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THE TWO IDEALS.

This issue of the Daily Nebraskan is devoted to the commemoration of the life and works of two men whose influence in the development of modern thought has been profound and far-reaching. Both born on the same day, but in countries far distant from each other, and in circumstances as widely differing as could be imagined, both developed into master minds whose influence in the world of thought can only be measured when it is possible to look back on their lives from a period more distant than that in which we are now living.

Darwin exercised his influence through the intellectual world; Lincoln drew his power from his thor-

WHAT LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SHOULD MEAN TO STUDENTS

By Prof. H. W. Caldwell

Today an entire nation will pause for a moment to do honor and pay homage to the name of Lincoln. On this day millions of people will turn to a study of the words and deeds of the martyred president of the Civil war. On such an occasion the university student especially should seek to understand the reasons that give such power to the name that is on every lip. College and university students are apt to believe that great success in life depends largely on unusual opportunity and wide, if not great learning. They are prone to magnify the advantages that come from college training and intellectual equipment. A study of Lincoln affords a good counter to an excessive reliance on a happy environment and mental culture. One finds immediately that Lincoln achieved greatness in the midst of conditions that seemed to deny, instead of to offer, him the favorable opportunity. Of the millions of his contemporaries few would have cared to change places with him. It was not opportunity then that gave him fame. The college student must also note that it was not erudition, not a wide knowledge of the thought of the past, that gave Lincoln the key that unlocked the gates of immortality. The social graces were denied him. His glory came not from the possession of elegance of manner, or charm in address. Awkwardness appeared in his movements and lack of taste in his dress. Externally, garb and appearance were against him. It must also be kept in mind that Lincoln was not a man of wealth. His powers of acquisition were meager. His success, therefore, could not and did not come from the power that money and wealth give. No barons of finance stood sponsor for his deeds. The elements then that entered into Lincoln's life and gave him a niche among the great on earth were not opportunity, not education and learning, not wealth and social influence, not ease and grace, not even extraordinary intellectual endowments or genius.

May it have been an accident, in that he came to power at an opportune moment? If we are inclined to

been his had he lived to have solved the still more difficult problem—that of reconstruction.

A study then of the meaning of Lincoln's birthday—of the universality of its celebration, brings us to one answer, and one alone. His greatness lay in character. Great as he was as a master of English, powerful as he was as a debater, strong as he was in logical analysis, and skillful as he was in holding men by his versatility as a story teller, yet all these qualities would have been as nothing in such a day as this, had it not been that they were only the minor factors of a total where character was the dominant quality. Lincoln was honest, hence won the confidence of the people; he was sincere, and thus attracted those of worth; he was humane and sympathetic, and so in the moment when death was in every household, attached to him loving and weeping hearts; he was endowed with rare common sense, so kept his feet on the earth, and held the confidence of the common man. He was not the idol of the few; but he entered into the hearts of the great mass of humanity, for he felt as they; his heart throbbed with those who toll, and suffer, and do the unselfish deeds that lift man into the realms where, however feeble his powers, the aspirations at last link him with the divine.

May not the college student then find in this man the proof that after all, the one thing to be sought is character? May he not note that reputation based on mere knowledge, on the possession of wealth, or the graces of manner are ephemeral, and never give men centennial celebrations? May he not learn that the final test of lasting greatness is even beyond genius? The ideal lies in those qualities which tend to the uplift of humanity as a whole, and attract the divine in name to Him who can arouse it.

CLASS RELAY, NOT FRAT-BARB

Four Teams Will Contest for Honors on Charter Day.

Contrary to a supposition, which seems to be quite general about the campus, the barb-frat athletic meet to

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February.

Friday, 12—Inter-frat indoor meet. Lincoln program. Temple theatre, 8 p. m. Gov. A. C. Shallenberger, Senator E. P. Brown, Professor C. E. Persinger.

Friday, 12—Professor Webster—"The Creed of a Scientist." Popular lecture, 5:00 p. m., Temple theatre.

Saturday, 13—Professor Webster, "The Measurement of Sound." 8:00 p. m. Lecture room, Brace Hall. Students' Debating club. 8:00 p. m. U. 106.

Saturday, 13—German play. "Old Heidelberg." Temple theatre.

Monday, 15—Charter day. Barb-frat indoor meet, 3:00 p. m.

Commencement exercises in Temple. Address to graduating class by Dean Davis.

Tuesday, 16—Junior Class Election. Memorial Hall 11:30.

Tuesday, 16—Senior play tryouts 7 to 10 p. m. in N. 106.

Friday, 19—Dr. H. M. McClanahan of Omaha. "The Economic Importance of the Child to the State." Convocation, 5 p. m.

Friday, 19—Minnesota basketball game 8 p. m.

Saturday, 20—Minnesota basketball game. Informal dance 8 p. m.

Tuesday, 23—Annual Peace Program. Convocation 11.

Judge Lincoln Frost of Lincoln. Hon. J. L. Webster of Omaha.

March.

Friday, 5—Pershing Rifles' Hop. Fraternity Hall.

Saturday, 6—University Forest club gives first dance. Temple Music Hall.

LORD WITHDRAWS FROM RACE.

Randolph Man Quits Soph Presidential Campaign.

Carl J. Lord of Randolph, who has been a leading candidate for the presidency of the sophomore class, yesterday announced his withdrawal from the race. This leaves the field to H. W. Coulter and Leslie Hyde. The election will be held one week from next Tuesday.

