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THE "SOUTH AMERICAN BULLETIN" brings to you, in this its first issue, greetings from your brethren fifteen thousand strong. It is the hope and expectation of those who are responsible in starting the issue of this monthly, that its influence may help to draw us all as workers, nearer to our great pattern — Christ Jesus.

It shall endeavor to be a channel of communication through which those who are laboring in this great continent may speak "often one to another," and thus encourage, cheer and comfort all those who are endeavoring to lift up the cross of Christ. We trust it may be used as a medium to communicate information concerning plans and methods for strengthening the work. That good experiences from every field may flow out to all our workers in this Division and thus prompt them to greater endeavor and bind them closer to the great family of God on earth.

This first issue goes forth on its way with an earnest prayer that its message may ever ring clear with victories gained for the gospel of Christ and that each month may bring evidences of answered prayer; that it may echo with songs of triumph for the truth and be a tie to bind our hearts in loving service for the 60,000,000 people in our Division.

We bespeak for it your hearty support and solicit your co-operation in filling its pages each month with material fresh from the field. Surely, if we do

our best, the "BULLETIN" cannot fail to come to each one of us with an inspiration for a stronger hope, as it tells of triumphs of the Message from the southern-most city on the globe — Punta Arenas, to the boundless region of the Amazon, now spoken of as the largest unoccupied stretch of mission territory in the world; and

from the metropolitan cities of the Atlantic Coast to the fruitful mission fields of the Andean plateau where are found the highest mission stations in all the world.

Remember that all material for its columns should be sent to the "South American Bulletin", Calle Pino 3801, Buenos Aires, Argentina. W.

GREETINGS

The Value of a Soul

THE city of life, of eternal bliss, the city of God shall descend from heaven, the wicked dead shall be raised to life, and they with Satan and his angels shall march up on the breadth of the earth, compass the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city. Then shall they see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the righteous in the Kingdom of God, but they themselves are shut out. Then shall the righteous and the wicked meet for the last time. Picture, if you can, you, yourself inside that city looking at the innumerable hosts of the wicked. You cast a glance about, perchance you recognize some familiar face. Perhaps immediately in front of you stands your own son, the boy

THE MISSIONARY'S PLEA

*Will you not pray for us? Each day we need
Your prayers, for oft the way is rough and long,
And our lips falter and forget their song,
As we proclaim the word men will not heed.*

*Will you not pray for us? Alone we stand
To stem the awful tide of sin and shame,
To cast out demons in the mighty Name
Which is alone the hope of every land.*

*Pray, pray for us! We are but vessels frail;
The world's appalling need would crush us down
Save that in vision we behold the crown
Upon His brow who shall at length prevail!*

*Not yet the crowning! Fields must first be won,
Lives freely yielded, martyr blood be spilt,
Love cast out fear, redemption blot out guilt,
Ere we behold the kingdom of God's Son.*

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of your fondest hopes. He looks at you; he stretches out his hands to you; he falls on his knees; he folds his hands as in prayer; he wrings them. You can very easily read that agonizing, pleading look in his eyes; your heart beats in tenderest compassion, it agonizes, it bleeds for your boy. You look again, the earth swells and breaks, fire gushes forth, the heavens rain fire; your son, your boy is enveloped in the flames of hell. He is lost, lost, lost forever. How much would you give if you then could lift him out of the flames into eternal salvation. Just that much is a soul worth, and every soul; for is not every man, woman and child somebody's son or daughter, somebody's husband, wife, father, mother, sister or brother? Still, ours is but human love, God's is divine. God's estimate of the worth of a human soul is as much more than ours can be, as His divine love is above our human ability to love.

Now look at another scene. Jesus opens wide the pearly gates and the saved of earth enter in. Before them is the Paradise of God, the home of Adam in his innocence. On the head of every redeemed saint Jesus places a crown of glory, in every hand He places the victor's palm and the golden harp. To every one He gives a home, a mansion. The streets of the city are pure gold, resplendent, reflecting the glory of the city. Through the midst of the city flows the River of Life, clear as crystal, mirroring the leafy trees on its banks, and the Tree of Life arching it. Man's fondest and brightest expectations are superlatively surpassed. There are no aches, no pain, no sickness, no death there. And you are there, your wife is there, and your children are there, *except*, yes, all but; and he will never

come there. He is lost, eternally lost —lost to you, lost to God, lost to heaven. What would you give if?—but no, it's too late, he is lost forever. What value would you place on his soul if you just then could bring him there to share heaven with you? Every being that has human breath is a son, a daughter of our heavenly Father, and our highest estimate of the worth of a human soul is far below the worth God places upon the deepest fallen wreck of humanity.

