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Cover: After the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, commemorative prints were very popular. In this print by John Sartain, George Washington welcomes Lincoln to heaven. There was also a proliferation of sermons on the assassination preached in the Protestant churches of the North. Those sermons praised Lincoln as martyr and hero, with one exception. Rev. Charles H. Ellis, pastor of the Free Congregational Society of the City of Bloomington, set off a furor with his sermon that not only was less than flattering of Lincoln but also blamed the President for his own death. The article by David B. Chesebrough begins on page 146.