

European Relief Fund

WE have read much of late of the distressful conditions in Central Europe, but somehow it comes much closer to us today, when we realise that thousands of our people are in such dire want that many of them must die of starvation, before their winter is over, unless relief comes to them immediately.

You, no doubt, have read the appealing articles in the *Review and Herald* by Brethren Spicer and Meyers asking for help for our struggling brethren in Central Europe. Money in Germany today is worthless. Elder Conradi reports that a large subscription book like "Great Controversy" sells for 1,978,000,000,000 marks, which is equivalent to about 10d. Our workers are becoming ill for lack of food, the children in the homes being especially troubled with rickets. From a letter written to the editor of the *OUTLOOK* by Brother W. K. Ising, secretary of the European Division, I quote:

"It was most touching to hear our brethren relate the trying experience through which our people are passing, and they have heroically battled with the conditions during this time of crisis. They have been underfed for years now, and most of them are wearing their last clothes; in fact they have been obliged to live from hand to mouth all this time, on which would appear to us a mere pittance, so that it is really beyond our conception how they have been able to hold out that long. This depreciation of the money has worked hard on their nerves and mentality, so that physical and mental exhaustion is the natural result of these conditions. What would you think of earning 6/- a week, while the expenses for food only were on the basis of £3-10-0 a week, not to speak of most necessary articles of clothing? But such has been the situation, and it will take a long time until conditions are improved."

He quotes from a letter received from one of our ministers in October last, when conditions were much more favourable than they are now: "'My wages for the last week amounted, in paper money to 2,800,000,000 marks which you will consider an enormous sum. One loaf of bread now costs 500,000,000. For my family I need three loaves which makes 1,500,000,000. One pound of fat is 800,000,000 absorbing in all 2,300,000,000. Adding my tithe of 280,000,000 this just leaves me a balance of 220,000,000 that is hardly enough to buy a little milk for our baby. But what about our other needs in food, fuel, clothing, etc?'"

Elder L. H. Christian tells of the experience of Brother Schilling, president of the East German Union Conference. One week he received his wages two days late, and found that the seven billion marks which he received would only buy one loaf of bread. Elder Schilling reports on the pitiable needs of many of our lay brethren. The wages they receive, or the income they have, is totally inadequate. Hundreds cannot buy even one meal of potatoes and black bread a day. Milk or fats, even the crudest oil or the cheapest margarine, are not to be thought of.

The conditions in our schools ought to appeal to the hearts of God's people. Brother Christian says: "The schools are well attended. The three schools in Germany have more students than last year, though we

confess we do not see how they keep going, but they do. These students have learned to live on dark bread, turnips and coarse vegetables, but they do not complain."

This awful condition will no doubt cause you to desire to help those poor, struggling people, our brethren. In order that relief may come, we are opening up a column in the *OUTLOOK* to record the amounts that you may wish to give to the European Relief Fund. The brethren in those famine stricken areas desire you to give liberally, and just as soon as you can. Money sent to Germany now will mean that many of our brethren, with their children, will be saved from a death by starvation.

Send any contributions which you would like to make to Brother W. B. Commin, Grove Avenue, Claremont, Cape, and the name and the amount will be recorded in the special column set apart for that purpose in the *AFRICAN DIVISION OUTLOOK*.

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AFRICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

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Report of Annual Council of the African Division Committee

Held at Claremont, January 11-14, 1924

AT 2.30 P. M on Friday, the 11th of January, a full meeting of the Division committee convened at Claremont, to give consideration to many items pertaining to the work throughout the field, and also to study the best plans that might be laid for the advancement of the work recently started in new territory. There were present with us at that time, in addition to the regular members of the committee, Brethren Boger and Anderson, who now become members of the committee. Brother L. E. Biggs, treasurer of the Zambesi Union Mission, and Brother A. F. Tarr, treasurer of the South African Union Conference, were invited to attend the meetings.

Reports were made by representatives from the field, giving accounts of progress made during the year just closed, and reporting on new interests which are springing up everywhere. The brethren express the hope that something can be done so as to follow up these interests.

The special item to receive the serious attention of the committee was the budget grant made by the General Conference for the support of our work for the coming year. The amount allowed us by the General Conference committee, at its recent Autumn Council, was considerably less than the original appropriation asked for, and therefore the requests from the fields had to be revised and reduced, and brought down to within the Division's income. This resulted in the postponement of many plans, and will not enable us to respond to the urgent requests for the strengthening of our work in fields already established.