For Jesus has shown us how precious is a soul in the sight of heaven. One might perchance die for his friend, but Jesus gave His life for His enemies. Would you know how highly He values a soul? then follow Him through His years of earthly suffering. Watch Him as He passes through that awful, mysterious suffering in Gethsemane, agonizing until the sweat drops became as blood. Behold Him, patiently bearing the cruel flogging. Now they crown Him with a crown of thorns; they strike Him in the face; they spit in His face. He bears it all without a murmur, without one word of complaint; He is paying the price which He considers a single soul worth. See Him, weak and trembling, bearing His cross on Calvary's hill, cruel nails are driven through His hands and His feet. He hangs on the cross, the suffering Prince of heaven amidst the railing priests and the jeering rabble, alone, forsaken by man and left alone by God, to die, to tread the bitter wine-press alone. And in the endeavor He risked all, He might have failed and "suffered eternal loss." And He might have spared Himself and left the world to perish. You ask, what is the worth of a human soul? God's answer is, "Calvary".
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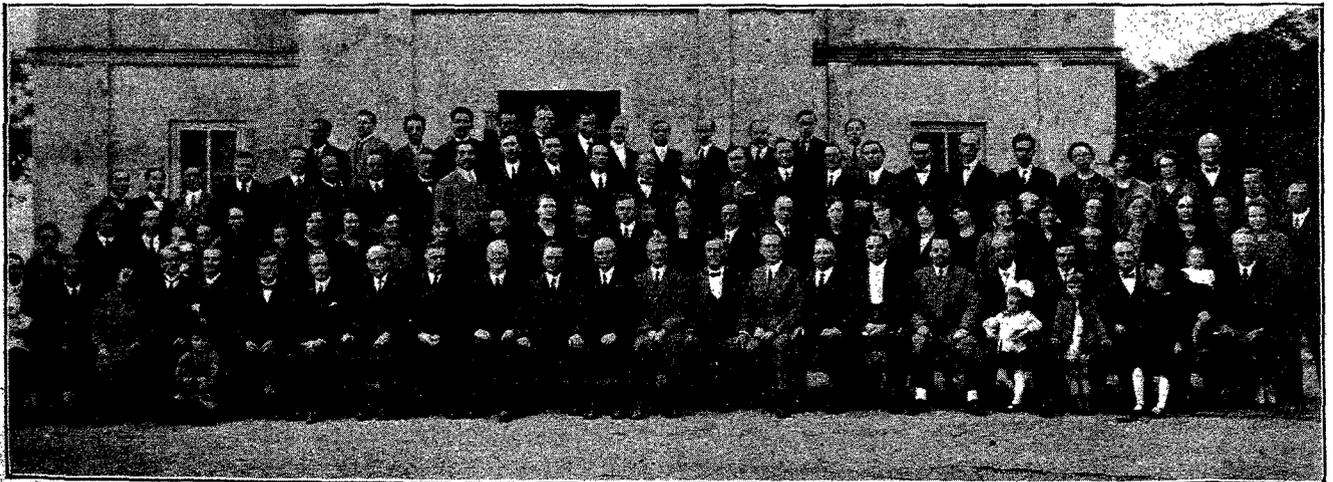
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Progress All Along the Way

WE HAVE been giving more time recently to the work in the Buenos Aires Conference where the providences of the Lord have been specially manifest. As a result of the labors of Evangelist Rojas and Miss Gentile, our Bible worker in the Federal Capital, we organized a Sabbath School of twenty members and a small group of believers in Derqui, a village in the province, about three hours ride by train from the city of Buenos Aires.

