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## —Editorials—

### JUST DON'T GET OLD

A couple of issues ago we made the editorial comment that a Church, or a Denomination, could be fairly well measured by the type of youth it was producing. We believe this to be entirely true, and we would not change a word of what was said. But there are some other measuring rods of a church—its strength and its efficiency. What about the attitude of the Church, as a whole, toward those who are older, and in particular the older ones who have served for many years in the ministry of the Church? In our opinion, it is highly regrettable that we tend to finish with a man when he reaches, not an old age, but simply older middle-age. The tendency is to "dump" him for someone with youth, vigour, and vitality, imagination and aggressiveness—missing altogether the fact that at this point in his life he is qualified to give his richest and deepest ministry.

We have only to check the list of ministers in the Minute Book to note that a large number of men, and not old men either, are doing secular work, serving other churches, or simply doing nothing at all. This condition cannot be a healthy one, and indicates a tragic breakdown somewhere along the line in our denominational organization.

To top it off, we provide no pension plan for ministers of the Reformed Baptist Church, trusting rather to providence and charity to bring a man and his wife to an honourable and respectable end.

We believe it is high time to take some action, from Alliance level, to grapple with this problem, at least to explore possibilities for utilizing more efficiently those men who have ability and energy with which to serve the Church. Indeed, there is no way in which a local church may be coerced into calling an older man. That is its own business. But, as a helpful alternative, the Alliance at least should seek to provide opportunities for service within the framework of its total program.

### A RECORD OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Sunday, April 22, is Easter and the Foreign Mission Board is calling for a record offering on that day from all churches. The call to missionary giving needs no apology. It behooves us, who name Christ's name, not to give a good offering — that is not enough! — but to give ALL that we can give. Only then can we say that we have given as we ought.

Four immediate needs present themselves to our Foreign Board:

1. Added financial support for white missionaries.
2. Added financial support for native workers.
3. Furlough expenses for Rev. and Mrs. Eric Haywood.
4. Expense involved in placing Lic. and Mrs. Gene Hudson as replacements for the Haywoods.

As you read this, three weeks remain to plan, promote, pray, and save—that on April 22 we shall give a record offering for Foreign Missions.

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## A TRIBUTE TO MRS. GLADYS KIERSTEAD

by Rev. H. R. Ingersoll

It is indeed fitting that the current issue of the "The Highway" was planned as a missionary issue. Many will be the tributes to our beloved missionary "Sister Gladys" Kierstead, wife of Rev. E. A. M. Kierstead, Superintendent of our Reformed Baptist Missions in South Africa and Rhodesia. However, no tribute could be more appropriate than that the issue bearing the sad news of her passing should be devoted to a missionary challenge and an appeal to missionary support.

Looking back over the life of missionary service rendered by Sister Kierstead, one cannot help but be challenged. We are challenged by her consecration. This was first manifest in her willingness to leave the homeland and take her family to a foreign country and rear her children in the midst of inconvenience, privation, and strange customs. The consecration held not only under conditions that were expected in such a situation, but when sickness overcame her, she continued faithful in the line of duty — not temporarily but even unto the end. The completeness of her consecration was much in evidence in her keen desire to return to Africa last summer though enduring severe physical suffering. To recount everything that proves her dedication to the call of God would be impossible. Much of it will not be known until the books are open.

Nevertheless, we do know that her devotion to the Lord in behalf of those lost in shades of night was such that she gave her all. Many were the hours she spent in intercession for souls fettered in superstition and sin. She has given of her sons to bear the message glorious. She gave of her strength in a heavy program of correspondence to be a public relations officer for God between those bound in the darksome prison house of sin and a host of people in the homeland. By her liaison many hearts were stirred to feel the demand of duty to have a part in missionary enterprise by giving of their means and holding the lines of prayer. She was an inspiration to her fellow missionaries, giving them much needed encouragement and stimulating them to faithful service.

With the home going of such a valiant missionary, our work has suffered a severe loss. We have confidence that our times are in God's hands and he doeth all things well. However, only as we respond to our missionary responsibility with a spirit of sacrifice and devotion will we be able to fill up the hedge. As the cry continues o'er the restless wave, "Send the light", let us lift up our eyes with new vision and energetically work till Jesus comes.

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The gospel is the fulfillment of all hopes, the perfection of all philosophy, the interpretation of all revelation, the key to all the seeming contradictions of the physical and moral world.

—Max Muller

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