

# Address Made By Hoover On Birthday of Lincoln

The text of President Hoover's address on Lincoln's Birthday is as follows:

By the magic of the radio I am able to address several hundred public gatherings called this evening throughout our country in celebration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

It is appropriate that I should speak from this room in the White House where Lincoln strived and accomplished his great service to our country.

His invisible presence dominates these halls, ever recalling that infinite patience and that indomitable will which fought and won the fight for those finer foundations and greater strength to government by the people. From these windows he looked out upon that great granite shaft which was then in construction to mark the country's eternal tribute to the courage and uncompromising strength of the founder of this Union of States.

Here are the very chairs in which he meditated upon his problems. Above the mantelpiece hangs his portrait with his Cabinet, and upon this fireplace is written:

In this room Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, whereby 4,000,000 slaves were given their freedom and slavery forever prohibited in these United States. It was here that he toiled by day and by night that the Union created by the fathers might be preserved and that slavery might be ended. It was here that he stood in the room in Lincoln's time was concerned with the conduct of war against destructive forces. From here he could hear the sound of approaching cannon, and yet he thought that he should desert his place, this city and this house, never entered into his considerations. Lincoln was a builder in an epoch of destruction. It was his assignment by Providence to restore the national edifice, so badly shattered in its social and economic structure that it had well nigh fallen. His unyielding idealism and inflexible resolve built a new temple of the national soul in which our succeeding generations have since dwelt secure and free and of a richer life.

And if Lincoln could today review the scene of his country he would find an Union more solidly knit and more resolute in its common purpose than ever in his history. He would find the States of the South recovered from the wounds of war, inspired by the splendid leadership of a new generation to a brilliant renaissance of industry and culture.

For Great Prophet. He would indeed find the consummation of that great moving appeal of his inaugural in which he said: "The mystic chords of memory stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land will yet swell the chorus of the Union when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature." It was indeed a great prophecy.

If Lincoln were living, he would find that this race of liberated slaves, starting a new life without a shred but the clothes in which they stood, without education, without organization, has today by its own endeavors progressed to an amazing, by high level of self-reliance and well-being. To Lincoln it would have been incredible that within a lifetime the millions of children of these slaves would be graduating from the public schools and colleges, that the race could have built itself homes and accumulated itself a wealth in lands and savings; that it should have carried on with success every calling and profession in our country.

While the dramatic period of Lincoln's life was impressed with these tremendous problems, yet he was a man of many interests. He was a believer in party government. He realized, as we also must realize, that fundamentally our whole self-

government is conceived and born of majority rule, and to enable the majority to express itself we must have party organization. Lincoln led in founding the Republican party and he gloried in his party. His tradition has dominated to this day. It was and is a party of responsibility, it was and is a party of the Constitution.

Due to lack of caution in business and to the impact of forces from an outside world, one-half of which is involved in social and political revolution, the march of our prosperity has been retarded. We are projected into temporary unemployment, losses and hardships. In a Nation rich in resources, many people were faced with hunger and cold through no fault of their own. Our national resources are not only material supplies and material wealth but a spiritual and moral wealth in kindness, in compassion, in a sense of obligation of neighbor to neighbor and a realization of responsibility by industry, by business, and the community for its social security and its social welfare.

Throughout this depression I have insisted upon organization of these forces through industry, through local government and through charity, that they should meet this crisis by their own initiative, by the assumption of their own responsibilities. The Federal Government has sought to do its part by example in the expansion of employment, by affording credit to drought sufferers for rehabilitation, and by co-operation with the community, and thus to avoid the opiates of government charity and the stifling of our national spirit of mutual self-help.

We can take courage and pride in the effective work of thousands of voluntary organizations for provision of employment, for relief of distress, that have sprung up over the entire Nation. Industry and business have recognized a social obligation to their employes as never before. The State and local governments are being helped. The people are themselves succeeding in this task. Never before in a great depression has there been so systematic a protection against distress; never before has there been so little social disorder; never before has there been such an outpouring of the spirit of self-sacrifice and of service.

The ever-growing complexity of modern life, with its train of evermore perplexing and difficult problems, is a challenge to our individual characters and to our devotion to our ideals. The resourcefulness of America when challenged has never failed. Success is not gained by leaning upon the Government to solve all the problems before us. That way leads to conservation of will and destruction of character. Victory over this depression and over our other difficulties will be won by the resolution of our people to fight their own battles in their own communities, by stimulating their ingenuity to solve their own problems by taking new courage to be masters of their own destiny in the struggle of life. This is not the easy way but it is the American way. And it was Lincoln's way.

The ultimate goal of the American social ideal is equality of opportunity and individual initiative. These are not born of bureaucracy. This ideal is the expression of the spirit of our people. This ideal obtained at the birth of the Republic. It was the ideal of Lincoln. It is the ideal upon which the Nation has risen to unparalleled greatness.

We are going through a period when character and courage are on trial, and where the very faith that is within us is under test. Our people are meeting this test. And they are doing more than the immediate trial of the day. They are maintaining the ideals of our American system. By their devotion to these ideals we shall come out of this time stronger in character, in courage and in faith.

# Sense and Nonsense

I drove a golf ball into the air. It fell to earth I know not where; For right through the sun it flew, the sight Could not follow it in its flight.

I tied another with many a swear And drove that to I know not where; I slice and cut and twice I muffed And off it careens right into the rough.

Long, long afterward, tired and sore I forgave all that went before. With a heavy heart I approached the green And there it rested—quite serene.

The ball I thought I'd lost in the sun Was in the cup—a hole in one. And the odds I'd sworn from beginning to end I heard again from the mouth of my friend.

—C. C. N. Y. Mercury.

# INSTRUCTIONS

It takes two to catch a dream— You must both be aware, Well before, where it lies.

Wary and hidden. Dreams scare Easily. And you must go With your nets fashioned of Hope and determination, Patience and love. . . . Then, when you see it clear, Do not fumble nor hesitate; Quickly make your cast; the next Second will be too late.

Work with great gentleness, Not to harm the gold that clings To its feathers, or the frail Splendor of its wings. . . . Hold it close to your hearts While you might count three; Examine it intently; Then set it free.

Fools may advise caging it Or stuffing it. . . . Never! Follow my plan, and have A nice dream forever.

—Written especially for Columbia Jester.

Love is an archer, A poor gutter rat, Stunned and anemic, But happy at that.

—Wisconsin Octopus.

# FROM FIREFLIES

Love's gift cannot be given, it waits to be accepted.

The unseen dark plays on his flute and the rhythm of light eddies into stars and suns, into thoughts and dreams.

The mind ever seeks its words from its sounds and silences as the sky from its darkness and light.

I leave my songs behind me to the bloom of the ever-returning honey-suckles and the joy of the wind from the south.

My fancies are fireflies,— Specks of living light twinkling in the dark. —Tagore.

DR. CARROLL ADDRESSES STUDENTS AT Y. P. M.

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Blaze the trail for tomorrow." Woman has climbed up, always; there is no aid or deterrent to offer to what has gone before, but woman looks forward to her children. The future is the college woman's; the destinies of the generations to be are in her hands. The questions of the world depend on her. She stands with man, equal in power, but holding more powerfully the world's destiny. There is a powerful trust in her. Is her life then worth while? The women of North Carolina can make it what they will. The challenge is to them to do the best in their power and to reap the finest harvest.

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