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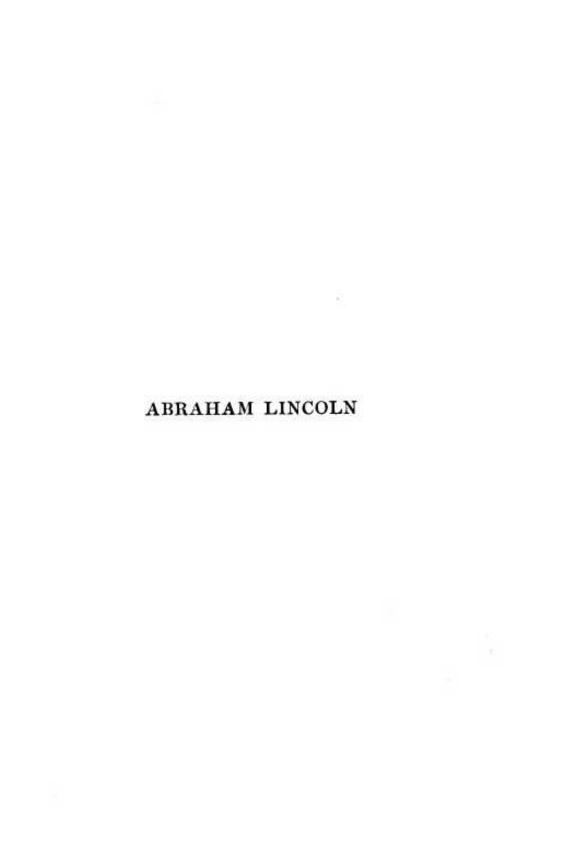
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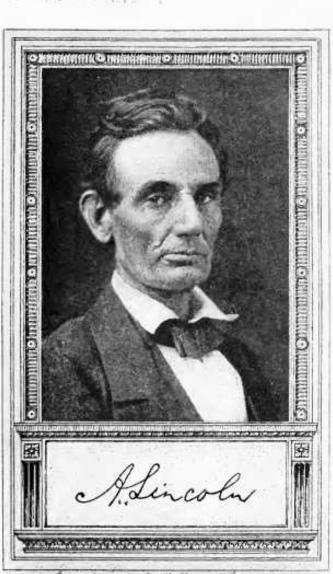
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PREFACE

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To compress between the covers of a little book like this the whole story of Abraham Lincoln, to present within such limitations a life so epical, a character so original and yet so universal, is obviously impossible. It would be impossible, indeed, in a work of a score of volumes. The fascinating subject has already yielded a whole literature. In the List of Lincolniana in the Library of Congress, compiled by Mr. George Thomas Ritchie, there are already a thousand titles. Almost any phase of Lincoln's remarkable personality is worth a volume by itself. Mr. Hill, for instance, has written a charming book on "Lincoln the Lawyer," devoted in the main to what, in many respects, is the most interesting period of his life; namely, those years when he was on the old Eighth Circuit. Mr. Bates's reminiscences of