

The Signs-Tekens Campaign

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"Scattered like the leaves of autumn"—anywhere, everywhere. This is the picture of the distribution of our literature as shown by the servant of the Lord.

To accomplish this widespread distribution will require some measure of service from all of God's people. In His providence He has representatives scattered over the land. He has forbidden us to colonise. He calls "one of a city and two of a family" that His name might be known among all nations. He has given "to every man His work." He has set us as candles in candlesticks to give light to all that are in the house.

The autumn leaves are a fitting symbol of our tracts and inexpensive periodicals. They can and do go anywhere, everywhere. They can and are doing the work God designed of them. Souls are rejoicing in the truth today who first found the light in a *Signs* drawn out of a wastepaper basket; from *Signs* placed on board ship; from *Signs* sent through the post; from *Signs* sold to the householder; from *Signs* placed in reading racks, and from *Signs* used as wastepaper. Yes, through their being "scattered like the leaves of autumn."

While we know a little of the fruitage of the *Signs*, we will never know the full story of its soul-saving service this side of the eternal kingdom. We do know that it will be a story of constant silent witnessing, of steady seed-sowing, and widespread fruit-bearing.

There is one question we must consider. How shall the *Signs* go unless it be sent? How shall it be scattered unless God's people do the work? Through the years many have esteemed it a privilege to have a part in the annual *Signs-Tekens* Campaign. This year the date has been set for November 3-17 and the call again goes forth for volunteers to renew expiring subscriptions and secure new ones.

During the war years the paper shortage has prevented us from enlarging our circulation. Now the war is over and the paper supply position is becoming easier, we can put forth a worth-while effort to widen greatly the usefulness of our missionary paper. Every member can act a part in this worthy endeavour, so that the *Signs* can fill a yet larger place in finishing the work.

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Another Opportunity with the Signs-Tekens

Every good Adventist is always on the lookout for an opportunity to advance the cause he has accepted and loves. Especially should this be so as there comes to all that deep consciousness that the end of all things is really at hand. In the word of God and in the "Testimonies" these days have been pictured in such vivid language that it is impossible for those, earnest in their outlook, to fail to recognise the alarming portents of modern events. The war is over and peace is proclaimed. But is it peace? Conferences are again busy with their attempts to find a way of peace that will prevail, but the dove of peace still flutters about uncertain whether it is safe to alight. National covetousness, greed, and international distrust are rapidly making ineffective all the bright promises with which victory was heralded. The devil still holds the reins, and is driving this poor distracted world to its ruin. The pit of destruction is hidden in the mists of vainly ambitious hopes, centred in human accomplishments, and the world's Armageddon approaches unseen and unanticipated. The alarming nearness of the end and the quiet stealth of its approach makes the present hour the most tragic in the history of mankind. To Adventists it is the hour of opportunity. How shall we use it? God's providence has shown us the way. "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of

the word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand."—"Christian Service" p. 146. Our South African periodical, the *Signs-Tekens* contains the truth for this time. It will come as a ray of hope to many who are losing their faith and courage. Need we say more? The *Signs-Tekens* should be presented at every door. The *Signs-Tekens* Campaign is our great opportunity. Do we dare to refuse to have a part?

W. H. HURLOW.

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Postponement of South African Union Conference Constituency Meeting

Doubtless many of our members are acquainted with the fact that plans had been laid to hold a session of the constituency of the South African Union Conference toward the close of this year. It was hoped and expected that some of our brethren from the General Conference would have been able to meet with us at that time.

Recent counsel from the General Conference

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through the Southern African Division was to the effect that wherever possible Union Conference sessions should be postponed until after the General Conference session, which is to be held at the end of May, 1946. We also learned that it would not be possible to send any General Conference representatives to Southern Africa this year.

On September 30 the Union Conference Committee met and gave consideration to the counsel which they had received. It was then voted to postpone the holding of our session until after the General Conference meeting. This will no doubt mean that the meeting will take place at some convenient time toward the close of 1946.

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Visiting Congo Union Camp-meetings

J. M. HNATYSHYN

My recent trip to the Congo Union to assist in a series of sixteen camp-meetings was a most interesting and profitable one to me. This was my last union to visit in the Southern African Division since coming to Africa. I thought at first that the Congo Union would be somewhat the same as the other unions have been, but I had to change my thinking. I found that there were interesting surprises everywhere I went in this vast territory.

From the time I began my tour on June 24 until I returned on October 5 the time was well spent, although very crowded with meetings, Harvest Ingathering, and institute work.

The hospitality our missionaries showed me was their very best and the arrangements for travel from one camp-meeting to another were well planned.

The Lord blessed and protected me while travelling all these hundreds and even thousands of miles. I travelled by train, bus, lorry, bicycle, steam boat, motor launch, machila and by car. I had to walk sometimes, but not very often.

