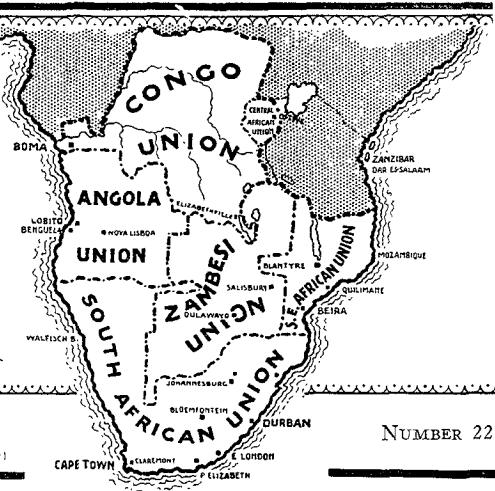


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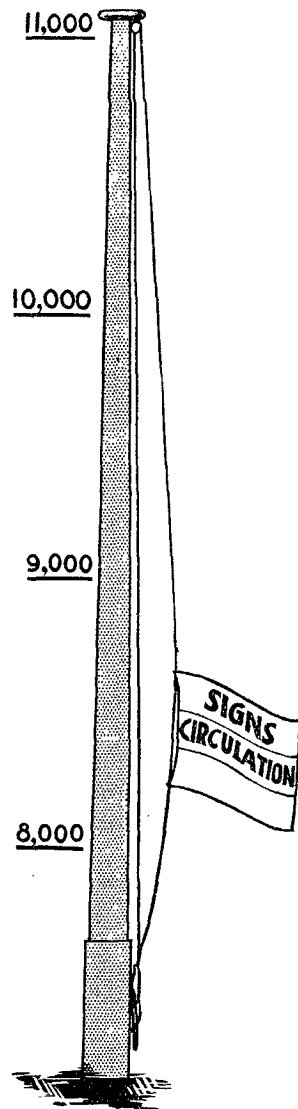
December 2-9

A CLARION CALL

TO
EVERY
BELIEVER



Raise the Standard Higher



Signs Victory Week, December 2-9

Why a *Signs* Victory Week?

THE field in South Africa is fully prepared. The seed has been provided. Implements are needed to scatter it. We are in the time when the reaper overtakes the sower, and quick results can be produced. Souls are more responsive than ever before and are ready to hear the message for this hour. The servant of God says, "There must be no more delay." The Lord has promised to do a quick work and He is ready to do it just as quickly as we are willing to use the means He has so graciously placed at our disposal.

One of the most useful mediums for the spreading of the message is our monthly periodical, the *Signs of the Times*. During the past two years we have somehow neglected to use this paper as we should, consequently the circulation has dropped to the place where the paper is being published at a loss. Let us ask God to forgive our negligence and work with a will to greatly enlarge the usefulness of the God-given agencies the *Signs* and the *Tekens*.

F. G. CLIFFORD.



Taking It Easy

THERE is no need of the *Signs* campaign being a heavy burden to anyone, providing the spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm which inspired the Harvest Ingathering campaign is infused into the *Signs* campaign.

The *Signs* circulation can easily be very materially increased if old and young, workers and laymen, all give a few hours to this important missionary service. We earnestly appeal for the full and united co-operation of every church and believer in South Africa in the coming *Signs* campaign, which will result in placing this important missionary enterprise on a satisfactory working basis and the saving of many souls. Every member in every church having a part will easily bring success and the joy and satisfaction of having joined in another important missionary service.

N. C. WILSON.



Distributing Our Working Forces

THE South African Conference Committee will soon be in session to consider the distribution of our working forces for 1934.

Before us everywhere there are open doors. Calls are coming from all quarters for evangelistic efforts. The hour is here when we should very definitely "lengthen our cords" while "strengthening our stakes."

But with our limited staff of workers, the task is beyond our ability to compass by the living representative. However, we have workers that can be, and should be most widely distributed—the *Signs of the Times*, and the *Tekens van die Tye*.

We, therefore, solicit a full rally of workers and lay members during "*Signs* Victory Week," December 2-9, with the same dauntless spirit that characterises our Harvest Ingathering campaign. This must be "*Signs* Victory Week."

L. L. MOFFITT.



A Long Neglected Task

TAKING the European population of Southern Africa as a basis, and reckoning five individuals to a family, we should have approximately 365,000 families in Southern Africa. Each of these families needs the *Signs* or the *Tekens*. Yet, in the face of this need, the Sentinel Publishing Company is printing only 11,159 copies of the *Signs* and the *Tekens*. Obviously the task before us at this time is how to provide the 353,841 remaining families with the message of God for today. In this connection we might ask, "Should not these homes receive the message which God has entrusted to us for these last days?" There can be only one answer; it is this: Just as truly as God planned for the antediluvians to receive the message of the coming flood, just so surely has He planned for those living today to receive the message concerning the Lord's advent, and the preparation necessary to meet Him in peace.

God has ordained that this message is to go to the world, not only by means of preaching but also through the medium of the printing press. The work of preaching is delegated to those ordained to do this work. The Home Missionary literature ministry is a work in which the lay members can largely share. How to accomplish the task of providing the thousands of homes in Southern Africa with the message of our Lord's return is not difficult. We have the message; we have the *Signs* and the *Tekens*; we have a loyal group of believers; but one thing is lacking. We, as believers, need a burden to place the literature—the *Signs* and the *Tekens*—in the thousands of homes where the message of God has not entered.

The call has come to us now to undertake the task. It is in harmony with the will of God that we do so. Let us neglect the task no longer but may we say, "We shall do our part."

A. E. NELSON.



"Do the duty that comes first; you know not into what beautiful experience it may blossom."

