

IN APPRECIATION

JAMES HILARY COMAN

1895 - 1966

Only a short while ago our Official Board and thousands of other members and friends of Duke Memorial Methodist Church were made glad at the selection of JAMES HILARY COMAN as "Father of the Year". Our hearts thrilled at the tribute which was paid him by the newspaper which wrote the story of his selection, remarkable facts concerning him and the deeds he had done in our community. Now our hearts are saddened that this life has come to a sudden and untimely end, and with this untimely end, a lot of greatness and goodness has vanished from the earth. The accounts of his character and achievements are almost too good to be true; however, those of us who knew him best know that no one can fully report on or give proper credit for the things he has done in his life.

Mr. Coman's manifold interests and his involvement in many worthwhile projects are too numerous to list; however, one of his most outstanding achievements was his work with the Boy Scouts, and the forty-five years that he devoted to scouting in this area have done much to make scouting what it is today in Durham. His achievements in business and education and his service to the civic life of Durham will long be remembered. He raised three fine sons, who, from his influence, have followed his advice and have now taken their own positions in the community life of Durham.

His work in our Church will long be remembered. He was a loyal and devoted member for more than fifty years. For forty years he was a member of the Official Board, a member of the Trustee Committee, Chairman of the Church Property Committee, and he served as President of his Bible Class on two or three occasions.

III. APPROPRIATION

JAMES HILARY COOK

1937 - 1938

Only a short while ago our Official Board and the Board of other members and friends of Lake Superior State University were glad at the selection of JAMES HILARY COOK as "Teacher of the Year". Our hearts thrilled at the time when we read his name in the newspaper which told the story of his selection, remarkable facts concerning him and the work he had done in our community. Now our hearts are saddened that this has come to a sudden and untimely end, and with this untimely end a lot of goodness and goodness has vanished from the earth. The accounts of his character and scholarship are almost too good to be true; however, those of us who knew him well know that to say an "all" report on or give proper credit for the things he has done in his life.

Mr. Cook's manifold interests and his involvement in many worthwhile projects are too numerous to list; however, one of his most noteworthy achievements was his work with the Boy Scouts, and the forty-five years that he devoted to scouting in this area have done much to make scouting what it is today in Denmark. His achievements in business and education and his devotion to the citizenship of Denmark will long be remembered. In raised the bar, and from his experience, have followed his advice and have now taken their own positions in the community life of Denmark.

However, in our hearts will long be remembered. He was a loyal and devoted member for more than fifty years. For forty years he was a member of the Official Board, a member of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the General Student Committee, and he served as President of the State Class of two or three occasions.

Mr. Coman was always ready and willing to serve in whatever capacity his services were needed. He tackled the job not for the glory, but to serve his fellow man. His character is well summed up in that Scriptural statement, "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord"; but to that must be added, he served his fellow man well. His good humor, kindly spirit and thoughtfulness made him a favorite with all who knew him.

His story here on earth is finished, but his influence will live on for others to enjoy for many, many years to come. Only High Heaven knows how good and great he was, and we shall all miss him sorely.

Let it be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Stewards, Duke Memorial Church, on this night, October 5, 1966, that JAMES HILARY COMAN will go down in history as one of the great builders of this Church.

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... the woman was always ready and willing to serve in whatever capacity
... his services were needed. In each case for the glory, but to serve
... the fellow man. His character so well known to all our countrymen
... devoted in business, fervent in religion, serving the Lord
... most of all, he served the fellow man well. His good nature, kind spirit
... and cheerfulness made him a favorite with all who knew him.

... his story here of course is finished, but his influence will live on
... for others to enjoy for many years to come. Only high heaven knows
... how good an angel he was, and we shall all miss his smile.

... it is to be regretted that the members of the Board of Trustees, First
... Baptist Church, on this night, October 21, 1900, that JAMES HENRY GIBBY
... will go down in history as one of the great builders of this Nation.