The scenery and wild game I saw while on this tour will not be forgotten very soon. Especially will I remember travelling on long Lake Tanganyika. Ruanda-Urundi is known for its beautiful mountains and hills and its flourishing valleys. In the vast Congo forest, with its dense undergrowth, an awe-inspiring sight was the giant trees reaching so high that the sunlight even had difficulty in getting through. Occasionally we would see the pygmies—a race of small primitive people living in the forest like shy animals. No missionary, as yet, has done any work for these people.

The beautiful navigable rivers of the Congo greatly alleviate the transportation problem in this territory.

Although the scenery was so beautiful, still the best sight the eyes could rest upon was the large gatherings of people who attended our camp-meetings. This year our Congo Union has experienced the best year in attendance, baptisms, and camp-meeting offerings that it has ever had. At the sixteen camp-meetings some 54,000 people attended and an offering of about 125,000 francs (£744) was given by those in attendance. This is considered very good, especially just after a year of famine, and when we take into consideration that the people are not allowed at present to sell their food stuff. This means that they have to earn most of this and when the average wage is about one or two francs per day, this spells a real sacrifice. The Congo believers are very anxious to see the work finished and have the Lord come to take them to His kingdom.

Our largest gathering was at Gitwe this year where it is estimated that about 20,000 were present on Sabbath. As one sees such a crowd of people—and most of them heathen—one's heart is touched. One's mind goes back centuries to another mountain-side when crowds thronged to hear Jesus and to receive the bread of life so they would never hunger and thirst again. At such times a person feels his nothingness and craves for God's power to help the many who come to hear. God's blessing really rested on us here and many turned to God before they left the meeting.

In other places our gatherings were as follows: At Ndora Mission, where Brother and Sister A. Davy are leading out, we had 4,500 in attendance. The work in this area is going ahead in a strong way.

At Ngoma Mission where Brother Matter, Sr., is in charge, our attendance was about 8,000. Dr. and Mrs. Visser are doing good work at the hospital. They are of good courage and are appealing for help. They need a nurse at this station as Miss Spillman is leaving for her well-earned leave. We hope that soon our nurse from overseas will come to their aid.

Brother and Sister Matter are old pioneers in the work and are getting on in years but they still are able to do their bit. It was of real interest to me to hear Brother Matter give an experience regarding the time when Brother Delhove and he opened the work at Kwankeri in 1921. At that time there was opposition. The women and children ran away from the surrounding country. The men folk came with spears and arrows to get rid of our brethren, but when they found out that they could not do any harm to them because of God's providence, they left their spears and arrows outside and came to our brethren and talked to them. Soon their confidence was gained and the mission buildings, including a school, were built. This year at the camp-meeting about 12,000 people attended. Brother and Sister Davies and family are located here, and brother Davies is giving good leadership to the work.

I was glad to meet Brother and Sister Bennett and children who have just come from overseas. They will be able to give Kwankeri the needed help.

Our other camp-meeting attendances varied from 150 to 1,000. The Congo Union had a number of mid-week camp-meetings among the more isolated companies. These proved to be of great help to our believers and to the strangers who were able to attend.

We have three stations which are manned by three of our single workers. At Bikobo we have Brother L. Robinson, at Kirundu we have Brother A. Matter, Jr., and at Rwesse, our new mission station, we have Brother G. A. Ellingworth. These stations must get help soon. The work is growing and we must pray that the way may open soon for some married families to join our single workers.

Brother T. Staples and family are located at Songa Mission and the work at this place is onward. The Drs. Webber are doing a good work at the hospital. At Songa we were glad to see a heathen, who had hesitated for many years to accept Christ, come forward. The thing that had kept him back was witchcraft. He came and put all the trinkets, which adorned his body, upon the altar. He was a happy man and others rejoiced with him.

At these sixteen camp-meetings I was thrilled as I looked into the upturned faces of those who had gathered to hear the Lord speak to them through His servant. We need more teachers, preachers, doctors, and nurses for the appeals from every place are very strong. In one place some sixteen chiefs came, asking us to begin work soon in their areas.

I was especially pleased to see our Missionary Volunteers doing their faithful part. A number of our native teachers and their wives were invested as Helpers and Friends. In our larger centres many students were also invested. In all of our schools and missions there is a strong organisation in band formation, and excellent work in soul winning is being done.

In one place the teacher and the Missionary Volunteers went out for six weeks to hold an effort. They were able to get 220 converts to join their baptismal class. The pastor came along later and gave them his assistance for a month and they got another 261, or a total of 481 souls for Christ. Such experiences I heard over and over again while in the Congo Union. The men and women in the Missionary Volunteer societies are doing their faithful part because they always keep before them their aim, "The advent message to all the world in this generation." The reason for this is because of the motto, "The love of Christ constraineth us."

I was glad that time was given me in most of the places to hold short institutes with our workers and church leaders. I believe we shall see even greater results in the Congo Union.

Our *seminaire* at Gitwe, where Brother Marsa is in charge and where Brother Birkenstock is assisting, is producing good leaders for the field. They, however, need other European men to help them in order to produce better and quicker results.

