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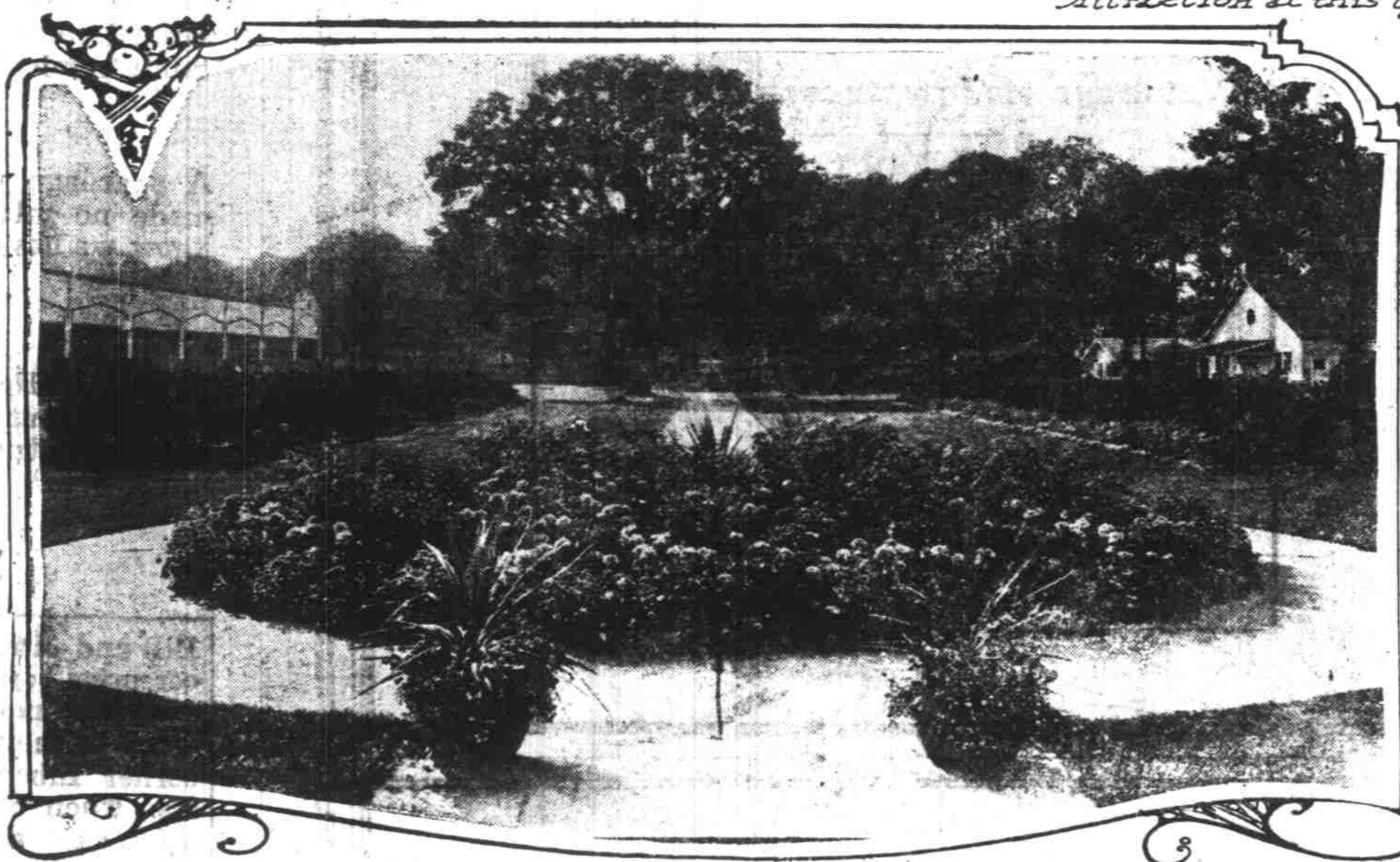
SERMON PREACHED BY THE PRESIDENT

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ing. While it is true that there is a very large field of education that lies entirely outside of books, yet books are the foundation of all education. It is said that Lincoln walked miles to borrow a book, and the few which he had, he studied until he had mastered them. No one could have become the master of English which he was, the author of the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the second inaugural address, without a profound acquaintance with many books. His place in the realm of literature is such that it would be eminently fitting to dedicate any library to his memory. But there is a special reason for placing his name on the library of one of the land-grant colleges of our state.

