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WISE MEN LAUD LINCOLN

At Christmas time we are more or less apt to be complimentary, in fact, our gifts are sent with our compliments of the season. It would seem appropriate just now to present some tributes complimentary to Lincoln, written by men who have been endowed with more than the average allotment of wisdom.

Humble students of the cabin-born statesman are hesitant to laud the subject of their admiration for fear some of the self appointed critics of human achievement, may classify and publicize them as sentimental eulogists, dwelling outside the realm of sound judgment. However, it is not likely that the illustrious list of celebrities who will speak for us in this bulletin will be subdued so quickly or their testimonials wholly ignored.

SAVIOR OF THE REPUBLIC

The memory of Lincoln will live and endure among you, gathering reverence from age to age, the memory of one who saved the republic by his wisdom.—*James Bryce*

DIVINE HUMAN

A more divine human never has lived.—*S. Parks Cadman*

UNDERRATED

He was misunderstood and underrated in his lifetime, and even yet has hardly come to his own. For his place is among the great men of the world.—*Lord Charnwood*

INSPIRATION OF LIBERTY

The man whom the world honored and loved and who has inspired all the world to love liberty.—*Georges Clemenceau*

BASIC ELEMENTS

He surpassed all others in those attributes which men feel are common to them all. In him they find the pure and unmixed elements.—*Calvin Coolidge*

REINCARNATION

Lincoln does not die. He moves on. He reincarnates. He is the advancing common sense of us all.—*Frank Crane*

ETERNAL NAME

The name of Lincoln will be one of the greatest that history has to inscribe on its annals.—*D'Aubigie*

ABSENCE OF CEREMONIES

In the very accessories of his almost latest moments there is something so homely and so innocent that it takes the subject, as it were, out of the pomp of history and out of the ceremonials of diplomacy.—*Benjamin Disraeli*

GREATEST OF RECENT CENTURIES

Not only the greatest American, but greater than any men France, England, or any other country has produced in the last few centuries.—*John Drinkwater*

CONTINENT'S REPRESENTATIVE

The true representative of this continent, an entirely public man, father of his country, the pulse of twenty millions throbbing in his heart.—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

TRIUMPHANT BUT GENTLE

He was one of the few great rulers whose wisdom increased with his power and whose spirit grew gentler and tenderer as his triumphs were multiplied.—*James A. Garfield*

TRANSFORMING POWER

I may feel free to speak of him as I might speak of Plato or St. Paul or any other of that little group of men but for whose lives and thoughts we should all be different from what we are.—*Lord Halifax*

TITLES TO REGARD

His life and achievements give him titles to regard second to those of no other man in ancient or modern times.—*Rutherford B. Hayes*

BELOVED OF GOD

Abraham Lincoln was the glory of his time, dear unto men and beloved of God.—*Newell Dwight Hilles*

SERVANT

The great-souled servant of the people.—*Charles Evans Hughes*

GENTLEST MEMORY

He is the gentlest memory of our world.—*Robert G. Ingersoll*

GREATEST AMERICAN

He is the greatest man grown on the American continent.—*Lloyd George*

REPRESENTATIVE MAN

He is so eminently our representative man that when he speaks it seems as if the people were listening to their own thinking aloud.—*James Russell Lowell*

AN ENDURING THEME

A thousand years hence, no story, no tragedy, no epic poem will be filled with greater words than that which tells of his life and death.—*William McKinley*

GOD-SUSTAINED

God-given and God-led and sustained we must ever believe him.—*Wendell Phillips*

RACIAL EXPRESSION

He expressed the deepest and holiest feelings of his race for all time.—*Elihu Root*

JUDICIAL TEMPERMENT

Lincoln had the most judicial temperament of any man in history.—*William Howard Taft*

SAINT OF HUMANITY

He was a Christ in miniature, a saint of humanity.—*Leo Tolstoi*

GOD'S ELECT

Surely he was one of God's elect. Recurring to the doctrine of inspiration, I say again and again, he was inspired by God.—*Henry Watterson*

GREATEST ANGLO-SAXON

Perhaps of all the men born to the Anglo-Saxon race in the nineteenth century, Mr. Lincoln deserves the highest place in history.—*Sir Spencer Walpole*

PERMANENCY

I think we are safe in including Abraham Lincoln in our list of (6) permanently great figures.—*H. G. Welles*

GRANDEST FIGURE

The grandest figure yet on all the crowded canvas of the nineteenth century.—*Walt Whitman*

INSTRUMENT OF HUMANITY

He was like some great instrument of humanity, wherever life touched him he spoke back its meaning, gave forth fire to kindle its life.—*Woodrow Wilson*

A MAN FOR THE AGES

He belongs not to our age but to the ages, and yet, though he belongs to all time and to all peoples he is ours, for he is an American.—*Stephen S. Wise*