While on this trip one of our native teachers told me this experience. When he was out looking for a village in which to hold an effort he decided to try a small village fairly near a main road. He went to the chief to get permission. The chief was surprised to see that missionaries had come to his village—in fact he couldn't believe it. The chief was old, and sickly. He told the teacher that he had come too late because many had already died and he also was soon to die. He said they had heard of missionaries passing by on this road for many years but none had stopped to help them. "You are very late in coming," he said. What a challenge!

Brethren, let us pray, let us give financial help, and let us give our sons and our daughters that soon the work may be finished.

In closing I wish to say that Brethren Campbell and Ambs are carrying extra heavy responsibilities. Pray for them and their leadership. I enjoyed travelling with them to the camp-meetings and their friendship and leadership was an encouragement to me. Let us pray for our isolated missionaries on these lonely stations in the Congo Union. Let us not be too late in doing our part.

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War Victims' Relief Fund

Received to Date, October 3, 1945

Southern Suburbs church member	£2	0	0
Teacher and pupils Springs church school	1	0	0
Miss M. Felton	1	0	0
Mrs. M. L. Lowe	1	0	0
	£5	0	0

M. V. Week of Prayer in the Natal-Transvaal Conference

P. H. COETZEE

"Rejoice evermore!" are the only words with which we can describe this blessed week dedicated to the youth of the advent movement. The Conference Committee planned for all the workers to engage in this wonderful opportunity to work for the fine young people of this conference. In all our churches and larger groups meetings were conducted. We appreciate the help of Pastor W. H. Hurlow from the Union, who assisted on the East Rand.

In the Johannesburg Central church Pastor S. S. Hiten conducted combined meetings for the senior young people. The meetings were well attended and his six co-workers visited all the young people in the city. A large baptismal class of faithful Seventh-day Adventist youth was formed and a baptism will take place in the near future.

Reports of victories are coming in from different parts of the conference. A young man at Helderberg was praying for his wayward sister. This fine young lady accompanied her faithful mother to the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer. God heard the prayers of the young brother and a soul repented. Recently this letter came to hand: "I am extremely happy in my new life. . . . I am glad I have given my youth to our Lord, and I want Him to use me as He sees fit. My brother at Helderberg was overjoyed by my victory and I know that one of his biggest burdens was for his twin-sister. I am not going to disappoint him or God. I am going to be baptised on the 10th of November." Thank God for such victories all over the conference! Thank God for fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters who are praying and seeking after our youth!

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Bantu Advisory Councils

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Two profitable advisory councils have been held recently in the South African Union Conference: one in Johannesburg, for the North Bantu Mission Field, under the leadership of Elder J. G. Siepman, and the other at Bethel Training College, for the South Bantu Mission Field, under the leadership of Elder J. N. de Beer.

The councils were well attended by appointed delegates representing all sections of the fields. Every phase and department of the work was reported on and then taken under advisement. The discussions were always eager, and at times vigorous. Our Bantu believers take their responsibilities seriously, and are ready speakers and keen listeners.

The committees on plans and resolutions set in order the matter which had been brought forward in discussion, and a series of resolutions expressed

the desire of the councils for the church to live more fully and spread more widely and rapidly the truth we all love and serve.

Most interesting were the evangelistic symposiums. Both regular and lay evangelists took part, and their reports would encourage the heart of every believer. Everywhere souls are being won to Christ. The numbers per man may not be large, but every man had some sheaves, and the total is impressive. In the South Bantu Council over four hundred souls were reported as having joined the baptismal classes this year. This is indeed a "going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and the sign of a new day for our Bantu work. At the same council our people purchased over £13 worth of the small books which are at present available in the Xosa language.

Following the Johannesburg Council the newly-erected Orlando church was dedicated. This is a worthy and well-built structure, and will prove of great strength to our work. At the close of the dedicatory service evangelist Moletsi was ordained to the gospel ministry.

During the South Bantu Council, two evangelists were separated by ordination to the ministry.

The Lord is blessing the work in the Bantu fields, and recently the gains in membership have been greater than in the European conferences. This is as it should be, in fact the rate of membership should be greatly accelerated when we remember that there are approximately five times as many Bantus as there are Europeans within our borders.

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Honest in Paying Tithe

P. S. JOHNSON

(A Native Evangelist)

Nesamma is a young, but poor woman of our Kulathamel Sabbath school in the South Malayalam Mission of the South India Union, who has to work hard every day to earn her livelihood. Every morning she, with her friends, goes far away from home, in search of grass. In the afternoon, she gathers what she was able to cut here and there, and carries the bundle on her head for marketing. This way she earns about three rupees (5/-) per week. Besides attending to her own food and clothing, she has to support her grandfather.

She is given an envelope to drop her tithe in daily, and to bring it to the church on Sabbaths. Every Sabbath Nesamma is there with her tithe-envelope. Usually between four and five annas (4d to 5d) in small coins are found in her envelope. We have given such envelopes for keeping their tithe in safely to all the members of the Sabbath school, but Nesamma is very faithful in bringing her tithe every week. She testifies that the Lord has blessed her wonderfully from the time she began paying her honest tithe.