This great president had a profound interest not only in education, but in agricultural education. He delivered an address in 1859 before the Wisconsin State Agricultural society in which he said, "Free labor insists on universal education." In the same address he then set out his belief in what has come to be known as "industrial education," saying that "hands and heads should cooperate as friends," and expressed his opinion that this should be applied to the tillers of the soil by declaring that "No other human occupation opens so wide a field for the profitable and agreeable combination of labor with cultivated thought as agriculture." He also declared his belief in scientific efficiency by adding, "The thought recurs that education—cultivated thought—can be best combined with agricultural labor, or any labor, on the principle of thorough work."

Here was a man who had been brought up under surroundings where the tilling of the soil was carried on by methods which had



Flower Beds in Court Looking West at Fair Grounds

made no advance for 2,000 years. In fact, the husbandman of the days of Lincoln's boyhood was the husbandman of the days of Abraham. The great change came with the application of machinery. When Lincoln was speaking, this was almost entirely of the horse-drawn variety, but the steam engine was coming into more diversified use and some attempt had been made to use it for plowing. The general application of chemistry to soil production had scarcely been applied to the farm. The fact that in those surroundings and under those conditions he was able to learn agriculture as one of the learned professions is another of the many indications of his supreme greatness.

Far Looking Mind

In the case of Lincoln perhaps it is unnecessary to say that this was no mere figure of rhetoric intended only to serve the purpose of plattitudinous oratory, but the expression of a sound and mature

conviction which he believed to be practical, and, should, occasion offer, one which he would attempt to put into operation. The opportunity came to him sooner than he may have expected. During the administration of President Buchanan the congress had passed a bill providing for a grant of land in the several states to establish educational institutions in agriculture and the mechanic arts. This bill had been vetoed. It is said

each of their senators and representatives in the congress were given to each state to be used for the support of a college of agriculture and mechanic arts. Under the terms of this law the states have established these institutions, which in the past 50 years have played such an important part in the agricultural life of our country.

These grants of land have been greatly supplemented by direct appropriations from the national treasury, until under laws now in existence the annual appropriations made by the congress for this purpose run into millions of dollars. All of this is the realization of the vision of Abraham Lincoln, which may have come to him as he rode the circuit over the prairies of Illinois, or as he went up and down the state in the conduct of political campaigns. Its material and spiritual effect upon the well being of our country is beyond estimation.

A Great Vision

We should all of us remember Lincoln as the great emancipator, the president who guided the nation through four years of internal conflict, who demonstrated beyond future question the national quality of our institutions and the destructibility of our Union, who removed forever from our soil the stain of human slavery, and who possessed a God-given insight into the hearts of the American people. But these elements of his greatness should not be permitted to eclipse the mighty service which he rendered to the cause of vocational education by his advocacy and approval of the measure which established what are usually referred to as our state agricultural colleges. It has been under their inspiration that the amount of production for each person employed has been so highly increased and the productivity of the soil so greatly stimulated. They created a vast agricultural empire, lying between the Alleghenies and the Rockies, which has furnished an increasing food supply to meet the demands of our growing population. So many and so varying elements went into the winning of the great World war that much caution should be exercised in assigning to any one of them a decisive influence. But I think it is entirely within reason to say that without the supplies that came from the American farms it is impossible to see how the war could have been won. Those supplies could never have been furnished without the capacity for production which is directly traceable to the influence of the American agricultural colleges. THE HAND OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN REACHED OVER THE BATTLE FIELDS OF FRANCE AND WAS ONE OF THE DECISIVE FACTORS IN TURNING THE SCALE OF VICTORY.

In Domains of Thought

But these colleges are important not only because of the economic results which have accrued from them but even more because of their spiritual value. They are of great benefit in the domain of land and the various products of the soil, but in the domain of thought they have an even more important influence. Our whole



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er-capacity for evil. Our institutions of learning must be dedicated to a higher purpose. The life of our nation, the spiritual meaning must rise to a higher realm.

There is something more in learning and something more in life than a mere knowledge of science, a mere acquisition of wealth, a mere striving for place and power. Our colleges will fall in their duty to their students unless they are able to inspire them with a broader understanding of the spiritual meaning of science, of literature, and of the arts. Their graduates will go out into life poorly equipped to meet the problems of existence, to fall an easy prey to dissatisfaction and despair. Many of our older universities were founded by pious hands at great sacrifice for the express purpose of training men for the ministry to carry light to the people on the problems of life. Unless our college graduates are inspired with these ideals, our colleges have failed in their most important function and our people will be lacking in true culture. Abraham Lincoln, who was the most spiritual of our Presidents, had a true appreciation of this principle. In closing the address to which I have referred he expressed (Continued on page 8.)

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