Meeting South Africa's Need

ROOTED in and built up out of the best that Protestant Europe could offer, there has developed in the course of the centuries on these southern shores a people who until this day have preserved a genuine regard for the Word of God. Notwithstanding the inroads of ungodly currents from abroad, still the people of South Africa are at heart deeply religious. They are stirred by the increasing signs of the approaching end.

There are several worthy publications religious and otherwise, in South Africa, but none of them can so fully satisfy the need for spiritual enlightenment as does our monthly and bilingual *Signs of the Times*. Our inexpensive journal deals with problems which today are uppermost in the minds of many. In going to the heart of these questions the *Signs* is doing a missionary work of the first order. To many an honest soul the *Signs* appears like a beacon light on the troubled sea of life. To extend this light throughout South Africa and beyond becomes our privilege and our duty in the coming *Signs* campaign.

A. BOEKHOUT.



Broadcasting the Message

IN the education of public opinion there is no more powerful agency today than the printing press. Whenever a new idea takes hold of men it is to the press that they go to place the idea before the world. Advertising agencies find it their most successful medium. Political parties, when they can capture the press have it in their power by a judicious use of that press to capture its readers. The daily newspaper read as it is, in the homes of the people and in their quiet leisurely moments becomes a powerful factor in moulding their thought.

Our Saviour said, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." In the distribution of our literature we may take a lesson from this parallel. The attention of men in every community will be directed to the saving message for this time if our truth-laden literature can, like the newspapers, be placed in their homes. It is not the capturing of the political opinions of men that we desire, but the salvation of their souls. How very active ought we, therefore, to be in placing in every home in South Africa that which will convey such a knowledge to the people.

A. FLOYD TARR.



"No one else can do the job that God has marked for you."

SIGNS VICTORY WEEK, DEC. 2-9

The Missionary Volunteer "Publishing Company"

ANOTHER call to action is sounding. The special campaign to secure subscriptions for the *Signs* and the *Tekens* is an advance move to place the message of "present truth" into the homes of thousands of enquiring people now. This is the day of opportunity. Everywhere there are those who are seeking for the significance of the times in which we live.

The Missionary Volunteers are called upon to be a great publishing company and God's message to them is found in Psalms 68:11. "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."

Will not every volunteer join the Lord's publishing company? You can be a real live worker—a publisher of the last message of God to the world by taking subscriptions for both the *Signs* and the *Tekens*. God has given the word and every "volunteer publisher" is called into action now.

A. W. STAPLES.



A Remarkable Offer of 20,000 Free Tracts

For the encouragement of the believers in the distribution of our literature, the Union Conference is presenting twenty thousand tracts to the churches that engage in the "Signs Victory Week" campaign. They will be of the latest "Our Day Series" just off the press and covering every important point of our faith. These tracts will be distributed entirely free to the churches on the basis of four tracts for every *Signs* subscription taken, while a special additional gift will be made to those churches reaching their goal. Thus every church having a goal of less than fifty subscriptions will, upon reaching its goal, receive two hundred extra free tracts. Churches with a goal of more than fifty subscriptions, and yet, not exceeding one hundred subscriptions, will receive one thousand tracts. While churches having a goal of more than one hundred subscriptions will, upon reaching their goal, receive 2,000 extra free tracts.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—To qualify for the receipt of free tracts the subscriptions and report must reach the conference office not later than Friday, December 15.

F. G. CLIFFORD.



This Experience may be Yours and Mine

By far the most striking scene I have ever witnessed took place some years ago at one of our camp-meetings, at which there was a revival such as we have seldom witnessed in Africa. During a testimony meeting, two old brethren nearing the end of their days, and stooped and worn by toil and hardship, sat together.

After several had spoken, one of these brethren related that many years ago a man had come by cart to his farm, and had sold him a book. He described in detail the impression made upon him as he read and re-read the book; he told of how his heart had been drawn out to the man who had brought him the message, and of his joy at seeing the same horses and cart coming towards his door a year later. He then told of that meeting, and of how he was baptised into the message. It was a dramatic, gripping story, expressed with great feeling. And then he placed his hand on the shoulder of the old brother beside him, and exclaimed in broken tones, "This is the man who brought me the book!" Tears welled up in their eyes, but they were the tears of inexpressible joy.

I cannot adequately describe that moment, but there was born within me an impression that that story would be told and retold through the years of eternity while those two men walked together some day in the new earth, and there grew in my heart an intense desire to bring such joy to the hearts of men and women, and to experience the feelings of that canvasser.

I may not be a canvasser, I may not be able to sell big books, but surely I can have a part in spreading the gospel message through the pages of the *Signs of the Times*. Perhaps when eternity discloses the true facts it will be found that I took a subscription for the *Signs* and as a result some soul was born into the kingdom. What a wonderful meeting that will be with the one to whom I brought the light! What joy will fill my soul! And what joyous experience will be mine for all eternity. May God send me to some such soul during this *Signs* campaign.

L. S. BILLES.



Unused Powers

THERE are two mighty powers in the remnant church today—the printed page and lay talent. In their coalition lie tremendous possibilities for the rapid extension of Christ's kingdom. The power of the printed page has never been greater than it is today, and the time has come when every Seventh-day Adventist must sense its value as a potent evangelising agency.

As good soldiers of Jesus Christ what excuse have we for failing to make full use of such a mighty weapon in breaking the power of the enemy and rescuing souls from darkness. "Whatever our position, . . . we are held accountable by the Lord for making the most of our opportunities to enlighten those in need of present truth. And one of the principal agencies He has ordained for our use is the printed page. . . . We must learn to make a wise use of this precious agency."—*Counsels to Teachers*, page 530.

The efforts of all, then, should be very earnestly directed toward bringing about

the fusion of these two great factors.

Let us all make a start by taking part in the coming *Signs* and *Tekens* campaign and thus help build up the circulation of these two splendid evangelising agencies.