Kampdienste in die Kongo-Unie

J. M. HNATYSHYN

Gedurende my onlangse rondreis in die Kongo-Unie het ek sestig verskillende kampdienste bygewoon, en dit was vir my 'n baie interessante en leerse ondervinding. Vóór my besoek het ek gedink dat die Kongo-Unie net soos die ander sendingvelde sou wees wat ek besoek het, maar ek moes gou van sienswyse verander, want daar was so baie verrassings in daardie gebied. Ek het my rondreis op 24 Junie begin en op 5 Oktober beëindig, en my tyd was ten volle in beslag geneem met groot kampdienste, Oesinsamelingswerk, en departementele konvensies.

Ek wil my innige waardering uitspreek van die gasvryheid wat ek geniet het, en ook van die reëlings vir my vervoer van plek tot plek. Ek het per trein, bus, vragmotor, fiets, stoomboot, motorboot, motorkar, en draagstoel gereis—soms moes ek loop, maar gelukkig baie selde.

Ek het baie wild en pragtige tonele gesien gedurende my reis, maar beste van alles was die groot byeenkomste van mense by die kampdienste. Nog nooit het daar so baie mense na die dienste gekom, is daar so baie gedoop, en is daar sulke groot offergawes gegee as hierdie jaar nie. Daar word geskat dat sowat 54,000 inboorlinge die sestig kampdienste bygewoon het, en dat daar sowat 125,000 franc as offergawe gegee is.

Die grootste byeenkoms was op Gitwe waar sowat 20,000 mense opgekrom het vir die Sabbatdiens. By die Ndora-sending waar Broeder en Suster Davy gevestig is, was die opkoms 4,500. Broeder Davy was verras oor die groot offergawe wat gegee is.

By die Ngoma-sending, onder bevel van Broeder Matter (senior), was die opkoms sowat 8,000. Dr. en Mev. Visser is ook hier gevestig, en hulle doen uitstekende werk by die hospitaal. Hulle vra dringend om hulp, want hulle verpleegster, Mej. Spillman sal binnekort vertrek vir 'n welverdiende vakansie. Ons vertrou dat die nuwe verpleegster van oorse, gou sal kom.

Dit was baie interessant om Broeder Matter te hoor vertel hoedat hy en Broeder Delhove die werk op Rwankeri begin het. Daar was verskriklike teenstand, en die inboorlinge het met spiese gewapen gekom om hulle dood te maak, maar die Here het hulle beskerm. Vandag is daar 'n groot sendingstasie, en omtrent 12,000 mense het die kampdienste bygewoon. Broeder en Suster Davies is nou op Rwankeri gevestig en hulle gee goeie leiding.

Ons het drie stasies wat onder leiding staan van drie ongetroude werkers. Broeder L. Robinson het toesig oor die Bikobo-berg Sendingstasie; Broeder A. Matter (junior) is in bevel van die Kirundu-stasie; en Broeder G. A. Ellingworth is die leier op Rweesse. Al hierdie stasies moet hulp kry.

Broeder T. Staples is by die Songa-stasie gevestig, en die werk gaan vooruit. Die dokters Webber doen goeie werk by die hospitaal. Hier het ons gesien hoedat 'n ou heiden wat vir baie jare op twee gedagtes gehink het, Christus eindelik aanneem. Hy was 'n toordokter, en hy het al die goeters wat hy vir daardie werk gebruik het, op die altaar gelê. Daar was groot blydskap oor sy bekering.

Vir die werk in hierdie groot sendingveld het ons meer onderwysers, predikante, dokters en verpleegsters nodig. Op een plek het sestig opperhoofde kom vra hoe gou ons skole by hulle sal kan kom.

oprig. Wat my getref het, was die werk van die strewers. Op een plek het die onderwyser en 'n aantal Strewers 'n poging gehou, met die gevolg dat 220 bekeerlinge by die doopklas aangesluit het. Later het een van die natuurle predikante kom help, en nog 261 bekeerlinge het Christus aangeneem, sodat daar nie minder as 481 siele vir die Here gewin is nie. Keer op keer het ek van sulke voorvalle verneem. Ek was bly oor die geleentheid wat ek op baie plekke gehad het om departementele konvensies te hou vir die werkers en gemeente-leiers. Ek meen dat ons nog groter dinge in die Kongo-Unie sal sien.

Op Gitwe is ook ons opleidingskool waar inboorlingwerkers opgelei word vir diens. Broeder Marsa is in bevel, en hy word bygestaan deur Broeder Birkenstock. Daar is groot behoefte aan nog 'n Europese werker.

Die laste druk baie swaar op die skouers van Broeder Campbell en Broeder Ams. Laat ons vir hulle bid, want hulle verantwoordelikheid is groot. Dit was vir my 'n plesier om saam met hulle die veld te deurtreis. En dan is daar ons afgesonderde sendelinge op die eensame stasies, laat ons ook hulle in ons gebede gedenk.