However, acting by faith, the committee has planned to make at least some advancement in the unentered fields. Brother Ferguson and wife have already pro-

ceeded to the Belgian Congo, with a view to opening up work in the Kongola district, and Brother J. D. Baker and family soon hope to settle down in the Benguela district, Angola.

Hereafter our work along the West Coast, including the territories of South West Africa and Portuguese West Africa, will be known as the South Atlantic Union. Elder W. H. Anderson has been appointed superintendent, and he will put forth all his energies to advance the work in this new field.

The European Division has offered to send us two German families, and will pay their transportation to this field and salary for this year. This kind offer of the European Division has been referred to the General Conference, and we hope that these additional workers can soon come forward.

We recognise that the work of God must advance and cannot know of a backward step, for it is to be finished in this generation. However, we must realise that our conferences are faced with extraordinary problems which come as a result of a reduced budget. In order for the Mission Board to be able to meet the appropriation that has been voted to the foreign fields, they must rely upon every church member putting forth special efforts to keep the funds flowing into the General Conference treasury. Our churches in other parts of the world have adopted the plan of the Week of Sacrifice, during which time they pledge to give their income to the cause of missions. The African Division committee recommends this plan to the churches in this field. Our mission offerings goal has again been set at 2/6 per week per member.

The Harvest Ingathering goal for the coming campaign is set at £3,000, and we hope that during the time, May 31 to July 31, every church member will take an active part in the effort to raise this money for the support of foreign missions. A printing order of 25,000 English and 5,000 Dutch of the next issue of the Harvest Ingathering paper has already been placed with the Sentinel Publishing Company.

And so we plan in different ways to encourage our people to help shoulder the responsibility placed upon the General Conference to support the mission work throughout the world field. In order that the task of taking to the ends of the earth this precious truth may be accomplished, it requires the co-operation and loyal support of every believer.

Other matters considered by the Council will be of interest to our readers, and we give in brief some of the actions and recommendations passed on by our meeting to the fields:

REPORTING THROUGH THE OUTLOOK: All Union and local fields are requested to make use of the OUTLOOK for conveying reports (except financial) and general information to their members.

MINISTERIAL READING COURSE FOR 1924: Our ministers and gospel workers are urged to take the Ministerial Reading Course for 1924 as a means of increasing their efficiency.

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL: Conference and mission field workers, as well as all our laymen, are urged to avail themselves of the services of the African branch of the Fireside Correspondence School. The opening date of the school is March 15. Professor E. D. Dick is the principal.

MISSIONS RALLY SABBATHS: The churches throughout the field are urged to continue to observe quarterly the Missions Rally Sabbaths, and to co-operate in the plan to keep our mission offerings up to date throughout the year. This plan is being extended to our native churches also.

COMMEMORATION OF SAILING OF ELDER ANDREWS: The General Conference has suggested that on Sabbath, September 27, a special service be conducted to commemorate the sailing of Elder J. N. Andrews for the foreign mission field in September of 1874.

SPECIAL CAMPAIGNS AND SABBATH SERVICES DURING 1924: The following programme regarding campaigns and special Sabbath services for this year was adopted:

Week of Sacrifice, March 15-22.

Four Missions Rally services, March 15, June 14, September 13, and November 29.

Missionary Volunteer Day, April 12.

Big Weeks, May 4-10 and October 5-11.

Home Missionary programme, May 17.

Harvest Ingathering, May 31 to July 31.

Division Committee meeting, July 8-11.

Sabbath School Rally, August 23.

Golden Jubilee Commemoration, September 27.

Review and Herald campaign, September 27 to October 31.

Week of Prayer, December 6 to 13.

Annual Offering, December 13.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOUR: Brother D. A. Webster, of the Orange River Conference, was invited to connect with the work in the Congo Mission Field as secretary-treasurer; Brother W. H. Anderson, formerly of Bechuanaland, now takes the superintendency of the South Atlantic Union; Brother E. M. Howard, formerly of the Zambesi Union, was asked to connect with the South African Union Conference to do evangelistic work in the mission field.

