

You ask for a message for your celebration of Abraham Lincoln's first and only visit to Cleveland. His last message to this people fit for all days is peculiarly fit for today. Here we find his conviction born of experience that this country's long endeavor to open to all men the opportunity to labor and to grow depends for progress upon the spirit which animates it - its freedom from malice - its charity for all - its firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right. His last message cuts deepest of all the many he has left us. It is his last word of counsel.