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Weer 'n Geleentheid met die Signs-Tekens

W. H. HURLLOW

Elke goeie Adventist hou altyd sy oë oop vir 'n geleentheid om die geloof wat hy liefhet te bevorder. Dit behoort veral die geval te wees waar ons almal diep onder die indruk is dat die einde van alle dinge naby is. In die Woord van God en in die „Getuienis” word die tekens so treffend geskilder dat diegene wat ernstig is nie kan nalaat om die betekenis van die hedendaagse gebeurtenisse te sien nie. Die oorlog is verby en die vrede is aangekondig. Maar is daar vrede? Daar is al weer konvensies waar pogings gemaak word om die vrede te bestendig, maar dit lyk of die vredesduif nog nie 'n plekkie gekry het waar hy kan neerstyk nie. Nasionale hebsug en inheligheid, en internasionale wantroue laat vinnig die hoop verdwyn wat geskep is met die aankondigings van die oorwinning.

Die diuvel hou nog die lelsels en hy stuur hierdie ou wêreld na die afgrond. Die vreeslike afgrond is bedek met die newels van hoop op menslike pogings; en die Armageddon van die wêreld sluip ongesien en onverwag nader. Die nabyheid van die einde, en die feit dat dit ongemerk nader, maak hierdie tydstep die mees tragiese in die menslike geskiedenis.

Vir ons, as Adventiste, is dit die uur van geleentheid. Hoe sal ons dit gebruik? Die Here wys ons die weg aan. „Die wêreld moet die lig van die waarheid kry deur die ewangeliewerk deur middel van ons boeke en tydskrifte. Ons boeke moet daarop wys dat die einde van alle dinge naby is.”— „Christian Service,” bl. 146. Ons eie tydskrif, die Signs-Tekens bevat die waarheid vir hierdie tyd. Dit sal soos 'n ligstraal wees vir diegene wat moed en hoop begin verloor. Hoef ons meer te sê? Ons moet met die Signs-Tekens aanklop by elke deur, en die aanstaande veldtog sal ons die groot geleentheid gee. Ons durf nie weer om ons deel te doen nie!

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Die Tekens en Siele

F. G. CLIFFORD

Gestrooi soos herfsblare, orals—dit is die beeld wat die diensmaagd van die Here gebruik in verband met die verspreiding van ons leesstof.

Om ons leesstof so te versprei, sal ons die hulp van al die kinders van die Here nodig hê. In Sy voorsienigheid het die Here Sy verteenwoordigers orals in ons land. Hy het ons verbied om in „kolonies” saam te drom. Hy roep „een in 'n stad, twee in 'n gesin” sodat Hy onder alle volke bekend mag word. Hy het aan elkeen sy werk gegee. Hy het ons gestel soos kerse op blakers om lig te gee vir almal in die huis.

Herfsblare is 'n gepaste simbool vir ons traktate en tydskrifte wat glad nie duur is nie. Hulle kan orals en na alle plekke gaan, en hulle beantwoord uitstekend aan die doel wat God vir hulle het. Daar is vandag mense wat hulle in die waarheid verby omdat hulle die Signs-Tekens gevind het in 'n snippermandjie, op 'n skip, in 'n rak vir leesstof, of dit is aan hulle oor die pos gestuur, of iemand het dit na hulle deur gebring.

Hoewel ons 'n bietjie weet van die vrugte van die Tekens, sal ons eendag in die hiernamaals die volle waarheid te wete kom aangaande die siele wat daardeur gered is.

Nou is daar een vraag wat ons aandag verdien: Hoe sal die Tekens kan gaan as dit nie gestuur

word nie? Hoe sal dit versprei kan word as die kinders van die Here dit nie doen nie? Oor die jare het vele dit as 'n voorreg beskou om deel te neem aan die Signs-Tekens veldtog. Die datum van die veldtog hierdie jaar is van 3-17 November, en andermaal vra ons om vrywilligers om intekenaars te wêrf.

Gedurende die oorlogsjare kon ons nie ons sirkulasie veel uitbrei nie weens die tekort aan papier, maar noudat die oorlog oor is en die papierposisie begin verbeter, kan ons 'n sterk poging maak om die sirkulasie te vermeerder. Elke gelowige kan 'n deel hê aan die poging sodat die Signs-Tekens sy regmatige plek kan vul in die veldtog van die werk.

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Lekevergadering van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie Konferensie Uitgestel

Talle van ons lede het seker al gehoor dat daar 'n plan was om aan die einde van die jaar 'n lekevergadering van die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie-Konferensie te hou. Dit was ons hoop en verwagting dat van ons broeders van die Wêreldkonferensie met die geleentheid by ons sou wees.

