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Lincoln and Douglas at Clinton, Illinois



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We are very much interest-
ed in an article that appear-
ed in the Dearborn Independ-
ent of September 11th, concern-
ing the visit of Lincoln
and Douglas at Clinton,
Illinois in 1858.

We were living at Clinton
at that time and remem-
ber a number of the cir-
cumstances of their visit.
We had about completed
an academic course in
what was then called the
"McBerkle Academy," being
in our 16th year - now in
our 84th.

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Judge Douglas came in a private car which was placed on a west side track of the I.C.R.R.

He was greeted by a group of friends who with carriages, escorted him to where he was entertained and rested until the time for his address. He spoke in the Old Fair Grounds in the afternoon, to a large and enthusiastic crowd.

We do not know that Mr. Lincoln heard him. After speaking he was driven to the hotel and soon afterward to his car where he remained until a late hour in that night.

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Mr. Lincoln came on a train, as we remember, from a different direction, but as an ordinary passenger. A number of friends met him with whom he walked, preferably to riding, to the place where he was entertained. In the evening of the same day that Judge Douglas spoke, he delivered an address on the north side of the Old Court House. A few seats were placed in the Court House yard; ^{some of the people sat on the grass} but most of them ~~stood~~ stood while he was speaking. He occupied a box for a stand. The crowd was not large, but delightfully

entertained ⁴ and well instructed.
What Lewis Campbell said
of the preparations for the
meeting, or of any remarks
that he heard the speaker
made, need no confirmation.

We induced a number of
young associates to join us
in hearing Mr. Lincoln speak,
though we were in political
sympathy with Judge Douglas.
Having heard him speak so
intelligently during ses-
sions of the Circuit Court
we were assured that they
would not be disappointed.
We shall never forget it.

It revealed an^{s.} intellectualty
and moral honesty that he
always carried into his pro-
fession, political campaigns
and social life.

During his speech he made
the statement attributed to him,
as nearly as we can remem-
ber: "You can fool all the
people some of the time, and
some of the people all the
time, but you can't fool
all the all the time."

As he was closing we
left to meet some friends
beyond the station. As we
approached near Judge
Douglas' car, one of the

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company inquired: "When
will Judge Douglas leave us?"

The judge heard the inquiry,
and called us into his car
and gave us a lecture. Among
the things he said, after a
warm hand-shake with each
one, were these: "Young gentle-
men, we have a great country.
It is worthy our profoundest
patriotic devotion. Obey its
constitution and if necessary
defend it at whatever cost it
may require." He appeared to
have a premonition of the ap-
proaching Civil War.

Judge Douglas had a dignified
bearing; was an able orator,
a great statesman and a

devoted patriot⁷.

Mr. Lincoln had the qualities of a wise statesman, an enthusiastic philanthropist and a self-sacrificing patriot. Our first presidential vote was for him, which we shall never regret.

There was something in his countenance that reminds us of what we suppose to be in the slightly suppressed smile of a ministering angel. As stated in the Dearborn Independent: "He came out of the invisible, walked up to his task, performed it and went back into the invisible."

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This shows who I am. J.S.M.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Members of Friends' Church and Citizens Generally Do Honor, Sunday, to Rev. J. Brandt Wolfe, the Retiring Pastor.

In connection with the Quarterly meeting service at Blue River Friends church, an all day meeting was held Sunday and a fine dinner in the grove adjoining, with the afternoon service turned over to the Ministerial Association of Salem of which Rev. Wolfe was an active member.

A great number of the visitors present were from Paoli and Orange county, an estimate of fifty being made, representing the Friends churches of Paoli, Beech Grove, Lick Creek and Newberry. Also friends and ministers from Salem and other vicinities.

After the splendid dinner was enjoyed, the crowd began to assemble in the church which was soon filled. Only one member of the Salem Ministerial body being absent, Rev. Chas. C. Brown, of the M. E. church being out of town.

Rev. R. R. Newby, of Plainfield, Superintendent of the North Western Yearly Meeting of Friends, was in charge of the interesting service.

The program of the afternoon was opened with a song by the congregation, "Praise Him," followed by prayer by Rev. Isaac Morris, pastor of the Beech Grove Friends church. Another song was given by the audience, after which Rev. Newby read the 133rd Psalm with comments. A pretty solo, "Beautiful City of Gold" was next given by Howard Newby, Miss Lois Callaway presiding at the piano throughout the afternoon.

Rev. W. R. Seat, of the Baptist church, president of the Association, made the main address, opening with a letter which was a fine tribute

to Dr. Wolfe and his eight years of service in the community, that was sent by Rev. W. D. Bartle, of New Albany. Rev. Seat voiced the sentiments of Salem and the county in appreciation of the work of Rev. Wolfe who has been ever ready not only to serve all the calls of his church and community but Salem and the county as well and spoke at length on his splendid Christian life, completing his address with the poem "Let Me Live in a House by the Side of the Road."

Rev. E. F. Winkler, pastor of the Christian church, Salem, was next to give a tribute to the "Grand Old Man" and his wonderful life.

Rev. Walter Matney, pastor of the Canton charge, whose fellowship has been a little closer, told of the inspiration and help Rev. Wolfe had been to him during his service in the county.

Rev. A. E. Ewers, of the Salem Presbyterian church, while not having as long a fellowship as the other pastors, felt as high esteem and veneration and expressed it. All regretted his retirement from the ministry but felt his great work had been accomplished and that his 82 years had earned the deserved rest.

Following a beautiful vocal trio, "Who Is This?" by Howard Newby, Mrs. Viola Montgomery and Fred Newby, Rev. R. R. Newby spoke for the Friends church and showed his appreciation of Rev. Wolfe, and the loss to the church, dwelling on his work. He also praised his splendid wife who had been such a sustaining power to him and on the work of his daughter, Mrs. Viola Montgomery in all lines of the church work, particularly of that of the young people.

A feature of the service was the presentation to Rev. Wolfe of a valuable book by the Ministerial Association, Rev. A. E. Ewers making the presentation speech.

By request of Rev. Winkler, the meeting closed with "Blest Be The Tie." It was a splendid service and one long to be cherished by the community.

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