F. E. POTTER.



Literature Ministry is the Highest Form of Evangelism

R. M. MOTE

HAVING spent a number of years in colporteur evangelism I know from practical experience the blessedness of colporteur ministry. It equals any year's training at college and is the highest form of evangelism.

"The printed word of truth is to be translated into different languages, and carried to the ends of the earth."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, page 26. For a number of years the way has been closed for colporteur ministry in Northern Rhodesia, but I am glad to say that permission has been received to carry on this sacred branch of our work again. We are anxious to have the words of truth in the above quotation fulfilled in Northern Rhodesia.

SERVICE

"O, What a wonderful thing to be
Bearing a torch that the world may see
Just a bit plainer into the night,
Because of my flaming, searching light.

"Being a torchbearer, oh, I must
Ever be faithful to my trust:
Putting the darkness of night to rout,
Watchful, alert, lest my light go out."

IDA M. THOMAS.



Our Literature a Soul- Winning Agency

F. G. CLIFFORD

OUR literature reaches out before us. It lingers behind us. No one is beyond its influence.

In planning for an effort the evangelist can make no wiser choice than to select a locality that has previously been flooded with our truth-laden books, tracts, or papers. He may then be assured of an expectant audience, with minds well prepared to receive the message. The homes in which our books are to be found are usually prepared to give the truth a welcome entrance, and these will form a steady and interested congregation and strong allies as the evangelist proceeds with his message.

As the effort progresses the Bible worker

DO YOUR BEST

would indeed be single-handed were he or she not armed with the literature which follows up the spoken word and gives to the seeker something tangible from which to study. No matter how clearly the doctrines are presented many of the details are difficult to grasp and remember from one hearing, and the learner turns to literature to refresh his memory and strengthen his study. Every Bible worker will give a hearty and willing testimony to the value of the printed page.

And when the fruitage is reaped and the evangelist with his staff must pass on to new fields, what a comfort to them is the knowledge that our books with their precious burden of truth are left behind with the newly converted flock to strengthen, encourage, and establish them. Those who read and thus study the truth for themselves, either before or after their acceptance into the church, seldom retreat. Yes, before, during, and after an effort the value of our literature is beyond price.



"THERE are battles to be fought to arrest the attention of men and women, and interest them in really valuable books that have the Bible for their foundation."—*"Colporteur-Evangelist,"* p. 51.

Statement of Mission Funds

A. E. NELSON

THE accompanying statement of mission funds for the first nine months of the year reveals some interesting and encouraging facts.

The statement is so divided as to show the funds raised by the European and native believers. The Europeans have raised, for the period under review, £7,467-15-11, which is equivalent to 1/8 per week per member. When we compare this result with the goal of 1/9 per week per member we have an interesting and also a very encouraging fact. Three unions show an exceptionally good record in European offerings. These unions and their records are given as follows:

	PER WEEK PER MEM.	% OF GOAL RAISED
So. East Afr. Un.	7/4½	417%
Angola Union	6/4	363%
Congo Union	3/11	224%

The native believers have raised £1,377-5-9, which is 48% of their goal for the Division and is equivalent to ½d per week per member. Only one union has raised its quota of mission funds to date, viz., Angola, which raised 104% of its goal and a trifle more than ¾d per week per member. When the total mission offerings in each union are compared with the amount

raised for the corresponding period of last year we find that two unions have raised more funds this year than last. These two unions are:

	SO. E. AFR. UN.	ANGOLA UN.
1932	£409 4 10	225 5 10
1933	499 3 3	382 17 5

Amt. over £89 18 7 157 11 7
The Division as a whole shows a net shortage in mission funds when compared with 1932 receipts of £891-16-10.

These interesting and encouraging features of our report should prompt us to thank God and take courage, remembering that Nehemiah and his people built the walls of Jerusalem in troublous times, and that God will help us to build up the kingdom of God in our day of perplexity.



The Passing of Elder M. C. Sturdevant

F. BURTON JEWELL

THERE are in South Africa many whose hearts have been saddened as they have read the account of Elder Sturdevant's death. Having been acquainted with him in the United States of America, and having also been one of his associate workers in Southern Rhodesia, I have felt constrained to add something more to that

STATEMENT OF MISSION FUNDS

Southern African Division

For Nine Months Ended September 30, 1933

FIELD	MEM.	GOAL 9 MONTHS	AMT. REC. 9 MONTHS	AMOUNT SHORT	PER WEEK PER MEM.	% OF GOAL RAISED	AMOUNT ABOVE
<i>European</i>							
South African Union	2075	£7080 18 9	6087 10 10	993 7 11	1/6	86%	
Zambesi Union	163	556 4 9	444 5 6	111 19 3	1/5	78%	
South East African Union	23	78 9 9	325 9 10		7/4½	417%	247 0 1
Congo Union	36	122 17 0	276 3 3		3/11	224%	153 6 3
Angola Union	27	92 2 9	334 6 6		6/4	363%	242 3 9
Total	2324	£7930 13 0	7467 15 11	1105 7 2	1/8	94%	642 10 0

<i>Native</i>							
South African Union (Coloured)	311	£606 9 0	362 10 11	243 18 1	7d.	60%	
South African Union (Native)	1392	678 12 0	478 7 9	200 4 3	2d.	71%	
Zambesi Union	6398	1039 13 6	209 8 9	830 4 9	½d.	20%	
South East African Union	4800	390 0 0	173 13 7	216 6 5	½d.	45%	
Congo Union	973	118 11 8	104 13 10	13 17 10	¾d.	88%	
Angola Union	380	46 6 3	48 10 11		¾d.	104%	2 4 8
Total	14254	£2879 12 5	1377 5 9	1504 11 4	½d.	48%	2 4 8

	AMT. RAISED (1932)	AMT. RAISED (1933)	OVER	SHORT
South African Union	£7324 9 2	6928 9 6		395 19 6
Zambesi Union	1354 10 2	653 14 3		700 15 1
South East African Union	409 4 10	499 3 5	89 18 7	
Congo Union	423 8 6	380 17 1		42 11 5
Angola Union	225 5 10	382 17 5	157 11 7	

TOTAL DIVISION £9736 18 6 8845 1 8 247 10 2 1139 7 1 247 10

Zambesi Union report for third quarter not received.