W. B. COMMUN.



Secretary-Treasurers' Convention

Held at Claremont, January 20-23, 1924

LAST month, the secretaries and treasurers throughout the field had their first opportunity in the experience of our work in this country, to get together and study plans and methods for the future conduct of our offices. During the convention, several papers were read and discussed, and considerable time was given in answering questions pertaining to the work of the secretary-treasurer.

One matter receiving special attention was the question of a uniform system of book-keeping. Suggestions along this line were passed on to us by the General Conference, and, after very careful study, these were, to a large extent, adapted to the needs of this country and adopted. It is felt that this feature of our discussion alone will mean much to systematise and strengthen the work in our several offices.

Some of the suggestions passed on by the convention are given in brief:

1. **SEPARATION OF FUNDS:** It is recommended that the funds of the European and native work be kept entirely separate.

2. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** A monthly financial statement should be rendered to the conference president by the treasurer at the close of each month, and copies thereof sent to members of the committee, as also to the president and treasurer of the Union. This statement should be a uniform one for the field.

3. **CLOSING OF RECORDS:** Conference and tract society records should be closed immediately on the date that has been set for their closing. A conference should not hold its books open waiting for reports to come from some church, and which are not to hand on time.

4. **TITHE FUND:** Every due care should be taken by our treasurers to sacredly guard the tithe fund, and no charges should be made against that account other than those for which the fund is to be used. The tithe fund should not be expended for the building of houses or churches.

5. **PAYMENT OF TITHE:** Tithe remitted to the office by a church member should be credited to the church of which such person is a member.

6. **UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTANCY:** A uniform system of accountancy was adopted and is being introduced into the field.

7. **DEPRECIATION:** Institutions and conferences are recommended, in the case of heavy investments, to open a depreciation reserve account, but on regular items depreciated annually to deduct such depreciation on the values of the several accounts.

The papers presented at our convention contained helpful suggestions. As auditors and treasurers, there rests upon us a solemn responsibility in the discharge of our duties. A treasurer must not only be accurate and faithful in all his business transactions, but must also develop the spiritual side of his work. Sometimes it seems that we do not recognise that the man in the office has any responsibility along this line, but the spirit of prophecy says:

"The deep and solemn truths to which those in the office have the privilege of listening should take hold upon their sympathies, and lead them to a higher appreciation of the light that God has given them. If they will walk in the light it will beautify and ennoble their lives with Heaven's own adornment, purity and true goodness. The way has opened before everyone in the office to engage from the heart directly in the work of Christ and the salvation of souls."

And again: "He that is unfaithful in the mammon of unrighteousness will never be entrusted with the true riches. The children of God should not fail to remember that in all their business transactions they are being weighed in the balances of the Sanctuary."

"With the followers of Christ, religion should never be divorced from business. Every workman in the office should consider himself God's steward, and should do his work with exactness and faithful vigilance."

"Men possessing the genuine article of true religion will in all their business transactions show as clear a perception of right as when offering their supplications at the Throne of Grace."

Daniel was prime minister of Babylon, and responsible for all the business of that great kingdom, and yet he was a prophet of God. His life is an il-

lustration of what every Christian business man may be.

As time goes on, greater responsibility is thrown upon our auditors, and our leading men are placing more and more confidence in their reports. As responsibility and confidence are increased there should be an equal increase in faithfulness and loyalty.

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Week of Sacrifice

At our recent Union Conference meeting, we adopted a plan of the General Conference, that in 1924 a Week of Sacrifice be held, during which time all of our workers and members be invited to contribute toward mission funds, their income for that week.

The week that has been set apart for this time of sacrifice is March 15-22. We shall say more about this in the next issue of the *OUTLOOK*, but we do earnestly pray that all of our brethren will decide to join in this Week of Sacrifice, giving their earnings for that week to the cause of God, that we may speedily finish this work in the world.

J. W. MACNEIL.



S. A. U. Constituency Meeting

Held at Cape Town, January 15-19, 1924

THE following resolutions and recommendations made at the recent constituency meeting will no doubt be of interest to our readers:

WHEREAS, We have enjoyed rich blessings since last we met in Union session, and God has preserved the lives of His workers and has given success to His cause, even amid the depression and strenuous times through which the country has passed, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to God for these many blessings, and rededicate our lives at this time to greater faithfulness and activity in His cause.

