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Lincoln Said—
“Let us strive on to
finish the work we
are doing, to care
for him who shall
have borne the
battle, and for his
widow and orphans”





THE IDEAL AMERICAN FAMILY



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Statue of Lincoln by George Grey Barnard, presented to the City of Cincinnati by Mrs. Chas. P. Taft and others.



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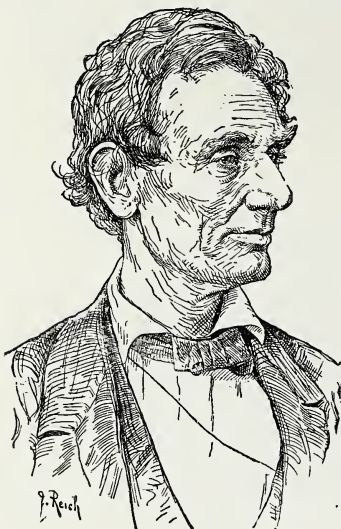
THE · LOG · CABIN · WHERE ABRAHAM · LINCOLN · WAS · BORN

From a speech by President Wilson at the dedication of the
memorial erected on the site of the cabin.

HERE LINCOLN had his beginnings. Here the end and consummation of that great life seem remote and a bit incredible. And yet there was no break anywhere between beginning and end, no lack of natural sequence anywhere. Nothing really incredible happened. LINCOLN was unaffectedly as much at home in the White House as he was here. Do you share with me the feeling, I wonder, that he was permanently at home nowhere? It seems to me that in the case of a man—I would rather say of a spirit—like LINCOLN the question *where* he was is of little significance, that it is always *what* he was that really arrests our thought and takes hold of our imagination. It is the spirit always that is sovereign. LINCOLN, like the rest of us, was put through the discipline of the world—a very rough and exacting discipline for him, an indispensable discipline for every man who would know what he is about in the midst of the world's affairs; but his spirit got only its schooling there. It did not derive its character or its vision from the experiences which brought it to its full revelation. The test of every American must always be, not *whers he is*, but *what he is*. That, also, is of the essence of democracy, and is the moral of which this place is most gravely expressive.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Lincoln a World Character



As we have studied our history we have all more or less felt that George Washington was a heroic character so far distant in the past that we think of him only as a great statesman—a great soldier. His services to his country overshadow the human side of the man, at least to most readers of history. Abraham Lincoln, however, appeals to us in an entirely different manner. Countless stories illustrating his humor, his kindness, his humanity, coupled with the fact that our fathers or grandfathers lived in his time, many of them having seen him and heard him speak, bring Lincoln to us as a living, breathing individual, suffering as we suffer and enjoying a good joke as well as the rest of us. We have all read how a judge fined him for

contempt for telling such a funny story to the attorneys in the court room that the laughter stopped the proceedings and a few minutes later remitted the fine when he told the judge himself the same story. These things make us love him.

Many books on Lincoln's life and deeds have been written, but they are all essentially American. In this regard at least we have kept him to ourselves. Recently, however, a new Life of Lincoln has been written by Lord Charnwood, an eminent British author, who presents The Great Emancipator as seen through British eyes. The thoughtful American will at once recognize the fact with a little pang and yet with a great deal of pride, that Lincoln has now become a world character and we can no longer claim him strictly for our own. Lord Charnwood writes from a purely English point of view, but his work breathes a notable spirit of reverence for this great American. We will therefore celebrate his birthday on February 12th with a new appreciation of his character because this new token of esteem has been paid to him.

—M. E. Danford.