Net Shortage

£891 16 1

which has been given in our papers concerning his labours.

I knew Elder Sturdevant and something of his successful ministry in the Southern States of America. I have shared his hospitality there. I was present when he was ordained to the gospel ministry by Elder A. G. Daniels in 1901, and was also present at the meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, January, 1902, when he was selected by Elder Daniels and his committee to go to take up mission work at Solusi Mission.

The work here was still in its infancy when Brother and Sister Sturdevant came. Death has exacted a heavy toll upon those who had pioneered the opening of the mission, and they too were soon called upon to part with their fourteen year old, and only son, Jonathan.

Elder Sturdevant rendered his service and testimony in the Southern African Division for more than a quarter of a century did valiantly for his Master. There are very few missionaries who have so greatly endeared themselves to the natives of Southern Rhodesia. He was a man of prayer, and devoted all his strength to the cause he loved so much. He knew his Bible, and his God. He was a man of power in teaching the Word and in helping his students to take their stand for Christ and the present truth. In his Bible studies with the African people, as well as the Europeans, he taught impressively the prophetic truths of Daniel and the Revelation. His custom was for them to continually respond when he was teaching and preaching by often calling different ones by name and impressing each one with the points he wished to make. He had his special places on the mission stations, where he was accustomed to retire for prayer. A well-worn path leading to these sacred resorts was evidence that he met his appointments with God. Without fail on Friday afternoons, after the toil of the week was over, and before the beginning of the Sabbath, he repaired to one of these places.

It was with a deeply burdened heart that he was obliged to give up his mission work. The native people all know that he never forgot them. Sister Sturdevant wrote us that in his last semi-conscious state he was still remembering them, praying for them, and calling them by their names. He loved to think of the black people as his sons and daughters, and he would have died happier if he could have been buried here in one of our mission cemeteries beside his children who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

I believe that our brother was called of God to be an apostle to the Matabele and the Mashonaland tribes of Southern Rhodesia. Although the natives knew of his failing health, when the word reached us that he had passed away, many came to us to weep, saying, "Oh, our father that taught us the good and the right way is gone." Yes, they sorrow, but their faces light up again, and they say, "We will see him again when Jesus comes." What a blessed hope this is!

Tekens Oorwinningsweek 2-9 Des.

Waarom 'n Week van Oorwinning vir die Tekens en die Signs?

DIE land in Suid-Afrika is goed bewerk, die saad is daar, wat ons nodig het is die gereedskap om dit uit te strooi. In ons dae "volg die ploëer dadelik die maaier" (Amos 9:13), en sien ons vinnig resultate. Meer as ooit tevore is die mense ontvankelik en gewillig om die boodskap vir hierdie tyd te hoor. "Laat daar geen uitsstel langer wees nie," sê die diensmaag van die Here. "Hy gaan 'n saak wat verkort is, op die aarde doen" sê die apostel in Rom. 9:28. Die Here werk net so vinnig as ons gewillig is om van die middele wat Hy tot ons beskikking stel, gebruik te maak.

Een van die doelmatigste middele om die boodskap te versprei is ons maand-blaaie: die *Tekens* en die *Signs*. Ons het die laaste twee jaar versuim om daarvan voldoende gebruik te maak, met die gevolg dat die sirkulasie so afgekom het dat ons die blaaië met 'n verlies druk. Mag die Here ons versuim vergewe en ons gewillig maak om gebruik te maak van hierdie doelmatige middele wat die Here ons in die *Signs* en die *Tekens* gegee het.

F. G. CLIFFORD.



Neem dit Maklik

DIE gladnie nodig dat die veldtog vir ons blaaië iemand van ons te swaar sou val nie, solank net die gees van saamwerking en entoesiasme wat ons in die Oes Insameling veldtog besiel het, ons ook nou in die veldtog vir ons blaaië kan beheers.

Die sirkulasie van die *Signs* en die *Tekens* kan maklik heel wat groter word, as oud en jonk, konferensiewerkers en gemeentelede, algar 'n paar uur aan hierdie belangrike sendingwerk wil bestee. Ons doen 'n ernstige oproep aan elke gemeente en in besonder aan elke gelowige in Suid-Afrika om volkome en hartelik saam te werk in die komende veldtog, sodat die gevolg sal wees dat hierdie belangrike sendingwerk op 'n bevredigende basis sal gedaan word en baie siele sal gewin word. As elke gemeentelid in iedere gemeente sy aandeel doen, is die sukses verseker. En dit sal blydskap en genoegdoening bring om opnuut deel te hê aan 'n belangrike sendingwerk.

N. C. WILSON.



Verdeling van ons Werkkragte

DIE Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie Komitee sal netnou sit om die verdeling van ons werkkragte vir 1934 te bespreek.

Voor ons gaan oral die deure oop. Van al kante kom daar aanvrae vir evangelis-

tiese pogings. Nou is die tyd wanneer ons definitief "die lyne moet lank maak en die penne styf inslaan." Jes. 54:2.

Met ons beperkte staf werkers is die taak bo ons vermoë wat betref die persoonlike verteenwoordiging. Maar ons het in die *Signs* en die *Tekens* werkers wat wyd en syd behoor versprei te word.

Daarom doen ons 'n beroep op die volle saamwerking van al ons werkers en gemeentelede in die komende "Oorwinningsweek" van 2-9 Desember; laat dit wees met dieselfde moedige gees wat ons Oes-Insameling veldtog gekenmerk het. Dit moet 'n week van oorwinning vir ons *Signs* en *Tekens* wees.

