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# THE REAL LINCOLN

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## Testimony of His Contemporaries

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Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged, 230 Pages.

(The first Edition was a Pamphlet of 54 Pages.)

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The publishers desire to call attention to the second edition of Dr. Minor's remarkable contribution to the history of our country. Originally published as a pamphlet, the commendation it received and the fascination of the subject impelled its author to further and greater research into the official records of the War Department and publications by people of distinctly Northern sympathies, and the present volume is the result.

In explanation of the nature and aim of the book it may be said that, as an analytical examination of character, the book has few equals in biography, and a copy should be in every library, both public and private.

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*Publishers,*

Richmond, Va.

A MISTAKEN estimate of Abraham Lincoln has been spread abroad very widely, particularly in the Northern and Western States, and even in the South an editorial in a leading religious paper lately said as follows: "Our country has more than once been singularly fortunate in the moral character and the admirable personality of its popular heroes. Washington, *Lincoln* and Lee have been the type of character that it was safe to hold up to the admiration of their own age and the imitation of succeeding generations." In the North the pæan of praise that began with his death has grown to such extravagance that he has been called, "first of all that have walked the earth after the Nazarene," and a recent eulogist has asked us to give up aspirations for a heaven where Lincoln's presence is not assured.

To try to reawaken or to foster ill-will between the North and the South would be a useless, mischievous and most censurable task, and it will be seen this book has an exactly opposite purpose; but it is a duty to correct such misrepresentations as make claims for Lincoln entirely inconsistent with the grave defects that are conceded by the closest associates of his private life; by the most respectable and most eulogistic biographers and historians of his own day and of this day, at home and abroad, who have described his character and career, and equally inconsistent with the estimates of him by the greatest and closest associates of his public life, and by a very large part of the great Republican leaders of his own day. The fact that the evidence submitted comes from such witnesses, and such witnesses only, is the chief claim that this book has upon the interest and confidence of its readers, and attention is called to the extraordinary cogency of such evidence, and to the fact that not a word of testimony is offered out of the mass that might be secured from the eminent writers, speakers, statesmen, and soldiers who took the Southern side.

In an Appendix is given, in alphabetical order, the names of all the witnesses whose evidence is submitted. Reference is invited to that Appendix, as each witness is reached by the reader, and especially in every case where the reader finds it hard to believe the evidence, and it will be found that each is included in one of the above indicated classes.

Objection has been made to the first edition of this book that "Nothing is found from the author himself; only what other people have said or written". The author's purpose has been to submit the testimony of the classes above described, and to leave the reader to draw his own conclusions.

It has also been objected that this book gives only the bad side of Lincoln, and not the good. The author makes the acknowledgment that the largest measure of every excellence — intellectual, moral, and spiritual — has been claimed for Lincoln by most of the very witnesses whose testimony is quoted in this book. To reconcile the damaging concessions with the contradictory claims by the same witnesses was not considered his duty by the author of this book.

A third objection has been made, that this book gives the testimony of Lincoln's enemies. If so, who were Lincoln's friends? for every witness cited was on his side in the great conflict of '61-'65.

NOTE BY THE EDITORS (August, 1908).—Many of this generation, even in the South, are being taught that Lincoln was a true patriot, a man "of boundless benevolence and patriotism" (as the *Baltimore Sun* lately termed him), a second Washington, in fact.

If this is true, what must the rising generation think of those who fought him so stoutly, when he was "restoring the Union," (as he called it) in '61-'65.

This book shows (and upon the testimony of his own friends and partisans, unwilling witnesses) why we Confederates fought him ; because he was making a new " Union " *by force* in place of the one formed by Washington and the patriots of his day on the great principle of the Declaration : *Government based upon the consent of the governed.*

Observe, too, how clearly it is shown that Lincoln acted *against* the will of a *very large minority, if not a majority*, of the people of the non-seceding States, compelling them by martial law and his soldiers to submit to his policy of coercion and a *forced* Union.

See the accompanying fac-simile of an article in a Boston paper, showing how hopeless the admirers of Lincoln are of answering the book.

**THE REAL LINCOLN  
TO BE SUPPRESSED**

Cambridge Library Trustees Order  
the Book Removed for  
All Time.

GRAND ARMY MEN PLEASED

Crusade Started by The Journal  
Bids Fair to Spread All  
Over the Country.

The crusade against "The Real Lincoln," exclusively told in the Boston Journal, will result in its removal from the public libraries throughout the State, according to prominent Grand Army men of Massachusetts.

The action against the scurrilous attack on the great war President began in Somerville about six weeks ago. At that time the volume was found in the Somerville library by a veteran who at once called the attention of Mayor Chandler to the book. The mayor ordered it removed from the library and destroyed. Next a copy of the book was found in the Cambridge library and the library trustees of that city were informed of the fact, but refused to do anything about it. Then at the following meetings of the four G. A. R. posts of the University City the soldiers voted for their commanders to see the mayor and ask him to suppress the book, but seeing that the veterans were in earnest the trustees forestalled the proposed call by unanimously voting last week to order Librarian Clarence W. Ayer to keep the book out of circulation and hold it pending their action at the meeting which was held last night, when it was finally decided that the volume be at once removed from the library for all time.

**The Journal in the Lead.**

The story of the fight against the book in Cambridge has been told by The Boston Journal throughout New England: The way The Journal has backed the veterans in their crusade, and its results, will prompt other G. A. R. posts to take up the movement and suppress the book should it be found in the libraries of their cities and towns, making official action of the department commanders unnecessary, is the opinion of Commander James H. Wolff of the department of Massachusetts.