Ons is onlangs deur die Suidelike Afrikaanse Divisie aangeraai om, as dit enigsmoontlik is, die Unie-Konferensie lekevergadering uit te stel tot ná die sitting van die Wêreldkonferensie wat in Mei 1946 sal plaasvind. Ons verneem verder dat dit onmoontlik sal wees vir broeders van die Wêreldkonferensie om vanjaar na Suidelike Afrika te kom.

Op 30 September het die Unie-Konferensiekomitee bymekaargekom en die Saak bespreek. Daar is toe besluit om ons sitting uit te stel tot ná die sitting van die Wêreldkonferensie. Dit sal dus beteken dat die vergadering op 'n geleë tyd teen die einde van 1946 sal plaasvind.

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SIGNS-TEKENS VELDTOG

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Naturelle Voorligtingsraad

F. G. CLIFFORD

Daar is onlangs twee batige raadsittings in die Suid-Afrikaanse Unie-Konferensie gehou. Dié van die Noord-Bantoe Sendingveld het onder leiding van Leraar J. G. Siepman, op Johannesburg, plaasgevind; en dié van die Suid-Bantoe Sendingveld het by die Betal Opleidingskool, onder leiding van Leraar J. N. de Beer, bygeekom.

Afgevaardigdes uit alle dele van die veld het die raadsittinge bygewoon. Daar is vir elke departement van die werk verslag gedoen, en daarna het bespreking gevolg. Daar ons Bantoe gelowiges hulle verantwoordelikheid ernstig opneem, luister hulle goed, en gee hulle graag raad. Daar is gretig, en soms vurig deelgeneem aan die besprekings.

'n Komitee oor planne en besluite het verskillende sake wat onder ons aandag gebring is, in order gestel. 'n Reeks besluite het die begeerte van die rade uitgedruk, dat die kerk 'n dieper Christelike lewe moet lei en die waarheid meer ywerig moet versprei.

Beide leke en werkers het deelgeneem aan die ewangelistiese samespraak. Hulle verslae sou die hart van elke gelowige bemoedig. Orals word siele tot Christus gewen. Alhoewel geen enkele werker groot getalle getoon het nie, het elkeen tog resultate kon toon, en die totale verslag was indrukwekkend. In die Suid-Bantoe Veld het meer as vierhonderd siele vanjaar by die doopklasse aangesluit. Waarlik, dit is 'n „geruis van voetstaptes in die toppe van die balsembose” en 'n teken dat 'n nuwe dag vir die Bantoe-werk aanbreek. Op dieselfde raadsitting het ons mense meer as £13 se klein boekies wat in die Xosa taal beskikbaar is, gekoop.

Ná die Johannesburgse raadsitting is die nuwe

Orlando kerk ingewy. Dit is 'n waardige, goed-geboude kerk en sal ons werk sekerlik versterk. Met dieselfde geleentheid is evangelis Moletsi tot die ewangelie bediening georden.

Gedurende die Suid-Bantoe raadsitting is twee ewangeliste tot die bediening georden. Die Here seën die werk in die Bantoe Sendingsvelde. In die afgelope tyd was daar 'n groter aanwas van lede as in die blanke konferensies. Dit hoort ook so. Inderwaarheid, behoort daar 'n nog groter toename te wees, want daar is vyfkeer soveel natuurle in die unie as wat daar blankes is.

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Signs-Tekens Veldtog

J. M. HNATYSHYN

„Dit is onmoontlik om 'n lewende, aktiewe kerk te hê as die kerkele omwilling is om laste te dra.”— „Testimonies,” Deel V, bl. 114. Oorpeins hierdie woorde in verband met u verhouding tot die Signs-Tekens Veldtog met sy seënige, voorregte, en geleentheid wat tot ons sal kom gedurende die tydperk 3-17 November, en besluit dan watter aandeel u sal hê om die veldtog 'n sukses te maak.

Ons wil elke gelowige vriendelik uitnooi om tenminste vyf intekenaars te wêrf vir die beste blad wat in Suid-Afrika uitgegee word. Onthou, die Signs-Tekens beteken siele gered vir Christus!

Met betrekking tot die blad het ander aan ons gesê:

„Die blad is beter en meer verliggend; dit is tydig en leersaam; en dit is positief en prakties. U het dit nodig, u familielede het dit nodig, u bure het dit nodig, en u gemeenskap het dit nodig. Dit wys die weg aan; dit leer die waarheid; dit weerkaats die lig; dit help om u probleme op te los; en dit is die gids huiswaarts.”

Bid vir die sukses van die Signs-Tekens Veldtog! Praat met geesdrif van die veldtog! Wêrf met ywer en energie intekenaars gedurende die veldtog! Dan moet dit 'n sukses wees!

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Strewers Week van Gebed

in die Natal-Transvaal Konferensie

P. H. COETZEE

„Wees altyddeur bly,” is die enigste woorde waarmee ons hierdie geseënde week wat aan die jongmense van die Adventbeweging gewy is, kan beskryf. Die konferensie het planne belê waardeur al die werkers kon deel hê aan die wonderlike geleentheid om vir die jongmense te werk. In alle gemeentes is dienste gehou. Ons waardeur die hulp van Leraar W. H. Hurlow wat ons op die Oos-Rand gehelp het.