L. L. MOFFITT.



'n Lank Verwaarloosde Taak

AS ons die blanke bevolking van Suidelike Afrika as 'n basis neem, en dan gemiddeld vyf persone vir 'n huisgesin reken, dan het ons ongeveer 365,000 gesinne in Suidelike Afrika. En elkeen van hierdie gesinne het behoefte aan die *Signs* of die *Tekens*. En tog druk die Sentinel net 11,159 eksemplare van *Signs* en *Tekens* om in hierdie behoefte te voorsien. Voor ons lê dus die taak hoe om die orige 353,841 gesinne met die boodskap van die Here vir ons tyd bekend te maak. Ons sou kan vra: "Behoor hierdie gesinne nie die boodskap wat die Here aan ons toevertrou het in hierdie laaste dae, te ontvang nie?" Daar is maar net een antwoord: Ewe seker as die Here wou dat die mense in die dae van die sonvloed die boodskap van die komende vloed sou hoor, net so seker wil die Here dat vandag se mense die boodskap van die koms van die Here sal ontvang en dat hulle sal klaarmaak om Hom in vrede te ontmoet.

Die Here wil dat hierdie boodskap aan die wêreld sal gebring word nie alleen deur die prediking van die Woord, maar ook deur middel van die drukpers. Die werk van die prediking is gelê op die wat tot hierdie arbeid afgesonder is. Die leesstofbediening van die Buurtsending is 'n werk waaraan ons gemeentelede groteliks kan deelneem. Hoe om die taak te volbring sodat duisende huisgesinne in Suidelike Afrika die boodskap van die spoedige wederkoms van die Here sal ontvang, is nie so moeilik nie. Die boodskap het ons, die *Signs* en die *Tekens* ook, verder is daar 'n getroue groep gelowiges. Net een ding ontbreek! Daar moet op ons as gelowiges 'n las gelê word om ons leesstof—die *Signs* en die *Tekens*—te plaas in duisende huisgesinne wat die boodskap van die Here nog nie gehoor het nie.

Die roepstem kom tot ons om hierdie taak op ons te neem. Dis ooreenkomstig die wil van die Here. Laat ons nie langer versuim nie, maar sê: "Ons sal ons plig doen."

A. E. NELSON

Voorsiening in die Behoeftes van Suid-Afrika

GEWORTEL in en opgebou uit die beste wat Protestant Europa kon gee, is daar in die loop van die eeue aan hierdie suidelike kuste 'n nasie ontwikkel wat tot op die huidige dag 'n opregte erediens vir die Woord van God bewaar het. Nieteenstaande die inbreuk van ongodelike strominge van buite, is die bevolking van Suid-Afrika van huis uit diep godsdienstig. Daar is roering onder hulle as gevolg van die toenemende tekens van die naderende einde.

Daar is in Suid-Afrika verskeie deeglike publikasies, godsdienstig en andersins, maar nie een van hulle kan so volkome in die behoefte aan geestelike verligting voorsien as ons tweetalige maandblad die *Tekens van die Tye* nie. Ons blaai is nie duur nie. Hulle behandel onderwerpe waaroor die meeste mense vandag met erns nadink. En deur die wortel van die saak bloot te lê doen ons *Signs* en *Tekens* 'n sendingwerk van die eerste rang. Vir baie eerlike siele is ons blaai soos 'n ligstraal op die veelbewoë lewensee. Om hierdie lig oor heel Suid-Afrika en daarbuite te versprei is tegelyk ons voorreg en ons plig in die komende veldtog vir die *Signs* en die *Tekens*.

A. BOEKHOUT.

Die Boodschap Uitsaai

OM die publieke mening op te voed is daar vandag geen kragtiger middel as die drukpers nie. As mense deur 'n nuwe idee besiel word, hardloop hulle perstoe om hul gedagtes aan die wêreld te openbaar. Die agentskappe wat reklame maak, vind in die pers hul mees suksesvolle middel. Politieke partye, as hulle eenmaal die pers op hul kant het, kan deur verstandige gebruik van die koerante die lesers lei waar hulle wil. Die daelike koerant word in die wonings en in die oomblik van verposing gelees en word daardeur 'n magtige invloed om die gedagtegang van die mens te lei.

Die Heiland het eenmaal gesê: "Die kinders van hierdie wêreld is verstandiger teenoor hul geslag as die kinders van die lig." Lukas 16:8. Ons behoort daaruit 'n les te leer met betrekking tot die verspreiding van ons leesstof. Die aandag van elke mens in elke dorp sal gevestig word op die reddende boodskap vir hierdie tyd, as ons hierdie blaai wat die waarheid bevat, soos die nuusblaai in hul wonings kan bring. Ons is nie uit om die politieke opinies van mense aan ons kant te kry nie; ons doel is die redding van hul siele. Hoe ywerig behoort ons dan nie te wees nie om in elke gesin in Suid-Afrika datgene te bring wat hierdie saligmakende kennis onder die mense sal versprei.

A. FLOYD TARR.

Uitgewersmaatskappy van Sendingvrywilligers

WEER 'n oproep tot arbeid gaan deur die land. Die spesiale veldtog om intekenaars vir die *Signs* en die *Tekens* te win is 'n voorwaartse beweging om die boodskap van "die teenwoordige waarheid" in die wonings van ondersoekende mense te bring. Vandag is dit ons kans. Oral is daar mense wat vra na die betekenis van die tye waarin ons nou verkeer.

Ons vra die Sendingvrywilligers om 'n groot uitgewersmaatskappy te vorm. Die boodskap van die Here vir hulle vind hulle in Ps. 68:12: "Die Here het die woord gegee—die vroue wat die goeie tyding gebring het, was 'n groot skare."

