

A CENTURY OF THANKSGIVING.

And the Special Reasons why our Rulers
Have Been Grateful to God.

manifold mercies and the favorable interposition of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility, union and plenty which we have thus enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government, for our safety and happiness, and in general, for all the great favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us."

President John Adams thought that the safety and prosperity of nations ultimately and essentially depend upon the protection and blessing of the

people were exempt from boring wars, enjoying a great degree of internal tranquility."

and in the close of his proclamation recommending that the 5th day of May, 1798, be observed as Thanksgiving.

ed States with a political constitution founded on the will and authority of the whole people, which guaranteed to

istration. It was just after the treaty of peace between the United States and England had been signed at Paris.

in the time of Lincoln in 1862, when he appointed no particular day, but requested that the people of the United

The next year, 1863, the President on the 6th of August set aside the last Thursday in the following November

in which he thanked God "for His guardian care against unfriendly de-

sued by President Andrew Johnson, who was most grateful to God for having sent the mountain people during the

from the calamities of foreign wars, pestilence and famine.

July 4, 1876. "In addition to the usual observances with which we are accustomed to greet the return of the day."

President Hayes was most grateful
"for the exuberant harvests, productive

ful for the "marvelous prosperity which attended the country," and like President Arthur, no special event was celeb-

gaged in maintaining the honor of the flag with such signal success have been

THE GODDESS OF THANKSGIVING AS SHE FLIES OVER OUR PROSPEROUS COUNTRY ON HER NOBLE STEED THE TURKEY

on earth."