Leraar S. S. Hiten het in die Johannesburgse Sentrale kerk dienste gehou vir die senior jongmense. Die dienste is goed bygewoon, en sy ses medewerkers het al die jongmense van die stad besoek. 'n Groot aantal jongmense het by die doopklas aangesluit, en ons meen om binnekort 'n doopdiens te hou.

Uit verskillende dele van die konferensie kom boodskappe van oorwinning. 'n Jongman op Helderberg het gebid vir sy wêreldsgesinde suster. Hierdie jongdame het haar moeder na die dienste vergesel. God het die jong broer se gebede verhoor, en die dame het tot bekering gekom. Onlangs het ons hierdie brief van haar ontvang: „Ek verby my in die nuwe lewe. . . Ek is bly dat ek my lewe aan die Here gegee het, en ek versoek dat Hy my sal gebruik soos Hy goed vind. My broer op Helderberg was verbyd oor my oorwinning, en ek weet dat een van die grootste laste van sy siel vir sy tweeling-sussie was. Ek gaan hom en God nie teleurstel nie. Ek gaan my op 10 November laat doop.” Ons dank God vir sulke oorwinnings oral in die konferensie. Ons dank Hom vir vaders en moeders en broers en susters wat bid en soek na ons jongmense.

Obituary

FELIX.—Hendrina Felix passed away at Elsie's River on August 10, 1945, at the age of seventy-two years. Sister Felix was a member of the Athlone church and had been faithful to the truth for more than ten years. She was baptised by Elder J. N. de Beer and was laid to rest by Pastor Theunissen.

There are left to mourn, her husband, two sons, and many other relatives and friends, who cherish the blessed hope of meeting her again when the Life-giver comes. D. C. THEUNISSEN.

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Adresveranderings

Sodat lesers van die OUTLOOK, wat van plek tot plek verhuis, gereëld die blad kan ontvang, vra die uitgewers dat u u Konferensie of Sendingkantoor ten minste twee weke van te vore moet verwittig van u adresveranderings. Vermeld u nuwe adres sowel as die oue.

Let Wel.—Moenie die informasie direk aan ons stuur nie: stuur dit aan u Konferensie of Sendingkantoor. Hulle het dit nodig om hulle adresregister te wysig. Hulle sal dan op hulle beurt die uitgewers van die OUTLOOK in kennis stel en die nodige informasie verskaf.

Moenie vergeet nie: Stuur u ou sowel as u nuwe adres.
DIE UITGEWERS.

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Shaken Up or Out

JOSEPHINE CUNNINGTON EDWARDS

"I don't like the elder they put in," said Mrs. Peeve. "Why, he isn't the man for the job at all. If I'd had my say, they'd have put in Andrew Bross. Now there's a man for you. He's a reg'lar orator. Can just fetch the tears out o' yer eyes. But I wasn't at church when they had the election. Now I ain't goin'—leastways as long as he's elder." "Poor elder," sighed Mrs. Fixitup. "I do feel so sorry for him!"

"Why?" inquired Mrs. Peeve, in astonishment. "I was just in to see him. He has the most wonderful plans for the church this year. We had prayer while I was there, and he wept as he prayed, his burden for the work for which he has been chosen is so great. What did he ever do to you to make you dislike him, Mrs. Peeve?"

She tossed her head. "Oh, he never did nothing to me. But I just don't like his type, that's all." "What can we do to help you feel reconciled so that you will co-operate and be a lifter in this year's plans? Shall I go to the new elder and say, 'You must resign. It doesn't matter in the least that the majority of the church want you to be elder. Mrs. Peeve says that if you officiate she will no longer attend church. A soul is in the balance. For the love of a human soul, resign!'"

Mrs. Peeve looked extremely foolish, and mumbled something like, "Well, I'll see you at church Sabbath."

"There isn't any use trying. I just thought there wasn't anyone like Pastor Blank. He led our Week of Prayer one year at school. When he talked he made the whole third angel's message seem so clear and plain and believable. He was the most compelling personality I ever saw. And now he has left the church. I guess there's no chance for me."

Mrs. Fixitup gazed at the discouraged lad with deep sympathy in her eyes. "She must have known!" she said, with deep conviction.

The lad straightened himself and looked at her squarely. "Who must have known what?" he burst out in astonishment.

"Mrs. E. G. White. She once wrote: 'Those who have great light and precious privileges, but have not improved them, will under one pretext or another, go out from us. Not having received the love of the truth, they will be taken in the delusions of the enemy.' Again, 'Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then [in the last days] stand at the head of rank and file. They did not keep pace with the light. Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. . . . Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will go out in darkness.' Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive, and to mislead souls."

"Does Mrs. White actually tell us those things?"

