

THE LIFE

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PUBLIC SERVICES

—OF—

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

—BY—

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On all pages of history there is no grander name than that of America's first martyred President, Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Maltby was the intimate friend of Mr. Lincoln, and was familiar with his daily life, and enjoyed with him an intercourse such as springs only from a warm personal friendship.

Thus he was eminently fitted for the work he has done. This volume is a valuable contribution to history, and gives the reader many incidents of Mr. Lincoln's life never before published. The perusal of this work will make the name of Abraham Lincoln dearer to the hearts of the rising generation. The story is told without any effort at embellishment, so truthfully that it will commend itself to the general reader. It should meet with universal public favor.—*Los Angeles Daily Times*.

It is a labor of love to notice a thoroughly sincere and honest book, as we believe this to be. The matter is reliable, interesting and instructive. Mr. Maltby had a long and intimate acquaintance with President Lincoln, and they were warm personal friends who loved and trusted each other. On this account the book is valuable, as giving an inside view of this great President.

The early days of Abraham Lincoln are briefly sketched; his youth and manhood are brought out vividly. His studies and rising popularity and success are well told. His firm belief in the Bible is fully substantiated.

We commend this book as a fair, honest, truthful history of the excellent, able and martyred President.—*California Christian Advocate*.

Mention has been made in the *Argus* not long since of a forthcoming life of Abraham Lincoln, from his early friend and companion in life, Hon. Charles Maltby, now of Stockton, California.

The promised volume is now before us, and we can but

reiterate in substance, what we said' in a previous mention, and that is that this history of the martyr Lincoln will get nearer to the heart of the rising generation than any other history extant. It is especially adapted for families, as it is neither cumbersome in size or matter. It is just the book from which the rising generation can get a correct estimate of the life and character of the great and good Abraham Lincoln.—*Petaluma Weekly Argus*.

We have received a copy of the "Life and Public Services of Abraham Lincoln," written by Charles Maltby, and with the imprint of the Stockton Independent. The book is handsomely printed, and we should judge, from a cursory survey, a finely written and valuable addition to the literature of Lincoln's times. All the friends of Mr. Maltby will be interested in reading this history, and an agency should be applied for at once by some of our city news dealers.—*Santa Barbara Independent*.

The matter is presented in an interesting and attractive manner, and the subject is handled with rare skill. Mr. Maltby, the author, is a resident of Stockton, and we rejoice to know that we have in our midst a citizen who is capable of producing so excellent a book on the greatest character of the age.—*Stockton Record*.

LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.—Mr. Maltby, the author, was a neighbor, and a warm personal friend of Mr. Lincoln for more than thirty years, and there is not another man living, perhaps, who knows more of the home life, the honorable and noble purposes, that controlled the lamented Lincoln in his early manhood, than Mr. Maltby. This work contains many incidents of Mr. Lincoln's early life never before given to the public, as well as his later acts, that have so endeared his memory to the American people.—*Lodi Sentinal*.

The author's personal acquaintance for thirty years with the subject of his history has been of great service to him in the preparation of his work, and will doubtless have its influence in securing and maintaining the interest of his readers. The writer has written with the especial desire to impress youthful minds, and if the youth were accustomed to devote more time, and take more interest in books of this kind, there would doubtless soon be a material change and a

perceptible improvement in their mental characteristics and moral qualifications.—Visalia Weekly Delta.

MALTBY'S LIFE OF LINCOLN.

“The men prominent in politics, art, science, mechanics, and religion are the real factors in producing the results which form the characteristics of an age, especially is this so in the life and character of Abraham Lincoln, whom Mr. Maltby has so plainly and faithfully portrayed.

The author enjoyed the privilege of a very intimate acquaintance with the subject of his narrative when the confidence of youth revealed more of the inner life than was accessible at a later age. Youth tells its dreams, fancies and purposes with a childlike simplicity that manhood is not likely to evince when age has taught the individual the necessity of reserve. The author therefore writes as one who was let into the secrets of a life that deservedly became famous. Several chapters of the book contain matter not found in any other life of Lincoln.

They are chapters under the following headings, “Birth and Childhood,” “Boyhood,” “Early Manhood,” “California’s Loyalty to the Union,” “The Real Causes of the Rebellion,” “Differences Relative to Slavery,” “The President’s Daily Experience and Inner Life,” “Champion of the Industrial Classes,” “Glimpses of Christian Character,” and the “President’s Simplicity, Charity and Equanimity.”

The author makes no pretension to literary excellence, tells a plain interesting story, such as an intelligent host might relate to a few chosen friends gathered at his fireside. You feel while perusing these pages, like a privileged person who is permitted to pass from the vestibule of the outer life into the innermost recesses of the soul of a noble man, and allowed to rummage among the souvenirs and heir looms of a mind invested with the royalty of devotion to principles that make themselves felt by virtue of their excellence. The book is printed in fine type, thus compressing a work that should have more impressive bulk in a volume whose dimensions give no proper conceptions of the extent of its store or the value of its material. It will prove an excellent medium of entertainment and instruction to our youth, and deserves an extensive sale.”

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