

idents, and gentle withal." It is impossible to read the rapid record of his life and administration without being convinced that he was as truly God-chosen and almost unconscious instrument of a great end as was Cyrus of old. For, unlike our own Wilberforce, *his primary* aim was not the extinction of the great curse of slavery, but the salvation of the American Union. Although he was elected mainly by the votes of the Abolitionists, he avowed to Horace Greeley, early in the war, "My paramount object is to save the Union and not either to save or to destroy slavery." He had believed in gradual emancipation, yet the decisive beating of Antietam compelled him to feel that the moment had come for the issue of his preliminary emancipation edict. Nevertheless, as Mr. Marquis says, "the spirit that animated Abraham Lincoln was the spirit of the Abolitionist party as a whole," and his unique personality was the expression of its ideals and sacrifices. We regret that space limits do not permit a more extended notice of a book which for intrinsic interest should find many readers.

... THE ECONOMICS OF FORESTRY.

By Prof. Fernow. T. Y. Crowell & Co., New York.

This is a volume of the Library of Economics and Politics, and is especially interesting and important as being the first work in English on the subject. The volume contains full discussions of such questions as forestry sources, forestry industries, and forest policy, besides containing valuable information in a number of appendices including Canadian statistics. It is regretted that owing to lack of space

we cannot review Professor Fernow's book as fully as its importance deserves.

#### J. C. WOOD'S GREAT MERCANTILE SUCCESS.

THE conspicuous feature of modern commercial development is the application of the principle of co-operation and combination. The departmental store is at once a process of combination and concentration. Wood's Fair, on the other hand, is the embodiment not only of the principle of combination but of diffusion. The buying and controlling interest centres in London; its branches include Kingston, St. Thomas, Brantford, Guelph, Woodstock, Belleville, Stratford, etc. The numerous branches, the rapidly increasing sales, the signal success of this institution, are unmistakable tokens of the business capacity and energy of its owner, Mr. J. C. Woods. The secret of his success lies in the fact that he is a firm believer in printer's ink, and that his aim is to give good satisfaction and value to the purchaser. Space alone prohibits us from giving a more complete review of the successful enterprise of a former Kingstonian.

The Kingston branch, under the capable managership of Mr. D. A. Shaw, needs no introduction to the students of Queen's or the citizens of Kingston. Wood's Fair is the headquarters in Kingston for specialties, such as candy, stationery, notions, toys, crockery, etc., etc. The local manager appreciates the value of the JOURNAL as an advertising medium, which is a very suggestive fact to other advertisers.