

Why I Accepted the Editorship of Beacon Lights

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Although I considered myself unprepared to perform the duties of an editor, I felt compelled to accept this position because God called me through the Federation Board. When God calls, he calls with one purpose in mind: the propagation of the glorious Gospel of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thus, he called me to help in the propagation of the “good news” through the publication and distribution of this God-centered periodical. Now that I have explained why I accepted this position, I want to relate to you some of the experiences I have already had while editor of *Beacon Lights*.

The first Monday in April I attended my first Beacon Lights staff meeting at which Robert Decker, the former editor, presided. I was truly impressed with both the efficiency and the spiritual strength of this group of Protestant Reformed young people.

Since that time I have met with individual staff members to resolve some minor mechanical details that had occurred during the change in editors. Finally, on June 3, I presided over the first staff meeting, and as individuals and as a group I found them most helpful, educative, and, above all, spiritually uplifting. I want to thank them all for helping me, and I am looking forward to working with them in the future.

The staff has helped me much, but Robert Decker has helped me the most. I want to thank him also for the instruction he has given me thus far. Even after he is settled in his own congregation, I hope we can call on him for editorial advice and maybe an article or two if he has the time.

From the brief contact I have had with the staff and former editor, I can safely say that no one need worry about the future of our churches when God has supplied us with spiritual leaders like these young people. I do not say this boastfully, for no one can glory save in the Lord, and then it is He that glories. But I must hastily add that I should hope that we young people will maintain the truth of the Word of God. God has singled us out to spread His glorious Gospel in all its purity—an awesome responsibility is ours!

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‘Tis not that I did choose Thee,
For, Lord, that could not be;
This heart would still refuse Thee,
But Thou hast chosen me.
Thou from the sin that stained me,
Hast cleansed and set me free,
Of old Thou hast ordained me,
That I should live to Thee.

‘Twas sov’ reign mercy called me,
And taught my op’ning mind;
The world had else enthralled me,

To heav'nly glories blind;
My heart owns none before Thee,
For Thy rich grace I thirst;
This knowing, if I love Thee,
Thou must have loved me first.

Josiah Conder

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