

From Gerdener's letter, of June 22nd, 1960.

I am afraid I cannot give much assistance in the matter you mention. The dates I do not think should worry the writer, especially as '17 appears on two occasions. If I could have read the letters I wrote at the time, my memory may have been more definite at the point.

At that time I was working as missionary among the Mohammeds in Cape Town, and we used to meet at the Y.M.C.A. With W.S. Conrad we have looked through the minutes of 1916 and 1917 carefully and nothing about the matter appears there. So evidently it was a matter that we secretaries handled. That is how Miss M.M. Kriel, who now lives with her sister at the Paarl, and S.J. Malherbe, who also lives there at 4 Brug Street, remember it. I wrote W.S. Krige, who was Gen. Sec. in 1916, at Kleinmond and have just received his reply. But he does not remember the matter at all.

I should say, speaking with all possible correction, that the matter of Hofmeyr's official connection with the S.C.A. did come quite a period, as we all looked to time to give more light than had at any given point of time. Further that the matter was not officially dealt with, as it is not minuted, but that we discussed it on and off, and that I as Chairman was looked to by the secretaries and certain leaders to write him that the matter was off.

May it not be that though he was baptised (again) in E. Baker church he did not become a full member there? And that that made defer and desist?

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I am afraid I cannot give much assistance in the matter you mention. The dates I do not think should worry the writer, especially as it is quite certain that the Executive or any other official body did not adjudge the matter. We have looked through nothing about the matter appears there. So evidently it was a matter that we secretaries handled. That is how Miss M.M. Kirtel, who

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I left for Europe and - as was intended before U.S.A. came into the war (Apr. 1917?) - America to try to raise money for the development of the Nation S.C.A. work - towards the end of 1916 - I left hoping that the S.C.A. would take it up. But afraid that Dr. S.C.A. & church leaders would object - this being proved his connection with the Dr. S.C.A., and anxious to avoid being criticized for having taken on a 'repeal'. I believe that this was the real snag and the S.C.A. leaders, fucked the issue -

The S.C.A. was a W. Centre - session at about that time. It was not very long since it had emerged from the struggle against Hildegarde v. de laune's unscrupulous efforts to divide the movement - His divided group proposed to have accepted the overwhelming role of the 1915 Conference (at Cranston) against them, & joined in the Doxology for God's kingdom given to us - and immediately set on foot a secret committee to continue the agitation! (at a unique time in apikandom by any means)

O.B.