Sabbath and Sunday, September 19 and 20, were happy days for our church in Bahía Blanca as we dedicated our new chapel to the Master's service. The outside interest was good. Our local pastor, José Iourno, has been doing aggressive work and as a result four persons were baptized Sabbath morning before the dedicatory service. This chapel in Bahia Blanca, the largest city in the republic south of Buenos Aires, was made possible by a gift from the Church Extension Fund. Our brethren in this southern city greatly appreciate this financial help. They, personally, are carrying the burden of furnishing the church which is costing them a few thousand pesos. The members are active and they have demonstrated that with the help of the Lord they can accomplish much good. We have another splendid church building located in La Plata, the capital of the Province of Buenos Aires.



Workers in Attendance at Austral Union Conference Session, held at the River Plate Junior College, Puiggari, Argentina, April, 1925

The Uruguay Mission reports as having erected a chapel in San Pedro. This Mission now owns three neat church buildings. They also report a number of persons awaiting baptism and several series of meetings planned for. We are glad to see our workers busily engaged in holding public efforts, for surely God will continue to bless the preaching of His word.

In spite of the severe drouth that has been experienced in Alto Paraná, the brethren are of good courage and report that baptisms have been celebrated in a number of places and many others are in the baptismal class waiting to take this step. The superintendent of the Mission, together with Brother Dominguez, has recently visited many parts of the field. In Asunción, the capital of Paraguay, where other denominations have had to abandon the field, Brother Leytes has had several baptisms.

Chile finds more interested people than her corps of workers can care for. Good results are attending the public efforts in Santiago and Valparaiso, and Brother Klatt, in the south, reports a good interest. Our church in Antofagasta continues to grow. Brother Berchin is doing aggressive work and hopes soon to have another baptism. Brother Emmenegger writes that the tithe and offerings this year will exceed those of last year. This is indeed encouraging. The literature sales have kept up well, notwithstanding the fact that as yet we have no field missionary secretary to look after the book and periodical work.

The North Argentine field, still without a president, has made plans for aggressive work this summer. A strong public effort will be held in the city of Paraná, where there is a great interest in the truth. Pastor Roth, Bible teacher in the River Plate Junior College, will direct the effort and with him will be associated some of the young men who are to finish their ministerial work in the college next year. Mrs. de De Marsico, Spanish teacher in the college and Miss Ida Beskow, trained Bible worker, will also help in this effort. At present Brother Weber is conducting a public effort in the city of Rosario, the second city of importance in the Argentine.

The River Plate Junior College is enjoying the best year of its history. Both dormitories are full of students, and the College chapel will no longer care for the Sabbath meetings nor the regular exercises through the week. A larger program must be undertaken to properly build up this prospering school. Several of our young people

will go out from the school this year into various lines of gospel work.

The River Plate Sanitarium is having a little better patronage of late. The institution has decided to equip four rooms with private baths thus providing for those desiring better accommodations.

The Union report on mission funds for the first six months shows a healthy gain and we are pleased to observe the way our people have taken hold of our Sabbath School work and their efforts to keep the offerings up to a high standard. We believe that when the whole church undertakes to do the work of the Lord there will be larger results, so we are holding up the slogan, "The gospel to the whole world by the whole church". May the Lord bless the work which has prospered despite the many obstacles that the enemy has placed in the way. The message for this time is destined to triumph and reach to all parts of the earth and then will the end come.

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Some Good Accomplished

FOUR years ago when the work was first started here in Chillan, an old lady with her three daughters attended some meetings, and, after reading some of our literature, accepted the truth. When they first began to observe the Sabbath their neighbors opposed them and tried to make them turn from their new found religion. They knew but very little of the truth and were very simple in their service, but they lived up to all the light they had. At the time they learned of the truth they lived in the interior and had come to Chillan to trade. As but few of the people in that section could read, they would bring their letters to these sisters to be read. After they accepted the truth the people were afraid to bring their letters to them any more for fear they would not read them correctly. The principal objections were incited by those of other religious beliefs. When calamity befell anyone in the community they laid the blame on this family, and even threatened to burn their home. Notwithstanding the opposition they remained firm in their new belief and soon a change came.

