

Even when on the platform during the great debates, he smoked while Mr. Lincoln was speaking." In his historical composition, the author makes use of the lights and shadows of personal contrasts. Even in the Foreword he shows an appreciation of the value Douglas and Lincoln were to each other. "Great as is the fame of Abraham Lincoln, it may be doubted whether his name would have been known to any considerable degree beyond the limits of the state of Illinois but for his proving himself able to cope with the Senator [Douglas] in what are known as the Lincoln-Douglas debates." Especially the author loves to dwell on the friendship which was renewed in the critical hour when the existence of the Union was in peril. The little volume (McClurg & Co.), while far from being a thorough life of Douglas or a comprehensive estimate of his services, is a valuable and interesting contribution and will aid in placing in a truer light the man whose unfortunate lot it was to act as a foil for Lincoln and to be on the losing side in the final casting of the dice of chance.

In the aftermath of the many Lincoln  
*Familiar life* celebrations there appears a life of  
*of S. A. Douglas.* his early rival and later friend,  
Stephen A. Douglas, written, largely from personal  
recollections, by Col. Clark E. Carr, long a resident  
of Illinois. The surviving contemporaries and  
familiar of the famous Illinois senator are now few  
in number. It is fitting that his life should be  
written by one of these, and, in order to ensure  
balanced judgment, by one who "was and still is a  
Republican in politics, identified with the party that  
was directly in antagonism to Senator Douglas and  
his later policies," and one who is "satisfied that  
scant justice has been done to the Senator — that  
his nobility and purity of character, and sublime  
patriotism, and transcendent abilities have not been  
appreciated as they deserve to be." Colonel Carr's  
recollections begin about 1854, during one of the  
many political canvasses which Douglas made in  
Illinois, and extend to the Lincoln-Douglas debates  
four years later, ending with the inauguration day  
of Abraham Lincoln. Especially valuable are the  
impressions made by the personality of the "Little  
Giant" on the young Carr — the versatility which  
usually carried Douglas out of any situation, the  
faultless dress, the direct "you" method of public  
address, the apparent lack of humor, and the good-  
fellowship in a company. "He smoked incessantly.