The withdrawal of Lord was the result of his pledging Alpha Theta Chi fraternity. He had started his presidential campaign as a barb candidate and after pledging a fraternity he felt that he could not reasonably ask his supporters among the barbs to continue their aid. He felt, too, that if he continued the race as a frat candidate it might embarrass some of his personal friends who would not be able to decide on a course of action easily. Therefore he got out of the race.

WILL GIVE LINCOLN PROGRAM

Students' Debating Club to Celebrate Anniversary.

The Students' Debating club will render a special program in honor of the birth of Abraham Lincoln in U. 106 next Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.

The following program will be given:

Sketch of Lincoln's Life. D. M. Rogers

Lincoln and the New West.....

.....D. P. Stough

Lincoln the Lawyer.....G. N. Foster

Lincoln's Humor.....E. L. Powell

Our Negro Problem.....W. H. Brant

Lincoln's Legacy to America.....

.....L. C. Smith

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address....

.....S. C. Stoner

Lincoln the Inaugurator..H. S. Lowes

There will also be a short parliamentary scrap, open to all in attendance. The club extends an urgent invitation to all students of the university to attend.

The Reynolds club of Chicago university suffered an \$800 fire loss last Thursday. The fire is supposed to have started from a lighted cigarette, dropped in a waste basket.

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PROFESSOR WEBSTER SPEAKS

Problems in Physics Discussed Before the Sigma Xi.

The Sigma Xi fraternity were entertained Thursday evening by a lecture on "Some Great Problems in Physics of Yesterday. Today and Forever," given by Professor A. G. Webster. The lecture took place in the physics lecture room at 5 o'clock and was an interesting though technical discussion of the subject.

The professor first took up some of the great problems of physics from the beginning of time on, mainly developing those of the last century. He traced the growth of the conception of conservation of energy and of dissipation of energy and also of the charging of interest of the newer form of thought from the discussion of problems of matter to problems of ether or "electro magnetic problems." He spoke of the growth of the modern corpuscular theory and closed by making a prediction of the future growth of investigation.

Two more lectures, one this evening at 5 o'clock in the Temple and the other Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the physics lecture room are to be given under the auspices of the Sigma Xi fraternity. The one this evening will be on "The Creed of a Scientist" and the one tomorrow night on "The Measurement of Sound." Professor H. B. Newson of Kansas university, at which place Mr. Webster gave this series of lectures a short time ago, in a recent communication to Professor Davis, spoke very highly of Mr. Webster, saying that in his judgment Mr. Webster was the best man they had ever heard. The lectures for this evening and tomorrow night are to be in no way technical, the last one being illustrated by lantern slides.

LEGISLATORS TO VISIT CAMPUS

A Committee of Three Appointed to Decide on Program.

The members of the state legislature have decided to pay a visit to the university. The decision was reached yesterday and immediately upon being notified, Chancellor Avery appointed a committee consisting of Professor Caldwell as chairman, with Professor Condra and Professor Richards, to devise whatever program is to be carried out for their entertainment. The legislators will visit the school Tuesday, partially, it is reported, for the purpose of ascertaining the exact condition of several of the buildings about the campus.

Dr. Kerr, president of Westminster college, has been given a leave of absence from the college on account of his ill health. Dr. and Mrs. Kerr will spend the remainder of the winter in California.

BUDD BUDD'S Last Shirt Yell 79c
Every Shirt I don't wear—and there are 600 of them—dumped on sale for the next two days—Friday and Saturday—Original Price \$1.50 to \$2.50 | day for..

ough comprehension of the human side of life. Darwin is the ideal of the intellectual side of the college world. Lincoln stands related to us through our emotions; he appeals to us as the human ideal, as a martyr to the liberties of men, as the champion of the oppressed and the friend of the poor.

It is therefore peculiarly fitting that the university should honor these men at the same time. They stand as the nearest approach of human beings to the two ideals that together form the perfect men, and are always found together to a certain extent, at least even in the individual person. Lincoln, as the type of strong, courageous manhood; Darwin as the type of clear and penetrating intellect, represent the two great branches of university thought without either of which the other is hopelessly crippled.

NOTICE, SENIORS.

Final tryouts for senior relay team will be held Saturday at 3 p. m. All candidates who made 2 1/2 laps in less than 21 seconds in the preliminary are eligible to the finals.

Have your clothes pressed at Weber's Sutorium, Cor. 11th and O.

answer, yes; we must at least admit that he rose to the measure of the demands of the greatest of Civil wars. Again, if it be suggested that the assassin's bullet struck him down just at the one moment when it would cause the halo of martyrdom to encircle his brow; the answer must also be kept in mind that apparently he was just coming to the zenith of his slowly maturing powers, hence some greater honor even might have

be held on the afternoon of charter day will not include a relay race. Instead of a contest between frats and barbs in this event there will be an inter-class race in which teams of each class will participate. A part of the classes have already tried out men for this event, but thus far the preliminary work is not complete. It will have to be done soon if the team wishes to represent its class Monday.

Friday, 5 P. M. Temple Aud.
"Creed of a Scientist"
SIGMA XI ADDRESSES
By Prof. A. C. Webster
Saturday, 8 P. M. Brace Hall
"Measurement of Sound"