We recommend, That the plan be continued of our churches each quarter observing the Missions Rally Sabbaths, and that all our churches and members be urged to co-operate in the plan to keep our mission offerings up to date throughout the year. It is further recommended that during the year 1924, the plan be extended to all our native churches, each field adapting the programme to suit local needs.

We recommend, That the Harvest Ingathering Goal for the Union for 1924 be £2,500, and that the goal for each Big Week be £1,000.

We recommend, That our churches adopt the plan of having a special Sabbath service September 27 next, to commemorate the sailing of Elder J. N. Andrews to the foreign field in September 1874.

Also, that this special commemoration service as it relates to our training schools be conducted as a dedication service, in which the youth in training will be inspired with the idea that this is a great foreign mission movement, and that on this date the young people be called to definitely dedicate their lives to the unfinished work, especially in foreign fields.

We recommend, That all our conferences and mission fields place the special Jubilee number of the *Review and Herald* in the home of every English-speaking Seventh-day Adventist family.

We recommend, That we adopt the plan of the General Conference of holding a Week of Sacrifice during 1924, during which time all of our workers and members are invited to contribute

South African Union Conference

Report of Tithe and Offerings for last five years, 1919-1923

YEAR	Tithe									
	CAPE		N.-T.		O. R. C.		BECH.		TOTAL	
1919	£3280	9 2	£3380	14 3	£2595	17 4			£8957	0 9
1920	4289	4 2	4424	5 1	1841	4 8			10554	13 11
1921	2976	15 10	4961	18 4	1288	5 10			9207	0 0
1922	3308	15 1	4138	19 2	1086	0 0			8533	14 3
1923	2973	10 10	5026	5 0	1581	10 10	234	11 8	9805	18 4

YEAR	Mission Offerings									
	CAPE		N.-T.		O. R. C.		BECH.		TOTAL	
1919	688	19 7	669	15 10	447	5 6			1801	0 11
1920	1267	6 10	1700	16 0	412	18 0			3381	0 10
1921	1593	16 10	2299	0 5	522	5 2			4415	2 5
1922	1632	1 0	2405	13 3	581	9 7			4569	3 10
1923	2421	0 4	3401	19 11	1417	15 7	244	6 9	7485	2 7

Comparative Statement of Mission Offerings and Tithe

YEAR	TITHE		MIS. OFFER.		RELATIONSHIP OF MISSION OFFERINGS TO TITHE	
	1919	£8957	0 9	£1801	0 11	20
1920	10554	13 11	3381	0 10	32	
1921	9207	0 0	4415	2 5	48	
1922	8533	14 3	4569	3 10	53	
1923	9805	18 4	7485	2 7	76	

one week's income toward the mission funds. The date of this week has been set for March 15-22.

We recommend, That the membership goal for the Union for 1924 be a net increase of 400 to be distributed as follows:

Cape Conference	150
Natal - Transvaal Conference	125
Orange River Conference	75
Bechuanaland	50

We recommend, That our workers and people in general be admonished to be on guard against circulating sensational stories and gossip, apparently designed to create prejudice and hatred, and by which we are likely to give credence and currency to unsupported statements.

WHEREAS, The success of our work depends in a large measure upon our members being fully grounded in the truths of the message, this being brought about through Bible study and the reading of our books, periodicals and other literature, usually ordered upon the Sabbath, and,

WHEREAS, Success depends also upon the circulation of literature, provision for such circulation being usually arranged with the church missionary secretary upon the Sabbath; therefore,

We recommend, That all our churches throughout the Union adopt the "Envelope Order Plan," thus relieving the Sabbath of the business that too often has been transacted in the churches in the past.

We recommend, That all our ministers and gospel workers be urged to take the Ministerial Reading Course for 1924 as a means of increasing their efficiency.

We recommend, That our conference and mission field workers, as well as our laymen, be urged to avail themselves of the services of the African branch of the Fireside Correspondence School.

In the development of the native work in South Africa the Bechuanaland Mission Field was formed as a part of the Southern Union Mission, taking in not only all the native people within its territory, but finally also the Europeans, among whom were a number of Sabbath-keepers at Taungs and other places. In the further arrangement for the native work within the South African Union Conference the different native mission fields within territories of the local conferences were put under the administration of the various local conferences in whose territory such missions were.

