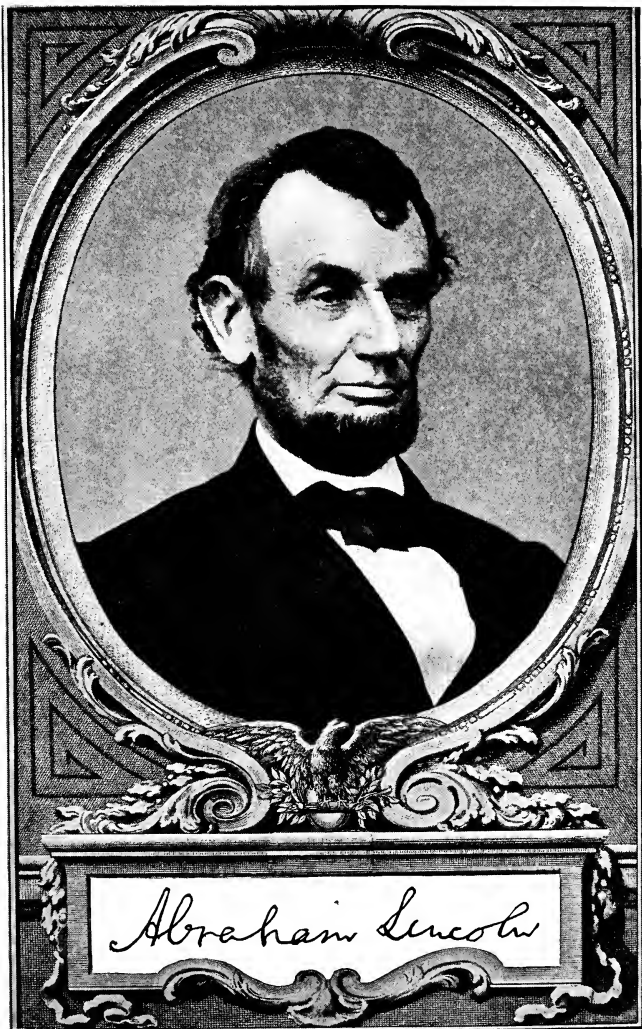


THE
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of
ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S
GETTYSBURG
ADDRESS

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

FOURSCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO
OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH ON
THIS CONTINENT, A NEW NATION, CON-
CEIVED IN LIBERTY, AND DEDICATED TO
THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MEN ARE
CREATED EQUAL. NOW WE ARE EN-
GAGED IN A GREAT CIVIL WAR, TESTING
WHETHER THAT NATION, OR ANY NA-
TION SO CONCEIVED AND SO DEDICATED,
CAN LONG ENDURE. WE ARE MET ON A
GREAT BATTLEFIELD OF THAT WAR. WE
HAVE COME TO DEDICATE A PORTION
OF THAT FIELD AS A FINAL RESTING-
PLACE FOR THOSE WHO HERE GAVE THEIR
LIVES THAT THAT NATION MIGHT LIVE.
IT IS ALTOGETHER FITTING AND PROPER
THAT WE SHOULD DO THIS. BUT, IN A
LARGER SENSE, WE CANNOT DEDICATE—
WE CANNOT CONSECRATE—WE CANNOT
HALLOW THIS GROUND. THE BRAVE MEN,
LIVING AND DEAD, WHO STRUGGLED
HERE, HAVE CONSECRATED IT, FAR ABOVE



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OUR POOR POWER TO ADD OR DETRACT. THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE, NOR LONG REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY HERE, BUT IT CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY DID HERE. IT IS FOR US THE LIVING, RATHER, TO BE DEDICATED HERE TO THE UNFINISHED WORK WHICH THEY WHO FOUGHT HERE HAVE THUS FAR SO NOBLY ADVANCED. IT IS RATHER FOR US TO BE HERE DEDICATED TO THE GREAT TASK REMAINING BEFORE US—THAT FROM THESE HONORED DEAD WE TAKE INCREASED DEVOTION TO THAT CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION—THAT WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN—THAT THIS NATION, UNDER GOD, SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM—AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.

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FOURSCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH ON THIS CONTINENT, A NEW NATION, CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY, AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL. NOW WE ARE ENGAGED IN A GREAT CIVIL WAR, TESTING WHETHER THAT NATION, OR ANY NATION SO CONCEIVED AND SO DEDICATED, CAN LONG ENDURE. WE ARE MET ON A GREAT BATTLEFIELD OF THAT WAR. WE HAVE COME TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF THAT FIELD AS A FINAL RESTING-PLACE FOR THOSE WHO HERE GAVE THEIR LIVES THAT THAT NATION MIGHT LIVE. IT IS ALTOGETHER FITTING AND PROPER THAT WE SHOULD DO THIS. BUT, IN A LARGER SENSE, WE CANNOT DEDICATE—WE CANNOT CONSECRATE—WE CANNOT HALLOW THIS GROUND. THE BRAVE MEN, LIVING AND DEAD, WHO STRUGGLED HERE, HAVE CONSECRATED IT, FAR ABOVE

LINCOLN'S MESSAGE TO US

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us"—expresses in the words of Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg Address the duty which now lies before us. The willingness with which we shoulder our task will measure the degree of our patriotism.

The work laid upon us by the war must be completed. Helping to make the Victory Loan a success is one of the few privileges which the war has left us. We can do no less than to strive to do all within our power to share in this high honor—helping the Nation to carry the financial burden which the task of freeing the world has entailed.

In the spirit of this great address, we shall do our part in making successful the Victory Loan, and we will esteem it an honor to act as your agent in subscribing for whatever amount you may desire.

May we have the pleasure of hearing from you?



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