

### Speech of the President.

The President then delivered the following dedicatory remarks :

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. [Applause] Now, we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any other nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war ; we are met to dedicate a portion of it as the final resting-place of those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. [Applause.] The world will little note nor long remember what we may say here ; but it can never forget what they did here. [Applause.]

It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work that they have thus far so nobly carried on. [Applause] It is rather for us here to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us ; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion ; that we here highly resolve that those dead shall not have died in vain.— [Applause.] That the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom ; and that Governments of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth. [Long continued applause]

After the ceremonies were concluded, a salute was fired by the artillery, and the military portion of the procession reformed and escorted the President to his lodgings, where he was subsequently visited by a large number of persons, and more than an hour was the victim of a "hand-shaking" that must have tested his good nature to the utmost. The President returned to Washington in a special train, which left Gettysburg about 7 o'clock.