It seems that the time has come when it would be advantageous to the work in the Bechuanaland Mission if it became a part of the Orange River Conference, to be administered from the office at Bloemfontein. This seems evident for the following reasons:

1. The territory is in close proximity to that of the Orange River Conference, and, if added, would not make the territory of the conference unwieldy.

2. The European Sabbath-keepers within this mission could then be associated with the regular conference organisation, enjoying such privileges as come from such association.

3. The elimination of the administrative problems which must be attended to in a small field, and yet do not demand all the time and energy of someone to keep the office.

4. That the European workers operating in Bechuanaland could do more effective work if relieved of the administrative duties, and be associated with a strong conference organisation.

5. From the standpoint of literature sales it will be to the advantage of both fields to make the combination. This is particularly so from the standpoint of supervision, making a territory large enough to ultimately demand the time and energy of a field missionary agent. Therefore,

We recommend, That the Bechuanaland Mission Field be joined to, and become a part of the Orange River Conference, this arrangement to become operative as soon as the Union Conference committee can arrange the details.

We recommend, That as far as possible each conference hold a meeting for its regular workers and the church elders early in each year for a personal spiritual revival; and that in these meetings careful study be given to the carrying on of earnest revival work in the churches.

Also, that plans be laid which will help church elders to co-operate in our great foreign missionary enterprise by securing a full tithe and the 2/6 per week per member.

Resolved, That the following appeal relative to military service, be sent to the Government of the Union of South Africa:

To the Honourable,
The Speaker and members of the House of Assembly of the Union of South Africa, in its session of January 1924,

The petition of
The African Community of Seventh-day Adventists humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners form a corporate body under the laws of the Union of South Africa;

That they profess to be loyal subjects of the South African Union Government, strictly obedient to its laws;

That obedience to law and government, and individual and personal loyalty are taught by them as one of the tenets of their faith;

That, while holding aloof from party strife, and seeking for themselves no advancement in the arena of politics, they take pride and pleasure, within the scope of their religious convictions, in serving their country, both in times of peace and war, as witness the conduct of a number of their young men who served in non-combatant service during the late war;

That they are thankful, and herewith express gratitude for protection enjoyed, with freedom in the exercise of their religious activities;

That about a dozen years ago, when the Defence Force Act was promulgated, an urgent request was made by them of the military authorities of that day to grant exemption from military duties to their young men, members in good standing of any of their local communities;

That the said request was founded on the tenets of the Seventh-day Adventist confession by which its members hold the bearing of arms or the taking of human life to be incompatible with their conscientious convictions; furthermore, believing their duty to God to involve the observance of the seventh day of the week, commonly called Saturday, as the Sabbath or day of rest, they cannot conscientiously on that day engage in ordinary labour, except for the relief of suffering or other works of necessity;

That what was sought for their young men was the privilege and favour of being drafted into some line of service as the medical or Red Cross work in which they can loyally serve their country, without the violation of their conscience in the two principles enumerated above;

That such request for exemption from the bearing of arms was supported by other governments, notably that of the Commonwealth of Australia, treating their denomination in manner as prayed for;

That upon personal representation of their objections to the provisions of the said Defence Force Act, it was agreed between

the military authorities at Cape Town and our representatives as follows:

That bona fide members of this denomination, falling under the terms of the Defence Force Act, should be provided with a certificate, signed by their conference president and secretary, such certificate to be presented to local magistrates, and to constitute a ground for exemption from military duties other than non-combatant; and further, that in case any of our young men were selected for service, they would be drafted into the medical branch, with freedom from drill on the seventh day of the week;

That, when the said arrangement was put to the test in actual practice, it was found that in several districts magistrates questioned the authority under which the said certificates were issued, and set them aside as claims for exemption or special and favourable consideration;

That this lack of agreement between the military and civil authorities gave rise to confusion in their ranks, several young men getting into serious trouble in consequence, some even undergoing sentences of imprisonment, and that merely for the sake of a binding principle of faith;

That our representatives at that time failed to get this important matter settled on right and abiding lines—

For which reason they beg to approach your honourable house, humbly praying that the distinguishing tenets of their religious profession may be recognised by the Legislature, and steps be taken whereby their young men may loyally do their share in the defence and service of their country without violence to their conscience, or being branded as felons in the case of refusal to undertake duties which to them are not lawful to perform.