Laat tog elke vrywilliger deelneem aan hierdie uitgewersmaatskappy van die Here! Jy kan 'n egte werker vir die Here wees, 'n verkondiger van die laaste genadeboodskap deur intekenaars vir die *Signs* en die *Tekens* te win. Die Here gee die woord, laat elke "vrywillige uitgewer" nou handelend optree.

A. W. STAPLES.

Merkwaardige Aanbod van Twintig Duisend Traktate Verniet

Tot aanmoediging van die wat in die verspreiding van ons leesstof glo, gee die Uniekonferensie twintig duisend traktate verniet wat die week van oorwinning met ons blaai." Die traktate bestaan uit "Our Day Series" wat pas verskyn het en oor elke punt van waarheid handel. Ons sal hierdie traktate vry onder die gemeentes verdeel volgens die basis van vier traktate vir elke nuwe intekenaar op ons blaai, terwyl 'n spesiale toefig aan die gemeentes wat hul doel bereik, sal gestuur word. So sal elke gemeente wat 'n doel van minder as vyftig intekenaars het en dit bereik, twee honderd ekstra traktate verniet ontvang. Gemeentes met 'n doel van meer as vyftig, maar minder as een honderd intekenaars, ontvang een duisend traktate ekstra. En gemeentes wat 'n doel van meer as een honderd intekenaars het en dit bereik, sal twee duisend traktate ekstra ontvang.

SPEZIALE KENNISGEWING.—Om in aanmerking te kom vir hierdie kostelose traktate moet die aantal subskripsies en die rapport die kantoor van die konferensie nie later as Vrydag die vyftiende Desember bereik nie.

F. G. CLIFFORD.

Hierdie Ervaring mag ook ons deel word

EEN van die ontroerendste tonele wat ek ooit gesien het, het 'n paar jaar gelede plaasgevind op een van ons kampvergaderings waar daar 'n herlewing was soos ons maar selde in Afrika gesien het.

In een van die getuienisdienste het twee ou broeders, naby die end van hul dae, geboë en gehard deur arbeid en swaarkry, bymekaar gesit. Verskeie mense het al gepraat, toe een van die oues opstaan en begin vertel hoe daar jare gelede 'n man met kar en perde op sy plaas gekom het en hom 'n boek verkoop het; hoe hy daardie boek gelees en weer gelees het en hoe sy hart uitgegaan het na die man wat hom die boodskap gebring het en hoe hy hy was toe hy 'n jaar later dieselfde kar en perde sy plaas sien opry. Hy vertel toe hoe hulle mekaar ontmoet het en hoe hy dan later gedoop is. Met ontroering in sy stem het die ou vader sy geskiedenis klaar vertel. Toe lê hy sy hand op die skouer van die ou broeder langs hom en sê met gebroke stem: "En, broeders, hier is die man wat vir my daardie boek gebring het!" Trane het oor sy wange geloop, trane van onuitspreeklike vreugde.

Ek kan daardie oomblik nie goed weer-gee nie, alleen het ek toe 'n diepe indruk gekry dat daardie geskiedenis hom sou herhaal tot in al ewigheid, wanneer hierdie twee ou broeders saam die nuwe aarde sou bewandel! Toe is daar ook in my hart die innige begeerte gebore om daardie blydschap te mag bring in die harte van manne en vroue en om die gevoelens van die kolporteur te mag ervaar.

Ek mag nie 'n kolporteur wees nie, ek mag geen groot boeke kan verkoop nie, maar ek kan iets doen om die evangelieboodskap te versprei deur die blaai van die *Signs* en die *Tekens*. Dan as die ewigheid aanbreek, en die ware feite bekend word, sal dit openbaar word dat 'n siel in die koninkryk gebore is as gevolg van 'n subskripsie wat ek geneem het. Wat 'n wonderlike ontmoeting sal dit wees met daardie siel wat deur my toedoen die lig gesien en gevolg het. Watter vreug sal dan my siel vervul! En dit vir ewig!

Mag die Here my voetstap tot so 'n mensekind lei in die dae van die veldtog vir die *Signs* en die *Tekens*.

L. S. BILLES.

Uitgewers Dept.

F. E. Potter, Sekretaris

Leesstofbediening is die Hoogste Vorm van Evangeliewerk

R. M. MOTE

DEURDAT ek 'n paar jaar 'as kolporteur in die evangeliewerk diens gedoen het, weet ek uit ervaring wat 'n seën hierdie kolporteursbediening is. Dit staan gelyk aan 'n jaar se opleiding aan 'n Kollege en is die hoogste vorm van evangeliewerk.

"Die gedrukte woord van waarheid moet in verskillende tale oorgesit word en

tot aan die eindes van die aarde gaan." —*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, bld. 26.

Vir 'n aantal jare is die geleentheid om in Noord-Rhodesië kolporteurswerk te doen weggenem, maar ek is bly om te kan sê dat ons opnuut verlof gekry het om hierdie heilige tak van ons werk voort te sit. Ons sien daarna uit om die waarheid van bostaande aanhaling ook in Noord-Rhodesië in vervulling te laat gaan.

Ligdraers

O, WAT 'n wonder en eer dit is
Ligdraer wees in die duisternis!
Mensegeslag, o, so kort van duur,
Sien tog my lig in naglik uur.

Ligdraer wees, wat 'n roeping dit!
Getrou te wees teenoor elke lid.
Nou moet die hemelse lofied styg,
Eer die gevaar van verdoving dreig.

A. B.

Ons Leesstof 'n Middel tot die win van Siele

F. G. CLIFFORD.

Ons leesstof gaan voor ons uit. Dit volg ook ons voetstappe. Niemand is vry van sy invloed nie.

