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THE LAST SITTING IN SPRINGFIELD, a photograph by C. S. German, Springfield, February 9, 1861, two days before Lincoln left for Washington. The heavy beard softens the lines in his face, and makes him less gaunt. His eyes are lifted, giving the features a benign, almost saintly expression. He is now the man whom tens of thousands of Union soldiers will shortly know as "Father Abraham."