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HONORING THE CHURCH

I

Honoring the Church

IT is considered very good form and very good fun in certain quarters these days to maul the church. It is a chilly day when some light-hearted newspaper reporter does not make merry in a column or two over what he regards as "the faults and failures of the Protestant Church." He is careful not to attack the Roman Catholic Church, for reasons which we all understand full well. And it is a very cold day when some minister, like an ill-bred bird, does not foul his own nest by criticising and even caricaturing the church which originally gave him his opportunity to be heard. In my judgment it is poor business all around. It gives aid and comfort to the enemy. It amuses some, wounds many, and helps none. I wish to protest against it, and to say a word here as straight and as strong as I know how to make it for "the honor of the church."

We have been told in trenchant magazine articles, written by ministers who were old enough to have known better, that if the pastors of the churches had not been "so benignly dumb," — I am quoting here from