Die evangelis wat 'n poging wil gaan hou, kannie verstandiger doen nie as om 'n plek te kies waar tevore reeds ons boeke, traktate en blaaië wat die waarheid bevat, versprei is. Hy kan dan seker wees dat sy gehoor belangstellend is, en die mense bereid is om sy boodskap aan te neem. Die families waar mens ons boeke kry, is gewoonlik meer ontvankelik vir die waarheid en vorm 'n gereelde en belangstellende vergadering. Hulle ondersteun ook die evangelis in die uitwerking van sy program.

Gedurende die poging sou die Bybelwerker taamlik alleen staan, as nie die leesstof daar was nie om die gesproke woord op te volg en die soeker na waarheid 'n seker houvas te gee wat hy kan studeer. Want al word die leerstellings ook nog so duidelik uitgelê, daar bly tog altyd puntjies wat die mense moeilik verstaan het en hulle kan ook van een lesing onmoontlik alles onthou. Die ondersoeker neem dan die leesstof en word deur die lees daarvan versterk en gelei. Elke Bybelwerker weet en getuig van die waarde van die gedrukte blad.

En as die vrugte ingesamel is en die evangelis en sy staf na nuwe plekke moet gaan, wat 'n troos is dit vir hulle om te weet dat ons boeke met hul kosbaar volheid van waarheid agterbly om die pas bekeerdes te versterk, te bemoedig en te bevestig onder die leiding van die Heilige Gees.

Die wat op die manier die waarheid vir hulself lees en studeer voor of na hul aanwysing in die gemeente, gaan selde weer terug. Daarom ook dat voor, gedurende en na 'n poging ons leesstof van so 'n onberekenbare waarde is.

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Nuus

Broeder T. Kilro Smith het £25 gegee vir 'n lekepoging in Johannesburg en die gevolg is 'n goeie belangstelling.

Ouderling W. L. Hyatt vertel van aanmoedigende vooruitsigte in die poging te Kensington, Johannesburg. Daar is 'n groot en gedurige opkoms van belangstellende mense by al die vergaderings.

Ouderling John Raubenheimer het sy tweede poging te Bethlehem begin. Hy hou vergaderings in die Stadsaal en sy lesings is in Afrikaans. Die opkoms is goed.

Die Konferensie dink ernstig daarvoor om 'n Afrikaanse liederbundel uit te gee. Die eerste stappe daartoe is reeds geneem en ons hoop teen die end van die jaar 'n heel end op pad te wees.

Ouderling P. A. Venter berei 'n aantal kandidate te Potchefstroom vir die heilige doop voor. Vroeg in November dink hy in Christiana 'n poging te gaan hou en daar dan 'n aantal belangstellendes te doop.

Ouderling A. C. le Butt hou Sondag-aanddienste te Durban. Ook lei hy die Bybelwerkersklas en help die gemeente in 'n aktiewe sendingveldtog. Ouderling Le Butt het ook 'n goeie doopklas.

Opnuut wil ons al ons mense daaraan herinner dat daar 'n Evangelistiese Fonds van die Konferensie bestaan. As iemand daartoe wil bydra, doen dit dan spesiaal onder die naam van *Evangelistiese Fonds*, asseblief. Dankie.

Broeder M. Holesgrove hou vergaderings in die huise in 'n voorstad van Johannesburg. Sewe siele het alreeds die waarheid aangeneem. Broeder Holesgrove maak gebruik van die sketse van preke vir leke deur Ouderling Clifford.

Ouderling W. H. Hurlow het te kampe met onverskilligheid en ongevoeligheid van die begin van sy poging te Uitenhage. Tog skryf hy: "Ons is nie mismooedig nie. . . . Daar is eerlike siele wat belang stel en hulle is die moeite werd."

Sondagmiddag, 15 Oktober, was die kerkie te George vol gemeentelede en belangstellendes om Ouderling Billes te hoor preek oor die belangrikheid om al die geboeie van die Here te gehoorsaam. Toe is daar 'n doopdiens gehou waarby 'n

ouerige moeder en haar seun en skoon-dogter hul Here en Heiland in die watergraf gevolg het. Daarna is hulle as lede in die gemeente Elim opgeneem. Die seun is begerig om sy sake so te reël dat hy die Goeie Hoop Opleidingskool sal kan bywoon.

Broeder J. J. B. Combrinck het 'n Afrikaanse poging te Bloemfontein begin om die belangstelling wat deur die poging van Ouderling Clifford onder Afrikaans sprekenes opgewek is, op te volg. Hy het 'n goeie opkoms.

Broeder Combrinck sê dat die stenografe in die kantoor goeie vordering in hul Afrikaanse studies maak. Ons Afrikaanse gemeentelede waardeer dit om gedurig meer briewe van die kantoor in hul moedertaal te ontvang.

Ouderlinge L. L. Moffitt en P. A. Venter en Broeder P. W. Willmore is net terug van hul besoek aan die afgesonderde gelowiges in die oostelike deel van die Vrystaat. Hulle het baie aanmoedigende vergaderings met ons broeders en susters daar gehad.

Daar is 'n skreeuende behoefte in die veld aan evangeliewerk op die platteland en in die dorpe. Die konferensieleiers is van plan om bepaalde stappe te neem om
(*Vervolg op bld. 8*)

Obituary

HINTERLEITNER.—Mrs. Johanna W. E. Hinterleitner was born February 16, 1861, in Germany. At the age of eighteen she came to South Africa making her home in Cape Town. Soon after her arrival she was married to Mr. J. H. Hinterleitner and to this union were born five children, four of whom survive—two sons, Ludwig and Leopold, and two daughters, Emma and Freda.

Sister Hinterleitner accepted present truth under the labours of Elder H. J. Edmed about eighteen years ago in Sea Point and joined the Cape Town church where she at once endeared herself to all the members and became an active home missionary worker in her community.