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Read This

"SYSTEMATIC giving" is an old term, but it hits the nail on the head, and that is what we must do if we build securely.

Nothing helps more in our spiritual life than to acknowledge God's ownership by faithfully paying a tithe into His treasury for the support of the work. It has the same effect as acknowledging His creatorship by keeping holy the Sabbath.

Tithe paying is not a mere money consideration. On it depends our spiritual prosperity. Just as one loses courage and confidence in God and His work by being careless about the Sabbath, so by unfaithfulness in tithes we rob ourselves of spiritual courage and joy.

If we have lost out by being careless about the Sabbath, all we can do is to confess the sin and begin over again. If we have not been faithful in tithes, confession alone is not enough. That which has been withheld must be restored. Confession covers the sin if the debt is paid. The Lord nowhere makes provision for the keeping back of the tithe. It is to be brought into the storehouse before the promised blessing can be expected.

The tithe belongs to the Lord, but He gives it to the support of the work; and with it He associates offerings which we give as our part. Note the association in Mal. 3:8. We have entered into partnership with the Lord to give the gospel to mankind. Our part financially is offerings. If we withhold these we are guilty of robbing the partnership of our support.

This brings us to a question. If the Lord puts a tithe into the work of this partnership, should we do less? If not, then we should put in a tithe also. Is not this the only reasonable and safe basis on which to reckon our mission offerings? This makes an equality,

and no one can say he has done more than another because he has paid more in offerings. Each gives only as he receives. There is system in the Lord's methods, and He always distributes the privileges and burdens equally, and ministers blessings in proportion as we bear them. Read Mal. 3:10.

In 1923, we paid, in the Cape Conference, almost £3,000 tithe. As you read this figure, is every conscience clear that all the tithes are in the storehouse? Our mission offerings for the same period were £2,419. This included about £750 Harvest Ingathering, and some large pledges. Our average tithe was £7-10-0 and our average mission offerings for the year £6-0-0. Now this is not too bad, but is it good enough? If it is, will we keep it there?

There are three plans which can be and are being followed to measure up to our responsibility in this work, and bring the spiritual blessings we all so much need:

1. Pay a tithe to the Lord, and as we feel able or are inclined give of what we may have with us, as mission offerings. This way is followed by most with the result that we are always in danger of being short in our mission fund.

2. Pay one tithe to the Lord. Set aside a second tithe and out of it give our mission offerings, carry on our local church work, and supply ourselves with needed church papers.

3. One tithe for the Lord; one tithe for others; one tithe for ourselves. On this plan, God pays the ministers; we pay the missionaries; the third is to keep the home fires burning, such as our church school, church expenses, Home Missionary work, and all other local interests which minister to our spiritual needs.

Let us all abandon the first, and as many as cannot take up the third at least enter into the blessings of the second. Surely the Lord would have us use system in all our financial work. Read 1 Cor. 16:1, 2, as applied to this question of offerings. Note especially "As God hath prospered him."

Let us adopt some good plan NOW and KEEP AT IT until the close of this year. Prove the Lord by working together with Him, for He is proving us by making us His stewards.

U. BENDER.



14,400 "Wachters"

WHAT is this now? It is 14,400 *Wachters* to be circulated in the Cape Conference during 1924. My, what a task! Just wait a minute. This paper is published monthly so there will be only 1,200 at a time. Now that does not sound so big, does it? And when you divide this into 400 parts (the number of people to do it) it leaves only three papers for you to sell or give away. Indeed, a large thing made small.

"Well, now this is interesting," you say, and so it is. I knew you would like to know all about it, so we will talk it over.

You know the *Wachter*, for it is an old friend. It is the only missionary paper we print in South Africa for the Dutch-speaking people. This old friend has no home of its own, and unless we make room for it with us, or find a place for it in the homes of others,

it will die. Really, we thought it was dead, but it is still alive and will soon be well and strong again, if we look after it. Now you know all about this, so we will talk only of how to look after it in the future.

Plan 1. Get as many yearly subscriptions as you can at 2/6 each, and send the money and names to the office.

Plan 2. Order as many papers as you can use, to come to your address. These will cost you 1½d. each, post paid. Sell these month by month for 3d. each. Order for the year, as orders for less time are not accepted. Send money with order.

