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## ADVISORY GROUP SELECTIONS

Five years ago the Lincoln Advisory Group, of the Lincoln National Life Foundation, inaugurated a program by which certain outstanding literary productions on Abraham Lincoln might be recognized. The list of projects included:

1. The Lincoln Book of the year.
2. The Best Magazine Article for the first quarter of the year.
3. The Most Timely Editorial for the week of Lincoln's birthday.

This year one new feature is to be added to the list because of the increasing public interest in cartoons and caricatures. An attempt will be made to choose the most significant Lincoln cartoon appearing in any newspaper dated February 12. The drawing must either portray Lincoln or make some direct reference to him.

The director of the Foundation will not only be grateful for having his attention called to magazine articles and editorials featuring Lincoln, but will especially appreciate this coming February any cartoons of Lincoln interest which appear in the press on Lincoln's birthday.

It was anticipated that the list containing new Lincoln books for 1944 would be considerably reduced over the output of the past years, and this same statement may be applied to reprints of former editions. There has been little or no reprinting of former popular editions and this is especially true in the \$1.00 issues which have had such a wide sale.

The number of pamphlets about Lincoln exceed the number published last year, bringing the total of all publications eligible for cataloguing in Lincolniana to about the same number as in 1943. The pamphlet increase is largely due to reprints of magazine articles. The chief criticism with reference to this type of literature is the limited number of reprints which are available for collectors.

There is a general feeling among collectors of Lincolniana that sheets printed upon both sides should be accepted in the regular Lincoln Library classification. They are not now so received and find no place in the broadside collections, therefore, are given little or no attention. Many of the important government publications, so printed, fall within this group.

Possibly the most important task of the Foundation Advisory Group is to select each year the outstanding "Lincoln Book of the Year." There are nineteen members in the Advisory Group, which contains many of the leading Lincoln students in America. The voting is done by secret ballot, and the results of the balloting is usually announced in the copy of *Lincoln Lore* published during the week of Lincoln's birthday.

Preliminary to the balloting by the Advisory Group the list of cloth bound books eligible for consideration is published in this bulletin, and they are arranged under a subject caption to avoid any indication of preference.

**ASSASSINATION**—Kelly, Edward James—*The Picture Story of America's Greatest Tragedy*, 31 pp.

This brochure is profusely illustrated with pictures of

the principles in the crime and many photographs of buildings associated with the tragedy, and the escape and capture of Booth.

**BIOGRAPHY**—Duncan, Kunigunde and D. F. Nickols—*Mentor Graham, The Man Who Taught Lincoln*, 274 pp.  
A story of the early Graham Family but more especially the contributions which Mentor Graham made to Abraham Lincoln.

**BIOGRAPHY**—McMurtry, R. Gerald—*Ben Hardin Helm, "Rebel" Brother-in-Law of Abraham Lincoln*, 72 pp.

Contains biographical sketches of Mr. Helm and his wife, the former Emily Todd, as well as a history of the family of Mary Todd, wife of Abraham Lincoln.

**CORRESPONDENCE**—Pratt, Harry E.—*Concerning Mr. Lincoln*, 145 pp.

A compilation of human interest letters referring to Mr. Lincoln and written by contemporaries while the President still lived.

**ESSAY**—Bollinger, James W.—*Lincoln, Statesman and Logician*, 68 pp.

An essay developing the genius of Lincoln's logical mind and how it found expression in his statesmanship. Edition limited to 500 copies.

**GETTYSBURG**—Bullard, F. Lauriston—*"A Few Appropriate Remarks,"* 77 pp.

A brochure discussing the Gettysburg Address, emphasizing the preliminaries, the events of dedication day, the delivery of the speech and its acceptance. Limited to 250 numbered and signed copies.

**HISTORY**—Foster, Genevieve—*Abraham Lincoln's World*, 347 pp.

One of a series of books placing famous historical characters in a contemporary world environment.

**JUVENILE**—Longstreth, T. Morris—*Tad Lincoln, the President's Son*, 263 pp.

A series of traditional episodes which occurred in the White House, featuring Thomas (Tad) Lincoln, youngest son of the President.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**—Meserve, Frederick Hill—*The Photographs of Abraham Lincoln*, 30 pp.

Reproductions of 120 original photographs of Abraham Lincoln and 100 pictures of people associated with the Emancipator.

**POLITICAL**—Luthin, Reinhard H.—*The First Lincoln Campaign*, 328 pp.

A detailed study of the forces at work which brought about the election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency in 1860.

**WORKS**—Allen, Edward Frank—*Lincoln Stories and Speeches*, 241 pp.

Another compilation of biographical sketches, letters and great speeches of the human interest type.

**WORKS**—Foner, Philip S.—*Abraham Lincoln, Selections from His Writings*, 96 pp.

This compilation of Lincoln's writings and speeches places special stress upon quotations of the President timely for today.