

* The consecration of the Gettysburg battle-field as a national cemetery took place on Thursday. President Lincoln, Mr. Seward, the Hon. Edward Everett, and Governor Seymour were present. Mr. Lincoln delivered the dedicatory address, in which he said:—

“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 were created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether the nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met upon 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, and to resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain—that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

Mr. Everett made a long speech recapitulating the events of the campaign which terminated with the battle of Gettysburg.