One of the sisters went to the village store to do some purchasing. On her way home she discovered that the proprietor had given her too much change. Although she lived quite a distance from the village she returned that same evening and gave the money to the owner. This was a rare

happening and created quite a stir in the neighborhood. This, together with a few other manifestations of honesty has won for them, and for the truth many staunch friends. Now they are considered authority on almost any subject that is discussed in their community and are entrusted with the business affairs of their neighbors when they come to the city to make purchases. They make their living principally by crocheting lace and doing fancy work. They are very poor and live simply but are always faithful in bringing in their tithe and offerings. They attend the meetings here at the college about twice a year. In order to reach the school it is necessary for them to walk about five hours to catch a narrow gauge train which brings them to Chillan, and then walk out to the school. They are so humble that they will not tell us when they are coming so we can meet them in Chillan. It is a great treat to them to attend one of our meetings.

Thus the seed sown is bearing fruit in these parts. We are now holding meetings in several different places in the country around the school and are seeing good results. Parents are now willing to send their children to our school.

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Briefs from East Brazil

REPORTS indicate that the work is making good progress in the various local fields of our Union. It is true that the long continued drought and the drop in prices of coffee, cotton and sugar will likely result in our tithe being less than in 1924, however, the mission offerings are increasing, notwithstanding these unfavorable conditions.

In the nation's capital, Rio de Janeiro, we have celebrated baptisms each quarter. In East Minas, Brother J. L. Brown has been working hard to build up the work, but he needs more efficient help to work the cities.

In the Espirito Santo field, we have recently held seven local meetings, which not only proved a great blessing spiritually to the brethren, but also resulted in liberal offerings for missions. This mission greatly needs a field and home missionary secretary.

There is an encouraging increase in the membership of the Bahía Mission, especially in the capital. A brother has offered to lease to us for twenty years a building which he has recently erected in this city, for the nominal sum of \$2.00 a month. This building will provide for our Sabbath services and church school.

In the Pernambuco Mission, the brethren have been entering new territory, but like all our fields, the workers are insufficient for the gigantic task before them. Both the Bahía and Pernambuco fields should have additional workers. Although we voted nearly a year ago that Brother E. M. Davis, who now has charge of the Pernambuco Mission, should open up the work in the Amazon region, as yet no one has come to take his place so we have not been able to release him.

The Harvest Ingathering is not yet finished in our Union. The reports thus far received are generally encouraging. At the same time, some large houses who formerly gave liberally have either greatly reduced their offerings or entirely suspended them on account of droughts and exchange difficulties. Nevertheless, we hope we shall be able to raise at least as much as last year.

The work is onward and our courage is good, knowing that our General is leading His forces on to victory.

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After Many Weeks

HIDDEN among the green hills of Minas Geraes, Brazil, and surrounded by the most picturesque scenery, stands the beautiful and prosperous home of a Brazilian widow.

Two years ago misfortune and sorrow visited this once happy home. On a bright summer morning the husband and father left the home never to return again. Scarcely two hours after he left his wife and three children, while sitting at the gambling table with some worldly friends, death took him unexpectedly and wholly unprepared.

Great was the sorrow in that home when the messenger, leading the riderless horse, brought the sad tidings. In her despair the grief-stricken widow implored her idols to grant her death. In order that she might forget the great tragedy she read her prayer-book and fiction continuously, but her soul did not find the peace and consolation she craved.

After many weeks she remembered the Book that a Christian friend had given her several years before, which

lay forgotten in a corner. She asked the servant to get the once despised Bible and clean the dust from it. As she began to read the sacred pages rays of light shone on her lonely heart and such peace as she had never known before came into her soul. God spoke to her heart and brought light and hope to her.

Late one autumn afternoon one of our faithful evangelistic-colporteurs passed through the quiet valley and knocked at the door of the widow's home. When the servant opened the door our brother informed her that he wished to present his literature to the lady of the house. The servant soon returned and told the colporteur that the lady did not care to buy any more novels, that she had found a book that satisfied every longing and desire of her heart. Upon learning that the Bible had become her treasured friend, the colporteur expressed an earnest desire to speak to the lady and to study the Holy Scriptures with her.

Today this once discouraged and unhappy widow rejoices in a Saviour's love, and with her children is preparing herself for a home in the heavenly mansions. After many weeks the dust-covered and forgotten Bible, together with the faithful efforts of our missionary, revealed to her the way to life eternal. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." J. L. BROWN

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A Macedonian Call

"TATA (an Aymara greeting to a superior), brother, I have come for you." This was the salutation I received at six o'clock one Friday morning at the Pomata Station as I opened the door of my mission home. The speaker was a young muscular Indian of some twenty-two years, with face hardened by the intense cold of the altitude and the burning rays of the tropical sun. We began at once the following conversation:

"Where did you come from?"