"I want to express my appreciation to The Journal for the stand they have taken in this matter, and the way they have pushed it," the lawyer commander said to a Journal reporter in his office yesterday. "When this agitation first began I gave my opinion on the subject, and it is exactly as you printed it then, I can only repeat my words, that it is a contemptible attack on a man who should be above suspicion."

**Praise for Good Work.**

"The fair way The Journal has acted is no more than what I should have expected of the paper, the family paper in my home since I was a boy in New Hampshire fifty years ago, and it is the first thing I have any recollection of reading. The Journal and the New York Tribune were our only newspapers and today The Journal is the paper that I buy and read every morning."

Gen. Wilmon W. Blackmar, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., has just returned from an inspection tour of the posts throughout the country, having been away during the agitation to suppress "The Real Lincoln." He was called up by telephone at his Hingham home last night and informed of the action just taken in Cambridge.

"As I have just returned to Boston I know nothing of the facts, and I have never seen the book, but if it is what I am told it certainly ought to be suppressed. If the suppressing of the book in Cambridge is followed by similar action by the other posts of the State undoubtedly the G. A. R. posts all over the country will take the matter up," he said.

**TITLE PAGE OF "THE REAL LINCOLN,"  
WHICH THE JOURNAL HAS SUPPRESSED**

Portraits are of Dept. Com J. H. Wolff, G. A. R., and Nat. Com. W. W. Blackmar, G. A. R., who praise Journal's efforts to suppress vicious printed attack on Lincoln in libraries of the State.

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WITH ARTICLE

BY

**LYON G. TYLER.**

EDITED BY

**KATE MASON ROWLAND,**

Author of "Life of George Mason," "Life of Charles Carroll of Carrollton," etc.

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EVERETT WADDEY COMPANY.  
1901.

*Note the charge against the book "the scurrilous attack on the great War President." And yet all the testimony in the book comes from friends + partisans of Lincoln & the colossal associates of his private life!*  
B. Minor

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Crosses Striped by the Journal Bits Part to Spread All Over the Country

The cross-section "The Real Lincoln" exclusively told in the Boston Journal will result in the removal from the public libraries throughout the State according to President Woodrow Wilson's order. The action against the cross-section is based on the great war President Wilson in December about six weeks ago. It is stated that the volume was found in the department library of a relative who at once called the attention of Mayor Chandler to the book. The mayor ordered it removed from the library and destroyed. Next a copy of the book was found in the Cambridge library and the library trustees of that city were informed of the fact and referred to an article in the Boston Journal. The trustees of the Boston Journal voted for their committee to see the book out of the city and to suppress it in the country.

The story of the book is told by THE Boston Journal this week. The book is the volume in that volume and its removal will prevent other A. A. R. men in the movement and will prevent the book from being found in the library of that city and other men. The official action of the department is completely unnecessary in the opinion of Commander James H. Wolf of the department of Massachusetts.

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Illinois



Stamilton, on Monday,  
March 15<sup>th</sup> 1810 -

I have the pleasure,  
& the sheets, about  
wh: I write you  
this morning - some  
writing -  
I thank you -

Y<sup>r</sup>s. Respecting  
M<sup>r</sup> sister,

I'll be less than as  
soon as a busy man  
can -

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they have not*



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Springfield,  
Illinois,*

Stanton, Pa. Monday,

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1897

96<sup>th</sup> York Ave. New York, N.Y.

12<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y. City.

If you are so kind  
to send me to wish  
my views in re divi-  
ding, I will give them  
in a honest & charity.  
By an over sight, I sup-  
posed, you failed to  
reply to my letter  
of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April  
when I thought you wish-  
ed to see me.  
The moral make  
kindly send them  
me & I will fill  
out & return them  
as soon as I can.

With kindest wishes,

Yours,  
D. K. Layman  
(over)

Stammbu, Va. Wednesday, March 10/09.

Mr. Jas. R. B. Van Clove,  
Springfield, Illinois,

My dear Sir,

Your favour  
of March 5<sup>th</sup> was sent to me by the Everett  
Wadley Co. As the literary executor of Dr.  
Minor, who died in 1903, I am one of the  
editors of his book, "The Real Lincoln".

You will see by  
the enclosed circular & fac-simile that Dr.  
Minor's book gives a view of Lincoln from  
the Southern Side. You will hardly care  
to have an estimate of Lincoln from the  
editor of the book, who regards Lincoln, as  
the author did, as a great enemy of consti-  
tutional liberty, & to be classed with "George  
III & Lord North". In the words of "The  
Washington Post", of Aug. 14, 1906; "Let us be  
frank about it. The day the people of The  
North responded to Abraham Lincoln's call for  
troops to coerce Sovereign States, the republic  
died, & the Nation was born."

The birth of the Nation is a  
poor compensation for the death of two republics,  
both founded upon the great principle of the Declara-  
tion - Government based upon the consent of the Governed  
Sincerely yours, Betheluy Minor, of Stonewall Jack-  
son Camp, (No 469) of U. C. vet.

Stamper, Dr. Robinson's Bank 1877

Mr. J. B. Robinson,  
Stamper, Dr. Robinson's Bank

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the 10th of the month of the year 1877. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. B. Robinson

Stuart Hall,  
(Formerly Virginia Female Institute)  
Staunton, Virginia.

[March 16-31, 1909]

Gas: R. B. Van Cloore,  
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Sir,

I enclose the estimate of Director which you asked for.

If some of the terms seem harsh, please observe that the words are those of some of Mr. Director's most intimate friends, & admirers. I have tried to write in full clarity, bearing in mind the Collect for Quinquagesima Sunday, and I can honestly say, as showing the spirit in which I write, that I feel sure

that Lincoln was a better  
man than I should have  
been, had my environment  
in childhood & youth &  
early manhood been like his.

With kind wishes,

I remain very  
respectfully yours,

Bethel Minor,