"Yes, Ralph. The Lord revealed to her that there would be just such people as you—people who put their trust in 'princes' instead of in Jesus, the only true example. They take some man for an ideal, and then they watch him and mould their experience and ideas, even sometimes actually their tone of voice, after those of that man. Again she says, 'I am instructed to say to our people, Let us follow Christ. Do not forget that He is to be our pattern in all things.'

"Ralph, can you safely and assuredly say, 'There is no use for me to try to live up to these wonderful truths, because Pastor Blank did not live up to them? He was wise and great and talented—even more than I. And because he is this, and can go on and live out a supposedly happy life, perhaps I am hoodwinked. He has proved that it is impractical to live the Christ life. Christ might just as well have stayed in heaven. It is impossible to live His life.'

"Aw, I didn't mean that," scowled Ralph, shamefacedly. "Of course I'm not going to give up. But just the same it sort of confuses a fellow, to have his ideal tumble down in such a way."

"Of course it does, Ralph. The Lord knew very well it would; that is why He told us all about it beforehand."

"Makes me sick and tired. Always 'pulling' for money. I can't sit in that church ten minutes without seeing some thermometer, some ship, or some other 'ginflinny' exhibited just to squeeze the money out of us." Mr. Titewodd stared grimly and glumly at Mrs. Fixitup. "I go to Sabbath school and church to enjoy the lesson study and a good sermon, and what do I hear? Money! money! money! I might as well have done with the whole thing." And he spread out his palms resignedly.

"Oh, Mr. Titewodd," cried Mrs. Fixitup, excitedly, "perhaps you are the very man we need! Why, at every business session our leaders are hard put to it to know how to meet just the present demands of our world-wide work, without ever answering a single new call. Perhaps you have a solution. Oh, if you have, think of the great relief it will be to know for a certainty that there will not have to be a single missionary brought home because of lack of means! Not a single mission station abandoned! Not a single call denied!"

"Oh—I haven't any suggestion. I just get tired of hearing someone asking for money—and more money," he said, nonchalantly, disinterestedly.

"What do you do, in your business, Mr. Titewodd? Does it irritate and irk you for your banker to mention money? Do you say to him, 'My friend, as a favour to me, let us leave money out of our conversation'? When a salesman comes in to show you his wares, do you say, 'Your samples are very interesting, I enjoy looking at them, they are certainly pretty. But please do not mention costs. It is highly irritating to me'? When you receive a bill from your plumber, or a statement from your dentist, do you say, 'Makes me sick and tired; always pulling for money'?"

"The people of Macedonia in the early days were anxious to give. Their willingness to sacrifice came as a result of whole-hearted consecration. 'It was not necessary to urge them to give. . . . When the apostle would have restrained them, they importuned him to accept their offering.'

"Mr. Titewodd, God does not need our money. But He offers us the privilege of having a part in the finishing of His work here on the earth. Giving has been the hub of the whole plan of salvation. God gave. Christ gave. One who is truly consecrated to his Saviour and divine Master will love to give!"

"Oh, well, since you put it that way—Maria," he addressed his wife, "yet my cheque book, please."

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Change of Address

In future all correspondence for Solusi Mission should be addressed to: Solusi Training School, Private Bag, T. 189, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia, instead of to P. O. Box 573, Bulawayo.

Signs-Tekens Campaign

J. M. HNATYSHYN

"It is impossible for the church to be a living, active church, unless its members shall be willing to bear burdens."—"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 114.

Read the above words again. Think about them in connection with your relationship to the Signs-Tekens Campaign which comes to us with its opportunities, privileges, and blessings from November 3-17; and then determine to do your part in making the campaign a success.

We extend an invitation to every believer to take at least five subscriptions for the most valuable paper published in South Africa. Remember, Signs Tekens subscriptions taken spells souls saved for Christ!

Others have told us this regarding the paper: "The paper is better, brighter; it is timely and taking; it is positive and practical. You need it, your relatives need it, your neighbours need it, and your community needs it. It points the way; it reveals the truth; it reflects the light; it solves problems; it guides the home."

Pray for the success of the Signs-Tekens Campaign! Talk enthusiastically of the Signs-Tekens Campaign! Work with zeal and energy in securing subscriptions for the Signs-Tekens Campaign! We are bound to succeed!

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South Africa's Own Broadcast

For many months we have been very busy at the Voice of Prophecy offices in Claremont, preparing the broadcasts in English and Afrikaans which begin from Lourenco Marques on Tuesday night, October 16, at 8 o'clock. We invite all our people to listen to these programmes. The broadcast will take half an hour: fifteen minutes in English, followed by fifteen minutes in Afrikaans.

These broadcasts will come to you only on the short wave bands. At present they are 51, 60, and 85 meter bands. Later in the summer we understand the 60 will be changed to the 31 meter band. These two bands are of 10,000 watt multiple power, while the 51 and 85 are 750 watt power. You will be interested to hear the speakers and those who furnish the music, for they are of our own denominational talent.

We would be glad to hear from you regarding reception. Tell your neighbours and friends about these broadcasts, every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

E. L. CARDEY.

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