

Lincoln Suggestions:

An interesting short article might be made of Lincoln's skill at manuscript correcting, that is his own writing. "His Campaign Life" republished by the Illinois Historical Society/^{is} reproduced from a copy owned by a friend of Lincoln's. He asked him to read it and make corrections. The care with which this is done, the honesty of it, is very interesting. He seems not to be able to put his pen to paper without leaving something of himself in what he wrote.

With these corrections should go those he made of the Cooper Union Speech. (See Knox pamphlet) There are also the corrections of the First Inaugural, the changes in Seward's letter to Lincoln. Lincoln's perception of the effect of saying a thing this way, the understanding of what a change would make. The Gettysburg Speech might offer something.

What did he have in mind when he made these corrections? His unwillingness to give a wrong impression, present himself better than he was.

If the corrections on the Lincoln-Douglas debate are available they might furnish material.