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Lincoln Centennial Anniversary

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

Brief Concert Exercise

*“With Malice Toward None
With Charity For All.”*

Lincoln Memorial Sunday

February 7, 1909

Commemorating the One Hundredth Birthday of

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

OUR COUNTRY and the KINGDOM.

Superintendent.—The United States holds a commanding position in bringing Christian civilization to the entire world. This will be impossible unless the great body of American citizens are earnest, Christian patriots.

Supt.—What is Lincoln Memorial Sunday?

Ans.—It is the one day in the year upon which special attention is given in our Congregational Sunday School thought and study to the work of thoroughly Christianizing our own country.

Great crises bring to a nation large opportunities for service and progress which result either in marked advancement or sad disaster. The life of Abraham Lincoln marked a great crisis in our country's history.

Abraham Lincoln's life shows that he was prepared through the providence of God to meet such a great crisis in our nation's history. In a mountain cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky, on February 12, 1809, he was born. The conditions of his early life were humble and narrow. He had only three books in his entire list, little paper or pens and only a few months of schooling. He learned to write by tracing his name in the soft earth between rows of corn which he was hoeing.

Scholar.—Abraham Lincoln, a name written upon the great state papers of the nation and on the Emancipation Proclamation which released from bondage four million people, was probably first traced *in the ground on the mountainside*. Think of it!

Who can not win out, American boy or girl, with such an example as this? It is really worth while, every year at least, to study the life and character, with its humble beginning and its tremendous influence, of this mountain lad from the Highlands of the South—Abraham Lincoln.

From clerk, flatboatman, grocer, surveyor and lawyer, by steady development Abraham Lincoln rose to the Presidency, Commander

in Chief of the Army and Navy of this great nation. His simple, honest, unselfish life was his greatest contribution and that to which every one may attain.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

The American Missionary Association is doing much to complete the great work which President Lincoln began. This Association is the recognized representative of our Congregational Sunday Schools and churches in the patriotic and Christian work among eight races in our own country.

Supt.—Who are these people represented in the schools and missions of the American Missionary Association?

First Answer.—The Negroes in the South, among whom the Association has 63 schools with 13,043 pupils, and 173 churches.

Second Answer.—The Mountaineers, or American Highlanders, in the hill country of the South, where 10 schools with 1,985 pupils, and 40 churches are established. These Mountaineers are "The people of Abraham Lincoln."

Third Answer.—The work of Congregationalists among the Indians on the prairie is also carried on by the Association. This missionary work reaches twenty-two different tribes.

Fourth Answer.—The Chinese in our own country, especially on the Pacific Slope, and Japanese who are flocking to our shores in large numbers, and a few Hindus who have broken through the caste superstition of India, present the great problem of Oriental immigration. The Eskimo in Alaska are also reached by our churches and Sunday Schools through the A. M. A. A reindeer herd is one of the unusual features of this important and romantic work of the Association, and adds greatly to its value.

Fifth Answer.—The island territories of Hawaii and Porto Rico present another picturesque and needy field reached by the A. M. A.

How can we help? To do this work at all well means a large increase in our gifts this Lincoln Memorial Sunday which, in a

sense, will be the thermometer of our patriotism and Christian loyalty.

What More Can We Do?

We can study the life and character of Abraham Lincoln especially during this Centennial Year of his birth.

We can study the thrilling and wonderful and essential work of the American Missionary Association in its planting of shops and schools and churches and the encouragement of Christian homes among the many races in this far-reaching field stretching from Alaska to Porto Rico and from Savannah to Hawaii. It is all a part of our own nation, our flag floats over it and the people are depending upon us for help through the American Missionary Association.

We can help by filling the Lincoln Centennial Mite Boxes to the brim and bringing them on Sunday for this offering. Also by making the Lincoln Memorial Offering at least \$25.00 from this school. If a thousand schools should meet this splendid, patriotic opportunity of Lincoln Memorial Centennial by each giving this amount to the A. M. A. to complete his life work it would mean \$25,000, a noble offering of the patriotic young people of America to the millions of our own fellow citizens who need your help. There are more than four thousand Congregational Sunday Schools in our fellowship!

Superintendent.—Shall we not do our share here and today toward this

LINCOLN MEMORIAL OFFERING

on the One Hundredth Anniversary Sunday of his *BIRTH?*

Taking collection, gathering Mite Boxes and pledges for the
LINCOLN MEMORIAL OFFERING.

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