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— Editorial —

HITHERTO . . . HENCEFORTH

I Sam. 7:12 ". . . Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."
II Tim. 4:8 "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of
righteousness . . ."

A woman, serving alone as a missionary among the
foothills of the Himalyas of India, had a missionary friend
pay her a brief visit. When the time came to separate,
the two were reluctant to leave, each dreading the awful
loneliness that so soon would surround their lives. As
they parted, finally, the missionary friend turned to wave
farewell and said, "Hitherto." Instantly the answer came
back, "Henceforth." These parting words, reminding each
of them of God's never failing care in the past and His
glad promise for the future, had become customary as the
two met from time to time.

"Hitherto . . . henceforth." Wonderful words! Words
which measure all time and which embrace in their span
the total record of God's dealings with men.

"Hitherto" is a look into the past. It covers the record
of history, of our yesterdays. It includes our battles, our
disappointments, our struggles, our victories. It reveals
God's unchanging purposes for us in Christ, that in Him
we might "have redemption through his blood, the for-
giveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace,"
that in Him we might have "inheritance among them which
are sanctified." It declares to us that "we should live
soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."
The story of the past proves the amazing truth of Joshua's
valedictory address in which he stated, "Not one thing
hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your
God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you,
and not one thing hath failed thereof" (Joshua 23:14).

The prophet Samuel said, "Hitherto hath the Lord
helped us!" Indeed, what a great God we serve. We have
proved that His love is boundless and His grace without
measure.

"Henceforth" is a look into the future. For the Apostle
Paul it meant that down the road just a short way was
his promotion day, with "a crown of righteousness" a
fitting reward for faithful service. For us it may mean the
opportunity to serve the Lord a while longer, or with
Paul, it may mean our crowning day also. It may mean
sorrow and heartbreak. It may mean heavy burdens and
perplexing problems. It may mean triumph or it may mean
tragedy. Whatever the future, this is certain, that it glows
with divine radiance and spiritual assurance. For God is

a part of "henceforth" and God knows no equal. He knows
no defeats. Praise His Name!

Today we stand still for a moment. The old year is
passing away; the new is before us—untried, unknown,
uncertain. Our best inspiration and our surest guidance
will be found in the Lord who hitherto hath led us on.
Henceforth He knows the way.

HATS OFF TO E. H. B. S.

This issue of The Highway carries a picture of four
native graduates of Evangelical Holiness Bible School,
Altona, along with a write-up of most impressive gradua-
tion exercises held early in November.

With a history of less than seven years, our own train-
ing school for native preachers and workers has made
signal progress. Its contribution to the African Missionary
Program has already been great and the present trend of
growth and development suggests that it will increase
more and more.

The student body has had a consistent growth. New
and improved facilities have been necessary and new
courses have been added to the school curriculum. The
latest addition has been a lighting plant, installed by
Brother Glendon Kierstead, making possible a lighting
capacity of 750 watts. The system was made possible by a
used airplane generator, a petrol-paraffin engine, plus
creative ingenuity.

Brother Kierstead has appealed through the Highway
Editor for support for students at the cost of \$50. per
year. Several Missionary Auxiliaries are already supporting
students at E.H.B.S. He also wishes to establish a new
course in Domestic Science during the coming school
year which will be primarily for lady students. Mrs. Betty
Kierstead, who has obtained a certificate in Designing
and Dressmaking, will teach the course. The cost for
introducing the course will be approximately \$250. Any
takers?

For a job well done, we say "Hats Off" to the Principal,
Rev. Glendon Kierstead, his staff, and E.H.B.S. graduates
of 1961.

December Cheer

by Alice Sterritt

December has come
The month we hold dear,
Because with it comes
The message of cheer

That sweeps o'er the world
On land and on sea,
The message of Christ—
His nativity.
If He had not come,
How sad it would be,
No light in the gloom
For you and for me.

But He, the true Light,
Came down to this earth,
The proof of God's love,
Through His holy birth.

They who receive Him
Are happy and blest.
Sins are forgiven,
The weary find rest.
All praise is due Him,
For such wondrous grace,
God sending His Son,
To redeem every race.