Plan 3. Order papers as in plan 2. Give away to your neighbours or post to friends.

Plan 4. Order with your church as they make up their club, and plan with your church officers how best to use them.

Our Dutch-speaking brethren are always anxious to get the truth to the people of that language. I am sure that each one should take at least six of these papers. This will set the English-speaking brethren a good example for they must not only help on this, but the English missionary paper must be looked after too.

Now is the time to send in your orders. You can easily get six new subscribers at 2/6 each per year, or the six will be sent to you post paid for 9/- per year, or 1/6 each.

Order of the Cape Tract Society, Box 378, Port Elizabeth, C. P.

If we don't nourish and cherish and care for the *Wachter* now, it will surely die, and then it will be no use to cry.
CAPE TRACT SOCIETY.



News Note

THE meetings at Salt River and Wynberg are still in full swing. The Sabbath has been presented, and still the people come. We are hoping that many will make a covenant with God to walk in all the light He gives. Remember Elders French and Hyatt and their co-labourers in your prayers.



"God has no use for lazy men in His cause; He wants thoughtful, kind, affectionate, earnest workers."—"Gospel Workers," p. 277.

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Revised Periodical Prices for 1924

OWING to the low rate of exchange, it has been necessary to revise the prices of all overseas magazines and periodicals, and for general information of the Outlook readers we publish below the prices that are in effect for the present year. It will be well, when sending in renewals to the papers listed below, if this list is referred to, and the amount as shown is remitted to the tract society along with the order. This will save unnecessary delay and correspondence between the tract society office and the one ordering, as

it will be necessary for the tract society office to charge the amount as shown, inasmuch as this is the price that they are charged now, owing to the present abnormal rate of exchange:

African Division Outlook, (fortnightly)	5/-
Church Officers' Gazette, (monthly)	4/6
De Afrikaanse Wachter, (monthly)	2/6
Good Health, English, (monthly)	4/-
Home and School, (monthly)	7/6
Liberty Magazine, (quarterly)	2/-
Our Little Friend, (weekly)	4/6
Five or more copies to one address, each ...	4/-
Present Truth, English, (fortnightly)	6/-
Present Truth, American, (monthly)	1/6
Review and Herald, (weekly)	13/-
Signs of the Times, African, (monthly)	2/6
Sabbath School Quarterly	1/6
Sabbath School Worker, (monthly)	4/6
Signs of the Times, American, (weekly)	9/6
Watchman Magazine, (monthly)	8/6
Workers' Picture Roll, (quarterly), per year	£1
Workers' Picture Roll, (quarterly), single roll	6/-
Workers' Picture Series, (quarterly), per year	1/-
Workers' Picture Series, (quarterly), single set	6d.
Youths' Instructor, (weekly)	8/6
Five or more copies to one address, each ...	7/6



The "Sentinel" to be Discontinued

WITH the March number of the *Sentinel* this magazine will be discontinued, and we are to begin the publication of a smaller paper that will meet the needs of our churches and individual members in their missionary activities. This will, no doubt, leave the *Sentinel* to be supported by a small subscription list and a few agents who do not handle this magazine in a sufficiently large quantity to be of any real source of support, and it has been thought best to discontinue the *Sentinel*.

We regret that circumstances make it necessary to take this step, but this decision was reached only after very careful study and consideration by the Sentinel Board, and the presidents of the conferences, who were with us, so we feel sure that none can say this matter was decided hastily. The *Sentinel* has been published at a loss financially for many years, and it has given the publishers much anxiety as to how the loss on this publication should be borne each year. The General Conference does not now allow any appropriation to cover this loss, as has been done in past years.

Provision for unexpired subscriptions will be made by continuing the new paper for twice the length of time due; by allowing credit on the purchase of any books ordered from our catalogue of publications; or, if neither of these plans is satisfactory, by a refund of whatever portion of the subscription has not been used.

Notice has already been sent to our tract societies and agents who we knew were soliciting subscriptions to the *Sentinel*, requesting that no more subscriptions be taken, owing to the fact that this magazine would cease to be published after the March issue.

