

maintain health as far as possible is also a prime necessity for the Mission field.

9. There is much to be said in favor of the practice of some missions requiring all new missionaries to go out unmarried, to test themselves out and to master the language thoroughly before assuming the responsibility of establishing a home and rearing a family. Too often have these cares mitigated against the wife's learning the language with the result that she is crippled all her missionary life. Young married people should bear these things in mind, and see that the wife obtains as good an opportunity to learn the language as does the husband even if a family has to be postponed for a time to do it.
10. The best age for arriving on the field is between 24 and 50. Adaptability to the many changes required, difficulty in mastering a language when over thirty and problems of health all suggest that that should be the limit upward. Stability, experience, judgment are usually more developed after twenty-four. For such reasons only in exceptional circumstances will any under twenty-four or over thirty be appointed.
11. Owing to the greatly lessened freedom for language study in the first years on the field, to the increased expense and to greater health risks, the Board can only in very exceptional circumstances appoint candidates who already have children.
12. The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions has also further requirements for missionary service which it would be well if every Board and every Mission required of missionary candidates. Certainly a missionary candidate in our day should know and should have taken a positive stand on the right side in those great issues which face the whole Christian Church; destructive higher criticism of the Bible, evolution, rationalism, modernism of every kind and indifferentism to the whole problem. Also he should know something of the various Councils found at home and abroad which have done so much to obscure and even to deny and betray the truth and to confuse and misdirect the Church of God.