

of the War's great heroes of courage and Christian witness. His father Dr. Daniel Poling, later writing of his son's death, said, "The only prayer he wanted was answered; he was adequate."

In my judgment, the young man whom we honor in this service and whose passing we mourn, was likewise adequate. He constantly reflected honor upon his upbringing. He was fortunate to have been born into a pastor's home and additionally fortunate to have been nurtured, guided and inspired by the love of a faithful church. Ultimately, however, he had to prove himself adequate for life's tests. This he did magnificently. He grew up loving to be helpful to others. He took delight in serving all kinds of people and particularly delighted in serving children and the weak. He was warmhearted and generous. Children loved him. His speech was clean and his habits well ordered. He willingly went beyond the call of duty, preferring others ahead of himself.

Where do we look for the secret of such a young man's life? One must look to his faith. Because he was a quiet man, there was nothing of ostentation about his religious life. It was not necessary for him to be outspoken about his convictions; he lived by them.

His life was pathetically short by human standards. However, if we are wise, we will think of the significance of life not in terms of number of years but in terms of undergoing the divine discipline. Life is a school, and all our days we are learners. Some learn with painful slowness, others learn rapidly. Jimmy Hughes was a rapid learner. He hastened through school and graduated early. But who will deny that he did the work which the Lord gave him to do? He was adequate to his assignment.

Therefore we rejoice and give thanks to God for the privilege of having lived along with James Read Hughes. We are grateful for the home in which he