flemish and Wallon. It is also in three communes, Wattrelos, Herveaux and Estaimpuis.—London Globe.

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