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As you are gathering
the minutest particulars connec-
ted with Abolition as a man a
little incident that occurred in 1857
here in Quincy during the excitement over
the repeal of the Missouri compro-
mise may be of interest. He came
over from Springfield to make a
speech. I do not know that he was
ever before in Quincy. At all events
he was not well known. He was
long, lank, and awkward and pre-
sented a striking appearance
as he moved about on the streets
in the company of friends.

A large crowd for that day -
gathered to hear him. His ^{total}
was more like that of a teacher -
posing some intricate questions.
to advanced pupils, than a political
speech. He had both of the -
platform a large map of the
and with long

United States, which in hand, he pointed out the Missouri Compromise line, showing where slavery was absolutely prohibited, and where it could be introduced by the will of the people. By this object lesson he made the whole subject clear to the minds of his hearers. ~~This answers the~~ ~~illustrating intricate question~~ ~~new characteristic of Mr. Lincoln~~ # Rights of Oratory do not convince. Even deeply rooted argument does not always reach the masses. But it is the simple illustrations connected with every day life that become fixed on the mind and bring about conviction. Mr. Lincoln possessed this faculty to a marked degree, and of this may be attributed his great success before the people. Wm. J. M. Rogers