

## **Appreciation for H. O. Van Gilder**

Four years ago at the annual meeting of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, held in Grand Rapids, at the recommendation of the Council of Fourteen, the Association voted to place a National Representative in the field, and the Council was instructed to establish a national office at some central place.

In accordance with this action on the part of the Association, the Council elected Dr. H. O. Van Gilder, and he responded to the call. In pursuit of this plan, Dr. Van Gilder entered the work the following September, and shortly thereafter an office was established in the city of Chicago. To this work was also added the responsibility of the publication of *The Baptist Bulletin*. These services have been united under the leadership of Dr. Van Gilder and his associate worker Miss Ruth Ryburn.

It is the unanimous opinion of your Council of Fourteen that Dr. Van Gilder has rendered blessed service and has been used of the Lord in the furthering of the fellowship of our Association. We recommend most heartily his Christian character and his brotherly spirit of fellowship among our churches and pastors, at all times maintaining the historic principles of true Baptist democracy.

Now that Dr. Van Gilder has elected to serve in another very important field connected with our Fellowship, we commend him to this field of service with the prayerful hope that he may continue to be blessed of the Lord in every work to which the Lord may lead him.

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