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EDITORIALS

THE CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Rev. and Mrs. Glendon Kierstead sailed for Africa in August . . . Lic. Reginald Kierstead sailed for Africa in October . . . Miss Uta Chase is tentatively scheduled to sail for Africa early in '58 . . . Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gorman are likewise tentatively scheduled to sail for Africa in the Spring of '58 . . .

These announcements bespeak the rapidly expanding foreign missionary programme of our Church. A 50% increase in our staff of missionaries in one year! Salary increases, building of new churches, purchase of property, erection of a medical clinic, raising funds for passages, etc., these and other expenses related to our missionary work lay very heavy financial demands upon us.

How can we meet, and continue to accept, the challenge of an expanding missionary programme? By catching the vision of the importance of this work, and giving sacrificially that the needed financial resources may be provided. And both these things are happening in our churches and among our people.

Individuals are feeling the challenge of the missionary work and are giving generous sums, \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1,000. Some are making provisions in their wills for bequests to missionary endeavour. Some plan to leave properties to be sold as a means of financing missionary projects.

Another significant trend in our churches, is that of requests for permission to assure full responsibility for missionaries and their support. Already such permission has been granted to some churches and others are making application. One church decided to undertake support of one missionary, with the hope of asking permission to support both the man and his wife, and after the first year, the missionary giving of the church increased so much, that request was made to send the couple to the field and support them. And at Sandford, N. S. the challenge to undertake support of a missionary was accepted with the people pledging more than \$900.00.

So the challenge, though very great, is being accepted. It is ever enlarging, so we pray that our faith and vision may keep pace. Other churches would do well to consider support of a missionary or missionaries. It is amazing how God honours the venturing of a missionary church!

CHRISTMAS IS COSTLY!

We are once more in the Christmas month of our calendar year. And what a wonderful month it is! Songs honouring the Saviour's birth fill the air, the spirit of goodwill permeates the atmosphere of our communities, and we are filled with thoughts and plans of what we may do to make others happy.

Few people can really afford what is involved in the Christmas celebrations. Meeting the current expenses is a problem with most and there is usually "too much month at the end of the pay". Purchasing gifts, food, fruit, etc., for the Yuletide calls for sacrifice, and sometimes we must work hard and plan carefully for weeks following the season in order to balance the budget.

And a genuine Christmas celebration will always be costly. To have those things which make for an exciting, heart-warming season will surely mean that we spend more than we can afford to. It is the desire to do more than the budget will allow for that belongs to the spirit of Christmas. Discretion should be exercised, but love will have the last word.

The first Christmas was very costly. The gift of God was painfully expensive. He could not "afford" to give as He did, but He gave just the same. Reason said "it is too much", but love's urge prevailed. For the redemption and happiness of a fallen creation, God would give extravagantly, and He did. Just one thing he desired—that the Gift offered be accepted, and the blessings purchased be enjoyed. And that is the spirit of Christmas.

If you have a real Christmas this year, a truly "Merry Christmas", it will be costly. The kind you can afford will hardly be good enough. And the peculiar joy the heart knows in giving that others may be blessed, will more than compensate for any sacrifice involved!

"MEN AFLAME"

The dearth of "men aflame" in the pulpit is the sure sign of evangelical decay, says Dr. Ravenhill, a British evangelist. The doctor has no quarrel with learning but he is violently opposed to barrenness. He contends that when a preacher can preach without burning himself out, he is through. This is abundantly proven by the short span of life of the preachers of early Christianity. Few of them lived beyond forty. Said a fellow pastor of his dead comrade, in writing his obituary: "His very vitals went into his ministry. Only the great Physician restored him after the almost complete exhaustion that followed his message to his people." We are told that Whitfield was often carried on a stretcher or improvised couch from place to place, while he preached. Bishop Asbury so burned himself out with his sermons and exhortations that he had to be lifted on his horse at times, as he rode on to the next appointment. Today the ordinary preachers is the best risk of the insurance companies. What does it mean? —Selected

HOLLYWOOD'S BEST

Hollywood recently conducted its annual "academy award", to announce those judged as the best in their industry. It was no surprise to anyone that an adulteress was selected as their very best actress. The *Detroit Times* expressed it, "Ingrid Bergman, who fled to Europe to escape the moral indignation of America movie-goers, was accepted back today with open arms as the 1956 academy award winner for best actress." This is the same actress who, seven or eight years ago, bore a son for Italian movie director Roberto Rossellini while still married to Dr. Peter Lindstrom, an American surgeon. She did not

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