



Brady,

Washington.

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THE HABITUAL SADNESS which clung about Lincoln's features, often remarked upon by those who knew him, seems intensified in this enlarged profile view. "The melancholy seemed to roll from his shoulders and drip from the ends of his fingers," commented Governor Joseph W. Fifer of Illinois. Perhaps this Brady sitting took place in Washington soon after the death of Lincoln's son Willie, in February, 1862, an event which left the President so grief-stricken that he nearly lost his sanity.