

the Centennial. The date to remember is September 6-17, 1962, and the place is Antietam, Maryland. A century ago, at this hallowed spot, was staged one of the great decisive battles of the world, one of much military significance and of tremendous importance in the realm of international politics.

Maryland played a proud role in the Civil War. She furnished four regiments each to the Confederacy and to the Union. Consequently, as odd as it may sound, troops from the Free State met face to face at Antietam. So it is with a feeling somewhat of obligation that we preserve this precious chapter in our State's history.

In planning the Maryland commemoration, we recognize that Antietam is more than just a local shrine, that it stands out as a memorial to all America. Everyone in this nation should have an interest in it. Many of you who hear me today had ancestors fighting at Bloody Lane, and Dunkard Church, sectors that made the name Antietam immortal. We hope you will plan now to return to the scene of this stirring action when the battle is re-enacted in 1962.

I am happy to be able to extend this invitation well in advance of the centennial observance, because Maryland wants to be your host and is ready to offer you the warm hospitality for which our State has become famous. Please make your plans to come to Antietam in September, 1962, less than three years from now. You will be welcome.

ADDRESS, 268TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHRIST CHURCH

CAMBRIDGE

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I consider it a rare good fortune to be here among my good friends of Cambridge and Dorchester County for the observance of the 268th anniversary of the founding of Christ Church—this house of God which has figured so splendidly in the glorious annals of our State.

On such an occasion, it is appropriate, I think, that we turn our thoughts to the past, not because there is any particular virtue in looking back, but because in the contemplation of events which have occurred before we can better understand what is happening today and what is likely to happen in the future. There are episodes in the history of this great region which we are pleased to call the Eastern Shore, episodes