Address delivered at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for 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 can not dedi
we can not consecrate— we can not
hallow this ground. The brave men liv-
ing and dead, who struggled here, have con-
secrated it, far above our poor power to ad-
or detract. The world will little note, nor
long remember what we say here; but it can
never forget what they did here. It is for
the living, rather, to be dedicated here to
the unfinished work which they who fou-
ght here have thus far so nobly advanced.
It is rather for us to be here dedication to
the great task remaining before us—that
from these honored dead we take increased
devotion to that cause for which they gave
the last full measure of devotion—that
we here highly resolve that these dead shall
not have died in vain—that this nation,
under God, shall have a new birth of free-
dom—and that government of the people,
by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln.

November 19, 1863.