

## President Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg.

The consecration of the Soldiers' Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa., took place on the 19th of November. It was a day that will long live in the memory of those who witnessed the inspiring demonstrations of the occasion. The oration of Edward Everett was, as all his orations are, exceedingly appropriate and elegant. It required two hours for its delivery, but no intelligent hearer is ever impatient for Mr. Everett to close; as there were between 30,000 and 50,000 present, it is hardly to be expected that all were hearers, however. He usually speaks without notes, relying from memory the longest address, yet with such perfect freedom of manner that the closest observer would never suspect that his sentences were not born of the moment and entirely extemporaneous. After the oration and a dirge by a choir from the Musical Association of Baltimore, President Lincoln was introduced. We have room to-day for little farther notice of the consecration exercises than to copy entire the President's speech. Of course it was short, pithy and practical. He said:

Four scores and seven years ago our fathers established upon this continent a government subscribed in liberty and dedicated to the fundamental principles that all men are created equal by a good God. [Applause.] Now we are engaged in a great contest—the question whether this nation, any nation, so consecrated, so educated, can long remain. We are met on a great battle-field of the war; we are met here to dedicate a portion of that field as the final resting place of those who have given their lives that the nation might live. It is all right, befitting 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 and self-sacrificing men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or to detract. [Great applause.] The dead will little heed. Let us long remember what we have, but not forget what they did here. [Immense applause.] It is for us, rather—the living—we are dedicated here to the unfinished work that they have thus far so nobly carried forward. [“Amen,” and great applause.] It is better for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us; for not to renew our devotion to that cause for which they gave the full measure of their devotion. Here let us resolve that what they have done shall not have been done in vain; that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth; that the Government of the people, founded by the people, shall not perish.