

tificers. Each farmer built his own house, made his own plows and harness, bedsteads, chairs, cupboards, and tables."¹

These pioneers of Ohio and Indiana and Illinois laid the foundation of the great West, and they rendered a noble service in the upbuilding of our country. From among their own num-



A pioneer cabin.

In this cabin, in the town of Hardin, Kentucky, Abraham Lincoln was born, February 12, 1809.

ber and from among their children and grandchildren have come many of our foremost statesmen, soldiers, and scholars. Ohio shares with Virginia the honor of being the "Mother of Presidents"; Indiana is justly proud of many celebrated men; while from the rough life of early Ken-

tucky, Indiana, and Illinois there emerged the greatest American of the nineteenth century—Abraham Lincoln.

QUESTIONS ON THE TEXT

1. Give an account of the admission of Ohio into the Union. What was a chief cause of the rapid growth of Ohio? How did Congress dispose of the public lands at this time?
2. Give an account of the building of the National Road.
3. What was the early history of steamboat-building in the United States? What was the early history of the steamboat on Western rivers?
4. Give an account of the early history of Indiana. How did Indiana deal with the slavery question? With the Indian question? Give an account of the admission of Indiana into the Union.
5. What was the early history of Illinois? When was it admitted into the Union?
6. Describe fully the pioneer life of the Middle West.

¹ Ford, "History of Illinois," p. 41.