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## FOREWORD.

The personal element in history always appeals to children. How Abraham Lincoln looked and what he did are of more interest to them than the origin, development, and destruction of slavery. Only as the institution of slavery has a direct bearing upon the personal life of the great emancipator or of some other character, does it awaken their interest and hold their attention.

The adult mind studies policies, and the growth and development of ideas, and in their realization observes the personal achievements of the men and women whose lives have been affected by the working out of the world's great problems. For a time the abstract idea may be paramount in the adult mind, but the human element by which it has been moulded, or which it has moulded, must of necessity excite the interest and rivet the attention.

The republic is established, but the personality of George Washington is inseparably connected with the achievement. The constitution is interpreted, but the life work of its master interpreter, Chief Justice Marshall, is indissolubly merged in its broad application. The union is upheld, but the most powerful eloquence in its behalf is centered in the great patriot, Daniel Webster. The republic is saved, the constitution vindicated, the union made indissoluble, but the achievement is forever linked with the personality of Abraham Lincoln.

In the hope that this collection of addresses may associate in the minds of our youth the great achievement with the mighty man, this book is sent forth. As the contents breathe the love of the man, they instill an admiration for what he accomplished, and establish patriotism on the only foundation on which it can thrive—knowledge of our government and its history, with an appreciation for what they stand.

C. G. SCHULZ,

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

St. Paul, Minnesota, June 17, 1910.



## ADDRESS.

BY ALEXANDER RAMSEY, EX-GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA.

(Read February 14, 1893.)

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Upon persistent request, I have jotted down some reminiscences of the administration of him who will undoubtedly, by future generations, be considered the savior, as Washington is designated the founder, of the Republic.

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Toward the close of my last term as a member of the United States House of Representatives from one of the districts of Pennsylvania, I boarded at the house of a widow who lived on what was then known as the Duff Green Row, on East First street, south of B street, facing the east front of the Capitol, now pulled down to make way for the magnificent library building ordered by Congress. Duff Green, after whom the row was named, had been a fiery editor and ardent admirer of President Jackson, and the fierceness of his sentences had involved him in more than one duel. One day at my boarding house a stranger appeared, and I was told that he was Abraham Lincoln, the only Whig member of Illinois, who had been elected to the next, which was the Thirteenth, Congress.

He seemed to be on a visit of observation before taking his seat, but he made no distinct impression upon me, and I think during his term as a member of Congress no occasion arose to call forth any display of that force of character of which he afterwards proved himself so amply possessed.

His ability was brought out in his debates with Stephen A. Douglas. By his clear logic, quick repartee, and good humor, his fellow citizens were convinced that he was more of a man than they had hitherto supposed him to be.

During the second week of April, 1861, I was in Washington on some business as the governor of Minnesota; and Abraham Lincoln, who had been steadily rising in the estimation of the country since first I saw him, some fourteen years before, had the month before been inaugurated as President of the United States of America.