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FOURTEEN 1947 LINCOLN BOOKS

Almost a dozen years ago James G. Randall contributed to the *American Historical Review* a discussion under the title, "Has the Lincoln Theme been Exhausted?" A week ago last Sunday in the magazine section of the *New York Times* he answered his question of January 1936, with an emphatic No! After having spent several weeks in the recently opened Lincoln papers at Washington he suggests that "a new phase of Lincoln studies has begun." It was encouraging indeed, after having heard many disparaging statements made about the value of the new Lincoln collection in the Library of Congress, to learn from one who is qualified to judge, that the Robert Lincoln gift is "a rich collection with fresh material that is highly valuable from the historian's point of view." It appears as if we are on the verge of a renewed interest in Lincoln which will find expression in many important historical contributions.

The past year has been a normal one in the Lincoln field with about the usual number of cloth bound books appearing, two more than were listed for 1946. A brief cataloguing of these publications follow with sufficient information about author, title, publisher, and price to allow the reader to acquire them if he so desires.

ANTHOLOGY

Angle, Paul M.—*The Lincoln Reader*. Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, Conn. Price \$3.75.

An Anthology arranged in such chronological sequence that it may be classified as a biography to which contributions have been made by many different authors.

Wagenknecht, Edward—*Abraham Lincoln His Life, Work, and Character*. An Anthology of History and Biography Fiction, Poetry, Drama, and Belles-Lettres. Creative Age Press, New York. Price \$4.00.

An anthology which brings together under one cover exhibits of many different literary compositions as well as different historical viewpoints in dealing with Lincoln data.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Angle, Paul M.—*Abraham Lincoln*. His Autobiographical Writings Now Brought Together for the First Time and Prefaced With an Introduction by Paul M. Angle. Kingsport Press, Kingsport, Tennessee. (Privately printed none for sale).

A compilation of autobiographical data published in a beautifully bound book.

Richardson, Robert Dale—*Abraham Lincoln's Autobiography With an Account of Its Origin and History and Additional Biographical Material*. The Beacon Press. Boston. Price \$1.50.

A study of the autobiography which Abraham Lincoln prepared for Jesse W. Fell.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Thomas, Benjamin P.—*Portrait for Posterity*. Lincoln and His Biographers. Rutgers University Press. New Brunswick. Price \$3.00.

A story of the evolution of the Lincoln biography enterprise with a review of correspondence which passed between different authors of Lincoln publications.

BIOGRAPHY

Talbot, Hugh—*Meet the President. A Story of Abraham Lincoln*. S. C. M. Press Ltd., London, W C 1. Price 4s. 6d.

One of several short English biographies of famous men published in the Torch Series.

EPISODE

Miller, Ernest C.—*John Wilkes Booth, Oilman*. The Exposition Press. New York. Price \$2.50.

A brief story of John Wilkes Booth's interest and investments in the Pennsylvania oil wells.

ESSAYS

Randall, J. G.—*Lincoln the Liberal Statesman*. Dodd, Mead and Company. New York. Price \$4.50.

A compilation of published and unpublished essays by Professor Randall discussing mostly administrative functions of President Lincoln.

FICTION

Williams, Ben Ames—*House Divided*. Houghton Mifflin Company. Price \$5.00. Deluxe edition \$10.00.

The author takes Herndon's traditional statement about Lincoln's maternal grandmother as factual and uses the legendary family group associated with her to furnish the action for his historical novel.

ILLUSTRATIONS

Daugherty, James—*Lincoln's Gettysburg Address*. Albert Whitman Co. Publishers, Chicago. Price \$5.00.

A book featuring illustrations visualizing the episodes mentioned in the Gettysburg Address. The author is also the artist.

JUVENILE

Coblentz, Catherine Cate—*Martin and Abraham Lincoln*. Based on a True Incident. Children's Press, Chicago. Price \$1.00.

One of the many Lincoln stories prepared especially for juveniles.

MONOGRAPH

Spears, Zarel C. and Barton, Robert S.—*Berry and Lincoln Frontier Merchants*. The Store that "Winked Out." Stratford House, Inc., 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York. Price \$3.75.

The story of the New Salem life of Abraham Lincoln as it relates to his experience as a storekeeper.

REMINISCENCES

McGlynn, Frank—*Sidelights on Lincoln*. Wetzel Publishing Co. Inc., Los Angeles. Price \$4.00.

Reminiscences of a lifetime's experience in impersonating Lincoln, beginning with his famous portrayal in Drinkwater's drama "Abraham Lincoln."

WRITINGS AND SPEECHES

Wilson, Rufus Rockwell—*Uncollected Works of Abraham Lincoln*. His Letters, Addresses and Other Papers Assembled and Annotated by Rufus Rockwell Wilson Assisted by Other Lincoln Scholars as a Supplement to and Revision of the *Complete Works of Lincoln* by Nicolay and Hay. Vol. I. The Primerva Press, Elmira, New York. Price \$5.00.

The first of a series of volumes to be published on Lincoln's speeches and writings not found in the Nicolay and Hay compilation.