



A second point I wish to make is that the situation described by Mr. Huisken has a serious effect on our churches. It already has had a noticeable effect on our reading of good religious writings. Even the *Standard Bearer* is considered by many to be "too deep"; and soundly Reformed books of the present and past are not even considered by most. As a rule we are unaccustomed to thinking through a problem, and this has a disastrous effect on our ability to interpret the Bible on our own (i.e., without commentaries or a minister). But the really frightening possibility is the ease with which the lie could supplant the truth in this environment. What damage could not a man bent on bringing heresy into the church do, if he were a gifted speaker with a quick mind, and one who gave evidence of being a learned scholar? Without a broad knowledge of church history, we would probably not recognize the old heresy in new clothes (for there is still nothing new under the sun). And, not accustomed to thinking things through, would we even *catch* the lie mingled with the truth? I am very thankful that God has given us some exceptions — young men and women who like to read and study and who can and do think for themselves. As a rule, however, we are not inclined to those activities.

I hope, therefore, that we see the dangers that accompany the decline of our graduates' interests and abilities in these crucial areas. May God grant us the wisdom not only to take heed to the warnings sounded by Mr. Huisken, but also to take appropriate *action*.

I see that this "letter" has gotten almost as long as the "introductions" to some of the *Perspectives* articles, but I hope you can find room to print it anyway.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Russ Dykstra

FROM GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN:

What a precious magazine you put out! I had no idea that there was such a worthwhile magazine! I especially enjoyed the "boney" one by Gary VanDerSchaaf. You know, I never had opportunity to attend school beyond the 8th grade in Byron Center. And we never saw any instruction under "science." But Gary's insight into the Scriptural point of view of our skeletal system was an eye-opener, and truly was appreciated.

I did not realize that within me were osteocytes, osteoblasts, and osteoclasts working their little heads off for me! Looking forward to the next issue!

Sincerely,  
John Faber