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THIRTEEN 1945 LINCOLN BOOKS

The most surprising observation about the current literature on Abraham Lincoln for the year 1945 is the large number of books which came from the press. While newspaper, magazine and pamphlet contributions seemed to be about normal, the more important and more exhaustive discussions, in total number of pages printed, exceeded any 12 months since the appearance of the Sandburg's War Years. It is likely that the same claim might be made for the Lincoln book circulation totals as well.

It is also of interest to note that there was a wide diversity of subjects treated in 1945 which is always encouraging in a field of study where so much has been written. These titles might be classified under the following content captions: Addresses, Bibliography, Biography, Cartoon, Diary, English Juvenile, Foreign Relations, Folk Lore, Juvenile Historical Fiction, Lecture, Poetry, Politics, and Reminiscences. There are also varied types of formats used: two works are of two volumes each; four limited publications; one profusely illustrated; an English book; and the others similar to the general run of publications. The fact that two of the authors each brought out two different titles the same year is also unusual.

ADDRESSES

Ripstra, J. Henri—*LINCOLN GROUP PAPERS*

A compilation of "Twelve Addresses Delivered Before the Lincoln Group of Chicago on Varied Aspects of Abraham Lincoln's Life and Interests." The book contains 23 pages and is limited to 500 copies. It was published under the supervision of J. H. Ripstra, the founder and secretary of the club.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Monaghan, Jay—*LINCOLN BIBLIOGRAPHY*

A two volume work with 3958 Lincoln titles exclusive of the hundreds of variants. The compilation of books on the Lincoln theme are arranged chronologically with a few exceptions where subject matter is given the preference. Books in foreign tongue are assembled at the conclusion of volume two, and they are arranged by chronological order under language captions as a secondary division.

BIOGRAPHY

Randall, James G.—*LINCOLN THE PRESIDENT*

The first two of four contemplated volumes presenting a historical biography of Lincoln with emphasis placed on the highlights in his career. The present installment takes Lincoln from "Springfield to Gettysburg" with an appendix on the subject "Sifting the Ann Rutledge Evidence." There is also an exhaustive bibliography included.

CARTOONS

Wilson, Rufus Rockwell—*LINCOLN IN CARICATURE*

A new and greatly expanded edition of Lincoln caricatures first published in 1903 by the author. Contains "165 poster cartoons and drawings for the press, Assembled and described by Rufus Rockwell Wilson." Limited edition of 600 signed and numbered copies.

DIARY

Bullard, Lauriston T.—*THE DIARY OF A PUBLIC MAN*

This publication is credited to Dr. Bullard because he is the author of the prefatory notes. The actual author of the diary itself is not known. Dr. Bullard has presented a commentary on the diary and a parallel re-

coding of events contemporaneous with the diary contents. The edition is limited.

ENGLISH JUVENILE

Friskey, Margaret—*TAD LINCOLN AND THE GREEN UMBRELLA*

A juvenile book presenting the companionship of Tad Lincoln and his father with some historical anecdotes, much folklore and a few purely fictional episodes. Published in England, it contains 94 pages.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Monaghan, Jay—*DIPLOMAT IN CARPET SLIPPERS*

A book confined to the activities of Mr. Lincoln especially as they relate to the foreign affairs of America during the Civil War, with special emphasis given to the President's relationship with the Secretary of State and the foreign diplomats. A publication of 505 pages.

FOLK LORE

Renne, Louis Obed—*LINCOLN AND THE LAND OF THE SANGAMON*

A compilation of stories relating to Lincoln, his associates and the communities where he lived as related mostly by the forebears and relatives of the author with some of Mr. Renne's own observations.

JUVENILE HISTORICAL FICTION

Neyhart, Louise A.—*HENRY'S LINCOLN*

A book for juveniles developed around the story of the Lincoln-Douglas debates at Freeport. Profusely illustrated by Charles Banks Wilson with highly decorated cover. The book contains 51 pages.

LECTURE

Herndon, William H.—*LINCOLN, ANN RUTLEDGE AND THE PIONEERS OF NEW SALEM*

A reprinting of the lecture first delivered and printed by Wm. Herndon in 1866 at Springfield, Ill., under the title, "Abraham Lincoln. Miss Rutledge. New Salem. Pioneering and the Poem." A lengthy introduction by Harry Rosecrans Burke takes up nearly one-third of the 76 pages. There are two editions one limited to 898 copies, and the other on hand-made umbria paper with extra illustrations, limited to 122 numbered and signed copies.

POETRY

Hart, Hugh D.—*LINCOLN, THE MAN FOR THE AGES*

Although this book is written in prose form it is more accurately classified as an epic poem with the theme evolving about Lincoln in the Civil War and his inspirational contributions to the present world conflict. The book contains 159 pages.

POLITICS

Baringer, William E.—*A HOUSE DIVIDING*

This is a discussion of "Lincoln as President-elect" and embraces the period of four months between his election and his inauguration. It is "the story of the making of a statesman." One of the Abraham Lincoln Association publications, and containing 356 pages.

REMINISCENCES

Wilson, Rufus Rockwell—*INTIMATE MEMORIES*

Reminiscences about Abraham Lincoln gathered over a period of years have been arranged by Mr. Wilson in chronological order beginning with his earliest political successes and concluding with his martyrdom. This limited edition of 750 copies contains 629 pages.