

## Lincoln and Youth

Oakleaf in his bibliography gives brief sketches of the "Big Five" in Lincolniana.

Of Charles W. McLellan, he tells this story. "Born in 1836, Beverley, Mass. In '56 accepted an offer of \$500 a year in a general store at Springfield, Ill. Year later became book-keeper at the Ridgely National Bank, where he frequently met Mr. Lincoln. In '60 he went to Mobile, Ala., with a firm of wholesale grocers. Before leaving he went to the State House to bid Mr. Lincoln good-bye. He said to him when he told him he was leaving for Mobile: "I am sorry to hear it for I would much rather have two Southern men come North than one Northern man go South."

McLellan was caught by the War and served on the Southern side.

In 1901 he began his famous collection of Lincoln literature as a tribute to the man's memory. It was McLellan's collection that young John D bought for Brown University.