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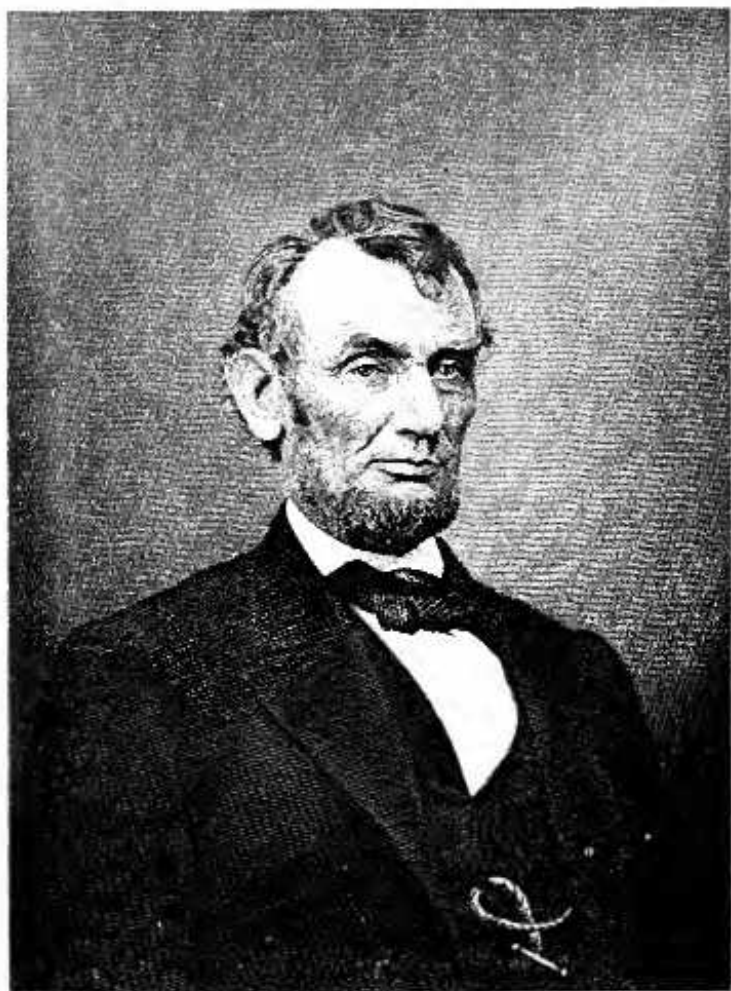
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## PREFACE

The story of Abraham Lincoln's life is one that will never grow old. It is one that makes every fairy tale seem paltry by comparison. No Aladdin depending for his fortune upon a genie of the lamp can hope to rival in interest this humble backwoods boy who rose by his own efforts to the leadership of a great nation. His life story is a constant inspiration to every other boy in the land—and will continue so for countless generations.

This book tries to avoid, on the one hand, the formal biography with its bristling array of names and dates; and on the other, the panegyric of praise. It is a story-telling account emphasizing the picturesque and human phases of his career. It tries to depict the boy and man as the friend and neighbor that Lincoln himself tried to be all through life.

The present writer is by birth and education a Southerner. His father was a Confederate soldier. Never in that Southern home or community does he recall having heard an unkind word against the person or character of Abraham Lincoln. The South was not long in recognizing, after the War, that had Lincoln been spared, the wounds of strife would have