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LINCOLN'S OFFICIAL FAMILY—BIBLIOGRAPHY

Sometimes the appearance of a new book will call to the attention of the public a considerable number of titles with which it may be classified. Gideon Welles, Lincoln's Navy Department, is such a book.

Just outside the pale which separates Lincolniana from a general library is an indefinite number of books called collateral items. A bibliography of this large number of Lincoln reference items has never been attempted, except in Civil War compilations, where many of them properly belong, yet, most of the Civil War items do not fall within the scope of a collateral Lincoln Li-brary, as viewed by the Lincoln collector.

This monograph is the first of a se-ries of Lincoln Lores which will present some of the various classifications of collateral Lincolniana. These bibliography lists will not stress completeness, so much as they will attempt to name the more valuable contributions for reference purposes.

It would appear as if the books and pamphlets by and about Lincoln's offi-cial family, including the cabinet members and vice-presidents of both administrations, should receive first consideration. Possibly there should be mentioned four titles which feature the cabinet members and which are noted in Lincolniana. Dana, C. O.—Lincoln and His Cabinet; Green, J. P.—Lincoln and His Cabinet; Macartney, C. Z.— Lincoln and His Cabinet; Usher, J. P. —President Lincoln's Cabinet. Room will not permit the inclusion of many valuable Lincolniana items which refer to individual members of the cabinet or periodicals and manuscripts referring to the cabinet as a whole. Department reports are also exclusive from this compilation.

Biographical sketches of Lincoln's administrative associates should occupy the shelves nearest to those which feature the President himself. The roll of these important characters might be called as follows: Bates, Blair, Cam-eron, Chase, Dennison, Fessenden, Hamlin, Johnson, McCulloch, Seward, Smith, Speed, Stanton, Usher, and Welles.

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