

Lincoln the Author of His Gettysburg Address.

Speaking of Lincoln's address, a great admirer of the Liberator once went to Colonel John Hay, who had been the President's private secretary, and told him that he had discovered in the hands of a friend who was a great book, print and autograph collector, a large number of autographs of "A. Lincoln," which were attached to unimportant and formal letters, the body of which were unmistakably in the handwriting of Colonel Hay; and he expressed the fear that the signatures were also of Hay's make. "Do they look like that?" Colonel Hay asked, writing the name in imitation of Mr. Lincoln's well-known signature. "Precisely." "They are probably all mine," said Mr. Hay, "for I was continually called upon to sign the President's name for him, and always did it in imitation of his signature." This gentleman had a high opinion of Colonel Hay's writings, and, though fearing to hear an answer which he did not desire to hear, he asked Colonel Hay if he had any part in the composition of the Gettysburg address. He was greatly relieved to hear him answer that he had not, and that the President had composed it and put his thoughts on paper while on the train from Washington to Gettysburg. After arriving there he revised and perfected what is now generally regarded as a masterpiece of English composition and American oratory.—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.*