"From my district, tata."

"Are you from far?"

"No, from very near, tata."

"How many leagues, more or less, is your home from here?"

"Six leagues [18 miles], tata."

"And what do you want?"

"We want a Christian school, we want a preacher, tata."

"Very well, if it is not more than six leagues, although this is Friday, I will go with you to your home and return this evening."

"Waliqui, waliqui, [very well, very well] tata."

I had heard some days before that I would be called upon to visit a new place but I did not know where it was. I saddled my horse, mounted and followed my guide who was also riding a mountain pony which, from its appearance, seemed to verify the solemn declaration of the Indian that his people were not more than six leagues distant.

We left the Pomata Mission at eight o'clock in the morning. At twelve we passed by one of our mission schools, and as it seemed to me that the six leagues were lengthening out, I invited our teacher to accompany us.

We rode on and on. The Indian pony that I thought would not be able to go more than six leagues, left us far behind. It ran up and down the slopes with the swiftness of a deer. From time to time we had to urge our horses along in order to catch up with our guide and inquire when we would arrive. He repeatedly told us that it was just a little farther, and when the last rays of the setting sun could still be seen on the mountain tops in the distance, far ahead the Indian was waiting for us. As we approached him he said, "Tata, have an orange," and at the same time handed me two beautiful oranges that he took from his saddlebag, or sack of many colors. I improved the opportunity to again ask him if we were near the place. The Indian, with the calmness peculiar to the natives of the mountains of Perú, stood up in his stirrups, raised his arm and with the index finger pointed to the snow-covered mountains, where the reflections of the last rays of the setting sun gave the snow the appearance of blood, and said, "We must cross yonder mountain," and without another word, rode ahead. The night was dark and very cold as we had already reached an altitude of some 14,000 feet. We had to be very careful not to lose sight of our guide, who appeared now as a dark object in the distance, as he led the way among the large rocks. At ten o'clock that night, after crossing a turbulent river, we came to a settlement where our guide showed us an old building in which we were to sleep. This news sounded good to me.

The next day, Sabbath, after hold-

ing a meeting with the Indians of this village, we continued our journey until noon in order to reach the place from which the Indian had come to get me. The six leagues had proven to be more than twenty-four leagues. Some fifty persons, including men and women, welcomed us with banners and music. We spent the remainder of the day with them, singing songs and repeating to them simple passages of scripture, to which they listened very attentively, and their eyes fairly shone for joy when they understood that God really loves them.

I really felt sorry when I had to say good-by to these simple mountain folk. As we were about to leave, the mothers brought their children to me to be blessed, so I had to stay for a half hour or more and explain to them that I could not do this. They were so insistent that I do something by which they could remember me, hoping that sometime I should return and establish a mission among them, that I took a bottle of toilet water out of my saddlebag and put perfume on all, both young and old. They were more than satisfied with the "Holy water of the Christian minister."

Instead of returning Friday night, as I told my wife I would, it was Monday when I reached the mission, but I was full of joy at having been used as an instrument in the hands of God to sow some seeds of truth in the hearts of these poor souls, who for so many years have lived in the darkness of superstition.

Many such calls come to us which we cannot give heed, because of the lack of teachers and native evangelists, as well as funds to support our new schools and missions. The Macedonian call comes to us daily. Who is ready and willing to make the sacrifice, if not in person, with his means, to help the work among the Indians on the "Roof of the World"?

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The Growing Work in South Brazil

It is always a source of encouragement to consider the progress of the work of God in the earth. Here in Brazil we see the hand of God leading His church forward, the same as in

other lands. The efforts of our workers have been blessed of God. While statistics and figures tell us something of the onward march of the message, interwoven with these figures are many experiences of the wonderful providences of God, indicating clearly that an outstretched arm and a mighty hand are leading the hosts of Israel forward to the promised land.

