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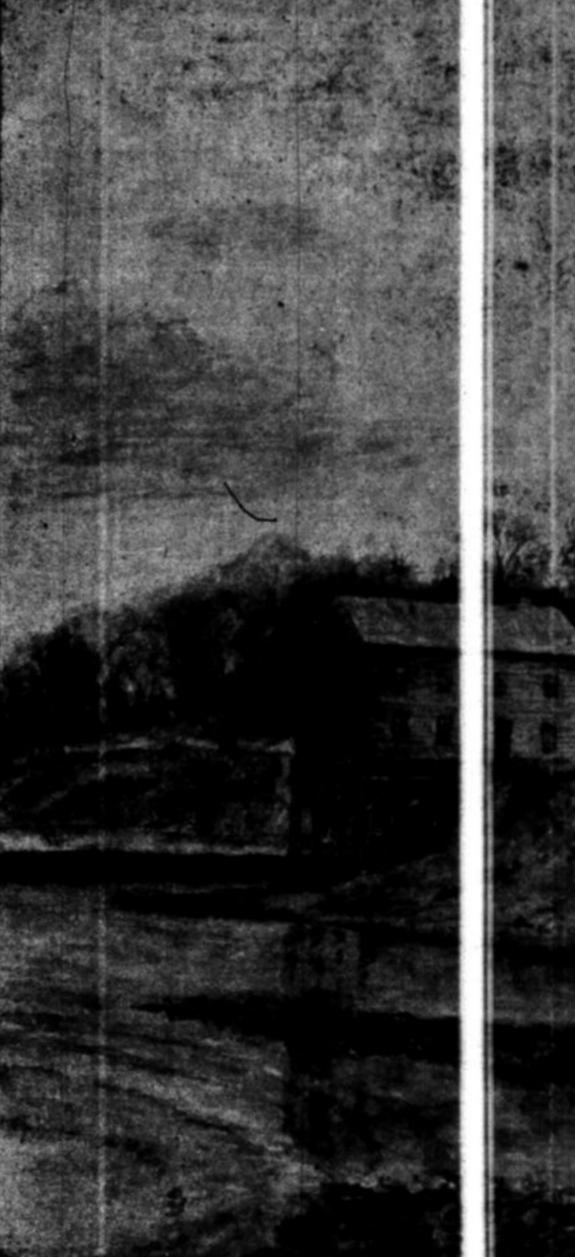


Nature's Monument to Lincoln.

From an Original Painting by Miss Etta Ackermann, Springfield, Ill.

The double trees in this picture mark a spot of deep interest at Lincoln's early home in Old Salem. Illinois, on the Sangammon river, near where the well known Old Salem Chatauqua is held.

The trees are remarkable, not only because of their historic association but also because the two are practically twins growing from one joined root, one tree being a Sycamore, which is on the south side and leans toward the south, while the other is an Elm on the north side and leans toward the north. On the north tree trunk some one has carved an artistic portrait of Abraham Lincoln.





The Lincoln Mill, C & Salem, Illinois.

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duction of the old mill worked and said to he e been owned by Abraham Lincoln in his early days. The old mill was destroyed , fire and this one was erected to perpetuate it as a memorial and is still worked as mill.

place.

These two half-tones are the property her special favor.

The mill, so beautifully drawn and pa ted in this picture, is an exact repro-

It is located in Old Salem, Ill., and is ne of the principal attractions of that

the artist and are now published by

LINCOLN'S SUPREME FAITH

An Age of Great Men of Great Faith.

[News-Letter Editorial,]

The age which gave us Shakspeare, Milton and Bacon has been called "the golden age" -- the crown of all the ages for literary splendor and creative genius in the English tongue. But in the early Mr. Lincoln's mental character I would reply, his integyears of the nineteenth century the "stars" which appeared, -if not rity, humanity, ambition, patience, his physical and moral and half slave"? so brilliant, -were yet more numerous and varied, filling a place in the world's illumination that has never been surpassed.

Carlyle came just before the century's dawn, Macaulay in the first year of it, Emerson three years later, and Hawthorne was born July 4th, 1804. The year 1809 grve us Abraham Lincoln, William Lincoln cannot fail to see all these qualities in every turn Ewart Gladstone, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Charles Darwin, Edgar of his wonderful career. But we may claim for him pre-Allen Poe, and Alfred Tennyson.

And these are not all. No grander group of men and women ever engaged in human service than that which includes the moral and intellectual leaders of the first half of the nineteenth century What a noble army of Apostles! Breaking down hitherto impreg-Christian civilization into darkest heathendom were John Williams, Robert Moffat, David Livingstone and John Paton. Preaching the ture and then the presidency? gospel with a power and eloquence never surpassed since the Galilean Teacher himself taught in Palestine, we have Frederick W. Robert-'Phillips Brooks, Henry Drummond, Dwight L. Moody, Joseph Par- arms in defense of the Union at a time when the ship of that won for us the distinction, franchise and glory of a ker and many more; and leading in woman's work of emancipation state was reeling in the midst of storms that seemed to great, united nation free from were Elizabeth Fry, Florence Nightingale, and a little later, Frances threaten her inevitable wrecking? E. Willard and Josephine E. Butler.

In the realm of poetry we had Wordsworth, Whittier, Longfelgeneral literature, Scott, Kingsley, Thackery, Dickens, Eliot, and were getting ready to follow. The whole South was pre-

in that of science such men as Tyndall, Huxley, Mill, Bain and paring for war Spencer. Yet higher than these among the world's teachers and interpreters stands John Ruskin .- From The Life of Ruskin in "The Religion of Ruskin," By Wm. Burgess.

In the very first fank of these historic men of faith stands Abraham Lincoln.

Da Jayne, who was an intimate friend of Lincoln in Springfield 65 years ago, said of him: "If I were of all these trouble asked what, in my opinion, were the marked qualities of courage-his absolute, inborn love of justice and right mass of un-united between man and man,

Any intelligent reader of the life and works of Mr. great critical strug eminently the quality of faith. His supremacy among men was not his great talents alone but that these were magnified and multiplied by faith.

Was it not faith that leaped over all the barriers tha nable walls of superstition and ignorance and bearing the banner of faced the awkward boy in the narrowest and humb lest spheres of life until he reached the bar, the legisla-

Was it not faith, -supreme, intense, unconquerable son, Charles G. Finney, Henry Ward Beecher, Charles H. Spurgeon, faith, -that dared all the consequences of an appeal to

The time of disloyalty and rebellion had come. Six whole race of four I likes of human beings at one stroke low, Lowell, Bryant, Hemans, Havergal, and the Brownings; in of the states had passed ordinances of secession—others of the pen.

doubt and dare. which looks out w

d the dim unknown God within the shadow

Was it not the nation in two and dared to say that upon a principle,

To the salva single thing the h

Did ever the looked out through when the hopes o their own fears and as though to the which dared to tru right of kings?

the North was trembling betwixt as it not the loftiest exercise of faith prophetic vision and sees that-

watch above his own?" ery acme of faith which, in the mids t problems seemed to be rending the stabbing her at her very heart, yet

he Nation cannot remain half free And looking at this great seething people whose government was based therto untried and unproven in any e, yet dared to assert thaton of the Union there needs but a

erts of the people." orld see greater faith than this that he mists and storms and darknessthe people were overshadowed by then other nations were looking on evitable destruction of the nation the people and ignore the divine

Splendid! Ma vificent! Heroic! Glorious Faith! Faith that dared t stand by liberty and truth! Faith her own enslaveme and knocked the shackles from a

There is no bor age where such faith is.