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DEDICATION ASSEMBLY

The Lincoln Museum and Library was dedicated on February 11, the eve of Lincoln's birthday with appropriate exercises. Many of the best known Lincoln students in the middle west were guests at the services and the broadcasting of the four o'clock program gave many other Lincoln admirers an opportunity to share in the proceedings.

The complete text of the address of Arthur F. Hall, President of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, who spoke on The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation, is herewith presented:

For many years my associates and I have felt that it would be advisable to build an outstanding collection of Lincolniana. To make such a collection, however, proved to be a business in itself. No one of us knew how to go about it, and even if we had, no one of us had the time.

Our opportunity came, however, about three years ago when I became acquainted with Dr. Louis A. Warren at the time he was campaigning in behalf of the Indiana Lincoln Union which was endeavoring to raise money with which to create the great Lincoln Memorial at Lincoln City.

Many Lincoln students consider Dr. Warren the greatest living authority on Lincoln and we were fortunate indeed to have secured his services.

Although The Lincoln National Life is a business organization, yet it does not conduct a commercial business in the ordinary understanding of the term "commercial." A life insurance company is not conducted primarily for profit but rather for the betterment of the financial ills of mankind.

A study of the life of Lincoln has done much in raising the standards of thought and crystallizing the ideals of the people of the world; and so it seemed appropriate to us to assemble this great collection of material having to do with the life of Lincoln that it might be held intact and safe for study and inspiration for all time. Collections held in private hands are usually scattered after the death of the original collector. Several such have been combined in our very large collection.

More has been written about Lincoln than of any person of whose existence we have universally accepted proof. His life has inspired men of every country and of every religious belief.

No motive of commercialism or profit entered into our plans in assembling this wealth of Lincolniana—we seek merely to provide the means and the channel through which there may continue to flow an ever-increasing volume of information concerning Lincoln, especially to the youth of our land, that they may be influenced to think and to live as Lincoln did—with malice toward none and charity for all.

To bring together several collections and many isolated items of Lincolniana into one central museum was in itself a great accomplishment. However, this seemed to be a job only half finished. True enough, the collection would furnish the means for Lincoln students to pursue their studies, provided they had the time and money to come to Fort Wayne for the purpose. But why limit our usefulness to those comparatively few?

What we seek to do is to broadcast the story of Lincoln's life and ideals to thousands who otherwise may never hear of him.

To accomplish this purpose and to make our efforts useful, we have divided the functions of The Foundation into seven parts:

First—The Research Bureau, which interprets the life of Lincoln as revealed in authorized public records and original manuscripts.

Second—The Publication Bureau, which prepares historical data for release in books, pamphlets and magazines.

Third—The Information Bureau, which compiles and indexes all available information bearing on the subject of Lincolniana.

Fourth—The Exhibit Bureau, which collects portraits of Lincoln, souvenirs, and curios for public display.

Fifth—The Speakers Bureau, which provides speakers for meetings of civic clubs, schools and church organizations.

Sixth—The Educational Bureau, which promotes contests, arranges programs and stimulates an interest in the study of Lincoln's life.

Seventh—The Memorial Bureau, which encourages and promotes the markings of sites of historical significance associated with Lincoln.

The Foundation has as its purpose the offering of its services to teachers, students, and schools of the country; it has a real message and contribution to those who love and honor Lincoln; it seeks to do both research and extension work. It has as its aim, to make Americans increasingly conscious of the great story of Lincoln and his sterling qualities.

Note: Full proceedings of the exercises including the address delivered are to be found in the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel for February 12.

THE DEDICATION PROGRAM

THE DEDICATORY SERVICE
Four O'clock

MR. SAMUEL FOSTER, Presiding

The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation——President Arthur F. Hall
The Library and Museum——Dr. Louis A. Warren
Presentation of McCulloch Manuscripts——Mr. J. Ross McCulloch
Dedicatory Tributes
Memorializing Nancy Hanks——Mr. Richard Lieber
Inspiring American Youth——Dr. D. B. Waldo
Contributing to Historical Knowledge——Dr. Otto L. Schmidt
Dedicatory Address——Dr. Christopher B. Coleman
Dedicatory Prayer and Benediction——Rev. Louis N. Rocca

THE LINCOLN DINNER
Six Thirty O'clock

MR. ARTHUR F. HALL, Presiding

The Brady Portrait and the Pickett Plaque——Mr. Hall
Dialogue—*Lincoln's Beard*—— Miss Eleanor Warren, Mr. V. J. Harrold
Sequel to the Dialogue——Mr. Hall
Statues of Abraham Lincoln (Illustrated)——Dr. Louis A. Warren
The Manship Bronze——Mr. Franklin B. Mead

THE LINCOLN ASSEMBLY
Eight O'clock

LOUIS A. WARREN, Presiding

Song—"America"
Story of a Song—Its Writer, and Its Use——Mr. Frank B. Taylor
Instrumental Music
Address—*The Lincoln Fellowship*——Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones
Song—"Battle Hymn of the Republic"