Going back to the close of 1914 we find that the membership of the South Brazil Union was 1,377; but at the close of 1924 it was 2,994, and on June 30, 1925, it was 3,097. Thus it will be seen that our membership has more than doubled during the last ten years. But our funds show even a greater increase. Our Sabbath School offerings were more than five times as large in 1924, as they were in 1914. Our tithe as well as our mission offerings has nearly doubled in the last two years. The tithe for 1924 was more than six times greater than it was in 1914, and our mission offerings were nearly thirteen times as large in 1924 as in 1914. We thank the Lord for this advancement.

The book work has also gone forward in a remarkable manner. The Lord has given our faithful colporteurs wonderful success selling "Nossa Epoca". Sometime during the first part of the year 1922 our field missionary secretary was talking with the director of our college, and in the course of their conversation he told the director that he thought we had colporteurs who would soon sell a conto's worth (\$200.00 gold) of books a week. The director thought that the secretary had misspoken and had meant to say in a month, instead of a week. But the secretary told him that he meant just what he had said. The director smiled, in reply, as if he had but little faith in it. A little more than three years have rolled by since then, but now we no longer think of the possibility of selling a conto's worth in a week, for we have colporteurs who have already sold this amount in one day. One colporteur sold 650\$000 (\$130.00 gold) worth of books in three hours.

It is a wonderful privilege to belong to a movement that is continually going forward; to a movement that is sure to triumph, because it is the movement of God. It is not because we are anything in ourselves, but it is because the Lord has a work to be accomplished in the earth before His return.

We are but instruments in His hand to do His bidding. May the Lord help us to be true to our calling.

N. P. NELSEN.

Calls from Rio Grande do Sul

IN A wonderful way the Lord has gone before us in this great field of Rio Grande do Sul. The spirit of the times seems to be calling upon the honest in heart to search for a present day message. So many from heathenism and catholicism are being awakened, and by study, the Bible truth becomes plain to them.

In the city of Santa Maria our evangelist, Elder José Amador dos Reis, baptized a man about eight months ago, who later went to the town of Bagé. This man, Senhor Elpidio has a small shoe factory from which he supports his family, but he spends all the time he can spare in giving Bible readings and holding meetings. He now has a nice group of Sabbath-keepers around him and is waiting for a worker to come to his help, baptize his converts, and organize a church. The prospects at this place are good for a large church to be organized.

At another place, three days journey away from the railroad, we have a church of 32 members; a whole community interested. They have now been calling for a teacher for four years, but so far we have been unable to send one. We do not know how many there are interested at this place, but according to the reports, there are at least 50 outside the church, who are already keeping the Sabbath and hope to unite with us.

Some three months ago the writer spent seven weeks visiting churches in the interior, and had the opportunity of baptising 20 people in this one journey. He met calls for help wherever he went. But where are the workers?

Is not this the time to consecrate our all to the cause of the gospel? Shall we not give of our means until it hurts, so that the mission board may send more consecrated workers to these mission fields? Friends, if help does not soon come, how shall we go forward?

First of all, we trust in God, who is mighty to save, and, secondly, we trust in the help of our friends in the homeland who have sent us here, and hope that they will see and share with the workers in the far away fields the reward that will soon be given to the faithful, when Christ comes to claim His own.

A. C. HARDER.

"The Lord has no place in His work for those who have a greater desire to win the crown than to bear the cross."—*Ministry of Healing*.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

Ten Years of Literature Distribution in the South American Division

ON THIS and the following page are reproduced some graphic charts showing interesting facts about the distribution of our literature in the South American Division during the last ten years. I will attempt only to make a few explanations and call attention to a few items; leaving the charts to tell the rest.

EXPLANATION AND KEY TO CHARTS

1. The amounts of literature represented in the figures include only the reports of colporteurs.
2. The "Portuguese section" refers to the entire republic of Brazil; the "Spanish section" includes the rest of the South American Division.
3. The dark portions in the illustrations represent the, so called, religious literature; and the lighter portions, the

health literature. In each case the percentage of the whole is represented.

4. In calculating the comparisons between the amounts of religious and health literature the number of pages reported each year is used as a basis rather than the values in dollars and cents.

5. Because of inadequate records, in some cases, we cannot claim that the comparisons are technically accurate. In these cases, however, the estimates are so nearly correct that, for comparison, they serve fully as well.

6. Let no one think that a depreciation of the value of health literature in our work has prompted the publication of this data. Health literature is "equally important" (Colp. Ev. p. 71) and we rejoice to see it propagated. We do not wish to see it languish in the future; nor do we expect it will.

