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LINCOLNIANA IN BRAILLE

The loss of eyesight has been one of the afflictions which has fallen heavily on the armed forces during the recent hostilities. This tragic condition of so many veterans has quickened an interest in the various systems by which the blind are to be informed and entertained. While the radio and other instruments of sound will be the foremost mediums to be utilized, those who choose to follow some specific line of study may find the voluminous library of books in Braille of greatest utility.

At Paris, a Frenchman by the name of Louis Braille in 1834, perfected a system which provided an alphabet based on combinations of dots arranged in two horizontal and three vertical lines. This system is still used by the British Empire and European countries. In America there have been two modifications of the English system, both of which are now in use. The more frequently used letters in the Braille alphabet have the simplest forms such as "e" a single dot on the upper horizontal line, and "t" a single dot on the lower horizontal line.

Of course one would expect to find the address at Gettysburg available in Braille and the entire speech is embossed on two sheets 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x9. One is surprised however to learn that children's stories, plays, fiction and biographies relating to Lincoln have been published in Braille. Inasmuch as the Monaghan Bibliography does not list the items in Braille this copy of Lincoln Lore will call attention to the various Lincoln titles in the Foundation collection.

- (1) *Andrews, Mary Shipman*
Perfect Tribute (Cover)/copyright 1906/by/
Charles Scribner's Sons/2
Book, stiff boards, 4x12 $\frac{1}{2}$
- (1a) *Andrews, Mary Shipman*
Perfect Tribute
Variant-Same contents as above but no title on
cover and no embossed writing on cover such as
above.
- (2) *Aulaire, Ingri*
Abraham Lincoln/Aulaire/(Doubleday 1939)/
Book, Paper cover
35 sheets printed on both sides
- (3) *Drinkwater, John*
Abraham Lincoln/A play/by John Drinkwater/in
one volume/printed in Braille by kind permission
of the publishers/Sedgwick and Jackson; Ltd., 3,
Adam St., Adelphi, London/1924 Edition/Catalogue
no. 6067/
Price 8S, 8d. Subject to a generous discount to the
Blind/of the British Empire/National Institute for
the Blind/Great Portland Street, London, W. I.
(Cover Title)
Book Stiff boards, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ x10 $\frac{1}{4}$ 51 sheets on both sides
- (4) *Drinkwater, John*
Abraham/Lincoln/a Play/Drinkwater/Braille/
Grade 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /American Printing/House/for the Blind/
Louisville, Ky. (Back strip title)
Cloth 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ x12, 101 p. 1920
- (5) *Hamilton, Mary A.*
The/Story of Abraham Lincoln/by Mary A. Hamil-
ton/The children, Heroes Series/Edited by John
Lang, with diagrams/in two parts/By kind per-
mission of the Publishers/Part 1/Catalog no. 4911
Price 8s, 6d/Embossed and published by the/National
Institute for the Blind/Great Portland Street,
London, W. I./
Book, Stiff boards, 11x10 $\frac{1}{4}$, 50 sheets embossed on both sides
(1921)
- (5a) *Hamilton, Mary A.*
Same as above except two lines "Part II/Catalogue
4912
Price 8S, 6d"
Stiff boards 11x10 $\frac{1}{4}$ 46 sheets embossed on both sides (1921)
- (6) *Lincoln*
Lincoln's Gettysburg Oration
No cover 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x9 n.d. 2 sheets embossed on one side
- (7) *Pillsbury, Albert E.*
Lincoln and Slavery/by/Albert E. Pillsbury/Gift
of the author/copyright, 1913/by/Albert E. Pills-
bury/All Rights Reserved/Publishers/Houghton
Mifflin Company/Boston and New York/Embossed
and printed by permission of the/Owner of the
copyright and the publishers/at the/American
Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Kentucky/
1923
Cloth 14x12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 61 sheets printed on one side
- (8) *Sandburg, Carl*
Abraham/Lincoln/the/Prairie Years/Sandburg/
Part II/Vol. 1/Braille/Grade 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /American Print-
ing/House/for the Blind/Louisville, Ky/(Back strip
title)
Cloth 11x11 n.d. 112 Sheets embossed on both sides
Three other volumes same title as above except lines "Vol. II,"
"Vol. III," "Vol. IV."
- (9) *Schurz, Carl*
Abraham/Lincoln/Centennial/Schurz/Braille/Grade
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /American Printing House/for the Blind/Louis-
ville, Kentucky/(Back strip title)
Cloth 14x12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1921 73 Sheets printed on one side
- (10) *Schurz, Carl*
Abraham Lincoln (Cover) copyright 1891/by/Carl
Schurz/and/Houghton, Mifflin & Co./2
Stiff paper 14x12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 68 Sheets embossed on one side
- (11) *Stevenson, Augusta*
Abe Lincoln/Part 1/Augusta Stevenson/(Cover
title) Used by Special Permission/of the Publish-
ers/The Bobbs-Merrill Company/Indianapolis/copy-
right 1932/(Title Page)
Stiff boards 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x10 $\frac{1}{4}$ 38 Sheets embossed on both sides
- (12) *Stevenson, Augusta*
Abe Lincoln/Part II/Augusta Stevenson/(Cover
title and copyright notes same as above)
Format same as above
Stiff boards 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x7 57 Sheets embossed on one side
- (13) *Tarbell, Ida M.*
He Knew Lincoln/by/Ida M. Tarbell/Put into/
Revised Braille Grade One and a Half/for the
special use of the American War Blind/by the Au-
thor/in cooperation with the/American Library As-
sociation/Embossed and Printed by Permission of
the/Publishers and Owners of the Copyright/The
Macmillan Company, Publishers, New York./Copy-
right, 1907/by/McClure Phillips & Co/at the Ameri-
can Printing House for the Blind/Louisville, Ken-
tucky, 1920
- (14) *Tarbell, Ida M.*
"Lincoln's First Love"/"The Brailleing of the plates
for this book was financed by the children's/Dra-
matic League of New York City,/at the suggestion
of Mrs. Amy/Mathesen, 2254 Grand Concourse,
New York City, who is without sight."
Stiff boards 13x11 $\frac{3}{4}$ 1930 26 Sheets embossed on one side
- (15) *Wright-Davis, Mary*
Selections from "The Book of Lincoln/compiled by/
Mary Wright-Davis/in two volumes/Vol. I/Trans-
cribed for Duplication/by/Jesse Helen Watson/
Madison Chapter/American Red Cross/Madison, N.
J./1927
Stiff boards 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ x9 $\frac{3}{4}$ 83 Sheets embossed on one side
- (15a) *Wright-Davis, Mary*
Same as above except "Vol. II"
Stiff boards 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ x9 $\frac{3}{4}$ 88 Sheets embossed on one side