

Between thirty and forty Boy Scouts of the La Grande troops marched to the Presbyterian church yesterday morning to attend services as part of the Scout Service week, which is being observed throughout the nation this week. Following the Father and Son banquet last Thursday evening in their club rooms at the Y. M. C. A. which is the "Round-up" week, the Scouts received a message to hear one of their Scoutmasters, the Rev. William Crosby Ross, bring them a message on "Lincoln and his religion." During the opening part of the service the scouts stood at attention and sang "On with our oath of allegiance to the flag which was draped on the pulpit platform. The worship hour was concluded by a soprano solo rendered by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, "The Star Spangled Banner," with violin accompaniment by Mrs. J. C. Lindsay which caused all to realize the obligation upon all scouts and citizens

of this great republic.

Mr. Ross stressed the religious element of Lincoln's life as it found expression in his goodness as revealed in his unselfish attitude towards his life and his integrity winning for him the nickname of "Honest Abe;" in his compassion wherein was revealed a nobility of character and the giving to the world the Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves held in their own woe; in his faith in God and his providence as expressed in his farewell at Springfield and in practically all his state papers; in his belief in prayer and a Gospel of cheerful resignation to God. If it were not for my firm belief in an ever-ruling Providence, it would be difficult for me, in the midst of this war, to keep my reason," He demonstrated that while Lincoln was a Christian, his Christianity was not a sectarian Christianity with any Christian church, he nevertheless a great hearted Christian, a member of the greater Kingdom of God.