

**SUNDAY WAS
Y.P.C. DAY AT
SAINT ANDREW'S**

Corporate Communion in Morning—
Business Meeting at 6 and Even-
ing Service at 8.

Sunday, June 11, was a very busy day for the Young People's Club of S. Andrew's church. Starting at 7:30 in the morning the Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter held Corporate Communion for them and at 6:00 in the evening was held their monthly business meeting in the Church School. Iced tea and cake and cookies were served before the business was transacted to about fifty young people. At 8:00 the club took almost complete charge of the Evening Service. This is an innovation in the church which was started a month ago by this club and which has become a firmly established part of the young people's work for the church. One Sunday in each month one of the services is turned over to the club. After the processional Mr. J. R. King read the Scripture and during the collection Mr. Leslie Sanders sang a solo.

The address of the evening was given by Mr. M. E. Coleman, a licensed lay reader of the church.

This service was well attended by young and old alike and they were rewarded with an excellent address by Mr. Coleman. His text was "A Newspaperman's View of Religion," and was most excellently delivered. It was particularly interesting to those who are in newspaper work and just as interesting to the rest of the audience. His conclusions were drawn so nicely and the facts so striking that we obtained permission to print the address in full for the benefit of our readers whom we believe will be interested.

Mr. Coleman's address follows: "It is with considerable diffidence and not little mental embarrassment that one attempts a task of this nature. This is only my second experience in the pulpit and as the first one occurred more than thirty years ago, it scarcely counts now. "Certainly it would be presumptions for me to attempt to advise any of

you on problems of religion but I have this consideration in mind—that relations of experience sometimes strike responsive chords in other minds and serve in a measure to clarify other's perplexities. In this respect some of our devout brethren in evangelical sects have the better of us perhaps for they are accustomed in weekly gatherings to exchange experiences and while I have no intention of attempting anything of the sort on this occasion, I find myself rather forced to speak from the personal viewpoint. In fact I have no other point from which to speak for religion to the layman, is a matter of personal experience. Only the intensive study and training required of members of the priesthood fits one to address others from the impersonal or academic viewpoint. Therefore, kindly pardon the frequent occurrence in this effort of the first personal pronoun, singular.

I have been in newspaper work for nearly a quarter of a century. I have heard frequently from clergymen of various denominations the complaint that newspapers will not print their sermons but will devote columns of space to the unworthy wearer of the cloth who in the least degree forgets his ordination vows or becoming discouraged with the lack of results of his efforts, breaks into a bitter diatribe of some sort against church people in general and the members of his congregation in particular.

"The answer is that the great reading public is not interested in the orthodox utterances or deeds of a man tarred to utter or do just those things but is interested when he does or says the unexpected. This is just a manifestation of trait common to human nature. The man who goes steadily on his daily round, minding his own business and doing it quietly, uncomplainingly and efficiently, seldom arouses comment among the

neighbors. But let such a man break over the bounds of convention and the first remark one hears is 'Who would ever think he would do a thing like that.'

"Several years ago when Prof. Edward T. James, lately president of the University of Illinois, was inaugurated president of North Western University at Evanston, I was covering the territory for the old Chicago Chronicle. In his first address to the student body of North Western he warned his hearers to be circumspect. 'In these days of the ever-present reporter,' he said, 'a university is like a city on a hill, held high to the public gaze. Its truth and sincerity are apparent, but they excite silent admiration. Its mistakes on the other hand become as black clouds of soot scattering dirt and grime and besmirching the entire structure.'

"I have this before me in a better form in a clipping which I culled a few days ago from a Minneapolis paper. It quotes Hermann Hagedorn as saying that the evil things, the materialistic things, the negative, destructive things, make much more noise than the forces of harmony and beauty. Hence the seven column streamer head on the front page when some terrible crime is committed and

the modest page six account of a church dinner attended by several hundred perfectly behaved and law-abiding citizens.

"The newspaper reflects in its news columns at least, the general mental attitude of its readers. In a copper mining section, the paper will feature or play up anything relating to the production, marketing and use of that metal. In central Illinois the word 'corn' in an item is almost certain to gain a place for that story on the first page. In Aurora or Elgin similar stress is placed on the words 'milk' and 'butter.' Finance is a sure fire subject in New York as union labor is at present in Chicago.

"Those are things in which persons of every grade of thought and action are interested in these particular communities. Other subjects gain prominence in proportion as they interest a greater or lesser proportion of the community.

"Then how about Christianity? Well, the standard of the average newspaper on that subject is the same as on any other subject. Whether a happening in religious circles is to gain space in the news columns depends upon whether the event is really novel, or in other words news, and whether any considerable portion of the paper's clientele would be interested in reading about it.

Consider the fact that in this village, which may be classed as rather

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