We may add further that the *Signs of the Times, Africa's Prophetic Monthly*, which we will begin publishing in April, will contain eight pages and will be

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similar in style to the American *Signs of the Times*. This paper will be published monthly, and the subscription price will be 2/6 per year. We trust that our people will give their loyal support to this new missionary enterprise, and make it one of the best papers that we have ever had. Advertising matter is being prepared that will give detailed information as to what we hope to make of this paper, also giving prices for clubs in large quantities. This advertising matter will be sent out to all of our conference offices, and from there will be sent out to all the homes of our people, and each isolated member in their territory. We may expect this paper to be a great success if all will take a deep interest in it, and we earnestly solicit the co-operation of every church member in our ranks, not only that it may be a financial success, but also that a campaign of scattering this truth-filled paper may be inaugurated throughout this entire field, that will result in a rich harvest of souls.

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General News Notes

BROTHER THEODORE BULGIN, after attending the Treasurers' Convention, held at the Cape, January 20 to 23, left via Johannesburg for South Rhodesia. Brother Bulgin has, until recently, been connected with the office staff of the South African Union Conference. He has now gone to Rhodesia to act in the capacity of secretary-treasurer of the South Rhodesian Mission Field.

ALL will doubtless have noticed that we have a new heading on the front page of this issue of the OUTLOOK. We are indebted to Brother W. A. Retief, a student at Spion Kop College, for this splendid drawing. The idea of the artist is that, as those responsible for the evangelisation of the continent of Africa, our outlook must be northward. As will be noticed, the observer is looking directly into Central Africa, where our unfinished task lies. In the Belgian Congo alone, there are twenty million in heathen darkness, who must hear the gospel call before our Lord can return. We think also of French Equatorial Africa, where as yet nothing has been done. As we look over these fields and realise how near we are to the close of time, let us earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers to gather in the ripening grain.



Notice

WANTED: a young woman to assist in a cake and confectionery business; one with business experience preferred. Apply: J. C. Baumann, Phoenix Bakery, 223 Boshoff Street, Maritzburg, Natal.

Two Pictures

HE drew a disconsolate finger across a spotless pane, and stared moodily out at the driving snow. His five years of summer seemed all buried in an eternal winter; no chance to get out-doors, and nothing to interest him inside.

"That's what you always say, Mother," he complained, "when I ask you for a story. You just say, 'We-ell, I can't think of any now.' Seems like there ought to be lots of stories in the world for little boys that want them. And I'm sick of picture books, and I don't want that old railroad, and there isn't anybody to play with."

His mother looked at him with troubled eyes. He was getting such a big boy! He was no longer her baby; and somehow he seemed to be growing out of her ability to please and entertain him, or instruct him. How much longer could she be his leader? Five years were few to make a man of the world. Stories, now! How she did dread being asked to tell stories! The few that she somehow conjured up and told him he drank in so greedily; but she just didn't know enough stories, and she didn't know how to tell them.

His brown eyes were shining up into hers as he lay back in her arms. Six winters to the making of a man, and summer's sunshine had somehow entered into winter's gloom.

"O Mother!" he cried, "I'm so glad you joined the Y. M. S.; 'cause now when I ask you for a story you don't say, 'We-ell, let me see. I can't think of any just now!' 'Stead of that, you always have lots of stories to tell."

His mother smiled back at him. It had made a difference, she said to herself, the difference. Her boy was not only happier, but more easily taught and disciplined. Yes, with him, she was glad she had joined the Y. M. S.

And what is the Y.M.S.? That's short for the Young Mothers' Society, which a thousand mothers entered during its first year. But there are twelve thousand Seventh-day Adventist mothers in English-speaking countries—mothers of children eight years of age or younger—who should be members, studying on the lines of mother-training: story-telling, nature-study, health, and home culture.

"The child's first teacher is the mother. During the period of greatest susceptibility and most rapid development his education is to a great degree in her hands. To her, first, is given opportunity to mould the character for good or for evil. She should understand the value of her opportunity, and, above every other teacher, should be qualified to use it to the best account.

"Never will education accomplish all that it might and should accomplish until the importance of the parents' work is fully recognised and they receive a training for its sacred responsibilities."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Education," pp. 275, 276.

Send at once for an Outline of the Young Mothers' Society for 1924, to The Home Commission, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. Mothers, come into line with God's purpose! Get a training!

A. W. SPALDING, Sec., Home Commission.