Through failing health our late sister was cut off from church privileges for several years but was a patient sufferer, and greatly beloved by her family and friends. She passed away peacefully at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Langdon, in Newlands, on October 25, 1933. We laid her to rest in the Plumstead Cemetery being comforted by the blessed assurance of a joyful resurrection at the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour. There are left to mourn two sons, two daughters, and one step-son, six grandchildren, and other friends and relatives. Funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Elders J. F. Wright and A. F. Tarr.

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News Notes

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in hierdie behoefte te voorsien. Ons hoop op ons komiteevergaderings in Desember 'n volgbaar plan uit te werk om dan vroeg in 1934 met 'n progressiewe veldtog op die platteland te begin.

Twintig studente van Helderberg Kollege het aan die end van die skooljaar by die kolporteurskragte in die Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie aangesluit. Sewe van hulle gaan uit met "Bybellesings," drie met "Gods Antwoorde," een met "Groote Stryd," een met "This Mighty Hour," een met "Ons Dae," en sewe met "Die Huisdokter." Dus dertien van hulle gaan uit met godsdienstige boeke en sewe met 'n mediese werk.

Betrekking Gevra

DEUR 'n jonge man met algemene kennis van boerdery, gewillig om enige soort werk aan te pak. Skryf aan "A," c/o Menr. J. Schoultz, Posbus 35, Senekal, O. V. S.

Betrekking Vakant

'N Paar ou mense in die Vrystaat soek 'n jonge Sewende-dag Adventiste wat gewillig is om vir geselskap te kom en tegelyk die huishouding waar te neem. Salaris £2 per maand, alles inbegrepe. Doen aansoek by Posbus 256, Bloemfontein, O. V. S.

Te Koop

'N ORREL.—In goeie kondisie, goeie klank, geskik vir kerkdiens of vir die huisgesin; was in gebruik in die gemeente van Sentraal Johannesburg. Enige rede vir verkoop: eienaars het 'n groter orrel gekoop. Vir vinnige verkoop: £20 kontant, of anders op terme: £22-10-0; eerste paaiement £7-10-0 gevolg deur ses maandelike paaiemente van £2-10-0. Die Sekretaris van die S. A. Konferensie, Bus 256, Bloemfontein, O. V. S.

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News Notes

Twenty students from Helderberg College joined the canvassing force in the South African Conference at the close of the school year.

Brother T. Kilro Smith has donated £25 toward a layman's effort in Johannesburg and a good interest is being developed.

Again we would remind all our people of the Conference Evangelistic Fund. When making a donation to this fund please specify *Evangelistic Fund*.

Elder John Raubenheimer has begun his second effort in Bethlehem. He is conducting the meetings in the Town Hall and is speaking in Afrikaans. He reports a good attendance.

Elder W. L. Hyatt reports most encouraging prospects for the Kensington effort in Johannesburg. He has had a large and consistent attendance of interested people throughout the meetings.

The conference is giving serious study to the publishing of an Afrikaans hymnbook. Already preliminary work has been begun, and we hope by the end of the year to have the matter well on its way.

Elder W. H. Hurlow has met with indifference and apathy in Uitenhage from the start, but he writes, "We are not discouraged. . . . Some honest souls are interested and they will be worth while."

Elder A. C. le Butt is holding Sunday night meetings in Durban and is conducting Bible workers' classes and leading the church in an active missionary campaign. Elder le Butt has a good baptismal class.

Brother J. J. B. Combrinck has recently begun an Afrikaans effort in Bloemfontein to follow up among the Afrikaans-speaking people the interest aroused by Elder Clifford's effort. He is having a good attendance.

Brother M. Holesgrove is holding cottage meetings in a suburb of Johannesburg and reports that seven souls have already accepted the truth. Brother Holesgrove is using the sermon outlines sent out to our lay members by Elder Clifford.

Brother Combrinck reports that the stenographers in the office are making good progress in their Afrikaans studies. Our Afrikaans-speaking members appreciate

receiving more letters from the office in their mother tongue.

Elder P. A. Venter is preparing a number of candidates for baptism in Potchefstroom. Early in November it is planned for Elder Venter to go to Christiana to hold a short effort and baptise a number of interested people.

On Sunday afternoon, October 15, the little George church was filled with members and friends who had come to hear Elder Billes preach. The sermon was on the importance of obedience to all of God's requirements. All present were deeply touched with his solemn message.

At the close of the service a baptism was conducted in the church. An elderly mother with her son and daughter-in-law followed their Lord in baptism. They were received into the Elim church. The son is anxious to arrange his business so that he can attend the Good Hope Training School.

There is a crying need in the field for rural and small town evangelism. The conference officers are contemplating definite plans to assist in meeting this need. At our December committee meeting we hope to finalise on a workable plan and begin early in 1934 with a progressive rural evangelistic campaign.

Elders L. L. Moffitt and P. A. Venter and Brother P. W. Willmore have recently returned to the office from a trip visiting the isolated believers in the eastern Free State. They report most encouraging meetings with our believers, but that the drought conditions in practically the entire province are most distressing.

Situation Wanted

By a young man with a general knowledge of farming. Willing to accept any other kind of work offered. Write: "A," c/o J. Schoultz, P.O. Box 35, Senekal, O. F. S.

Situation Vacant

WANTED by an aged couple in the Free State a young Seventh-day Adventist girl to be a companion and housekeeper. Salary £2 per month, all found. Applicants please write to: P.O. Box 256, Bloemfontein, O. F. S.

For Sale

ORGAN.—In good repair, good tone, suitable for church services or for the home. Until now, in use in the Johannesburg central church. Only reason for selling: owners have bought a larger instrument. For quick sale £20 cash, or on terms £22-10-0. Initial payment, £7-10-0 and six monthly payments of £2-10-0 each. Apply: The Secretary, S. A. Conference, P.O. Box 256, Bloemfontein, O. F. S.