7. The exact value for the respective years is not represented in figures. Instead, the value at only a few points on the scale is given.

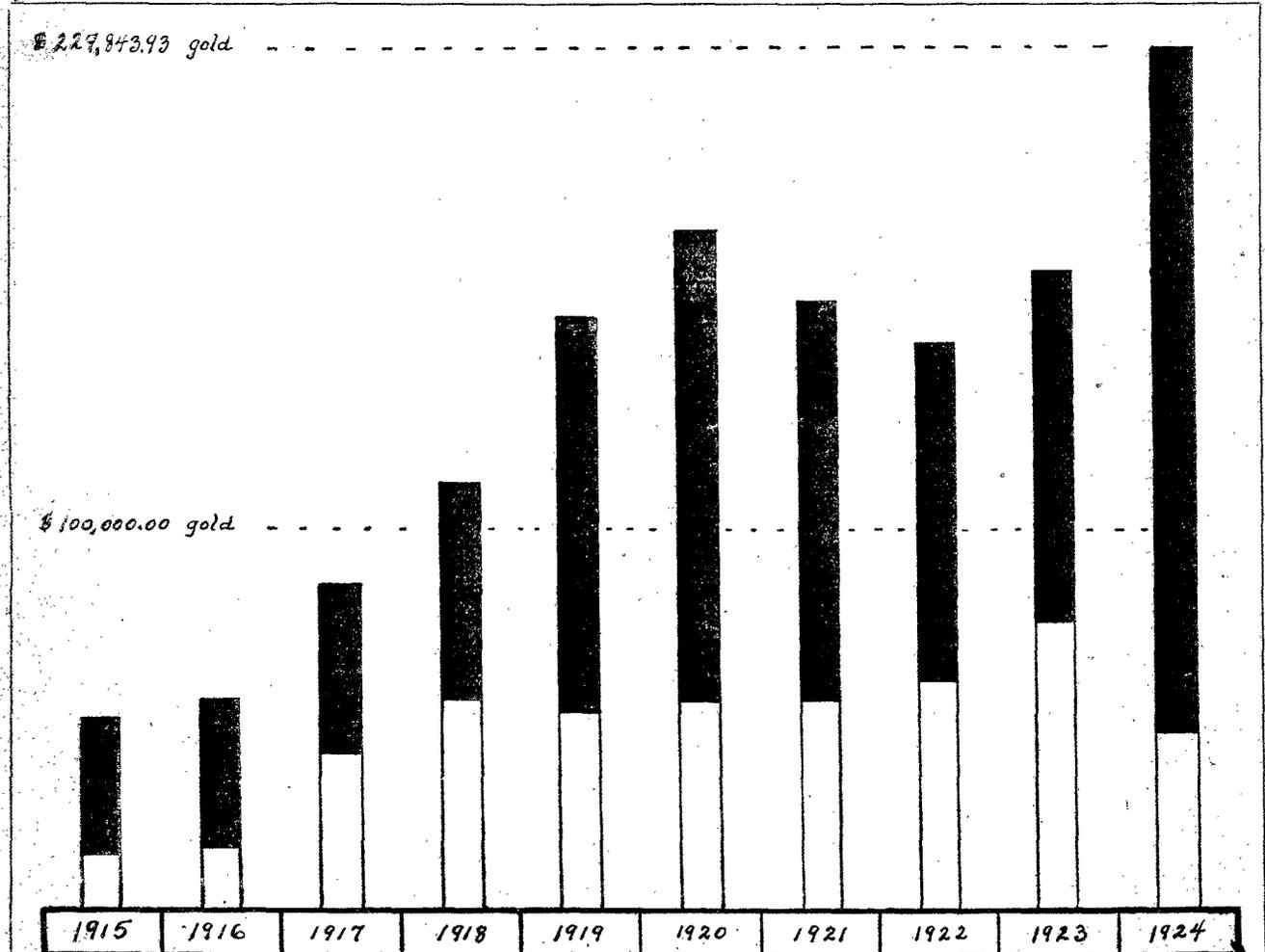


FIG. I. Comparing ten years' colporteur sales-reports of the South American Division. Dark portion: religious literature. Light portion: health literature.

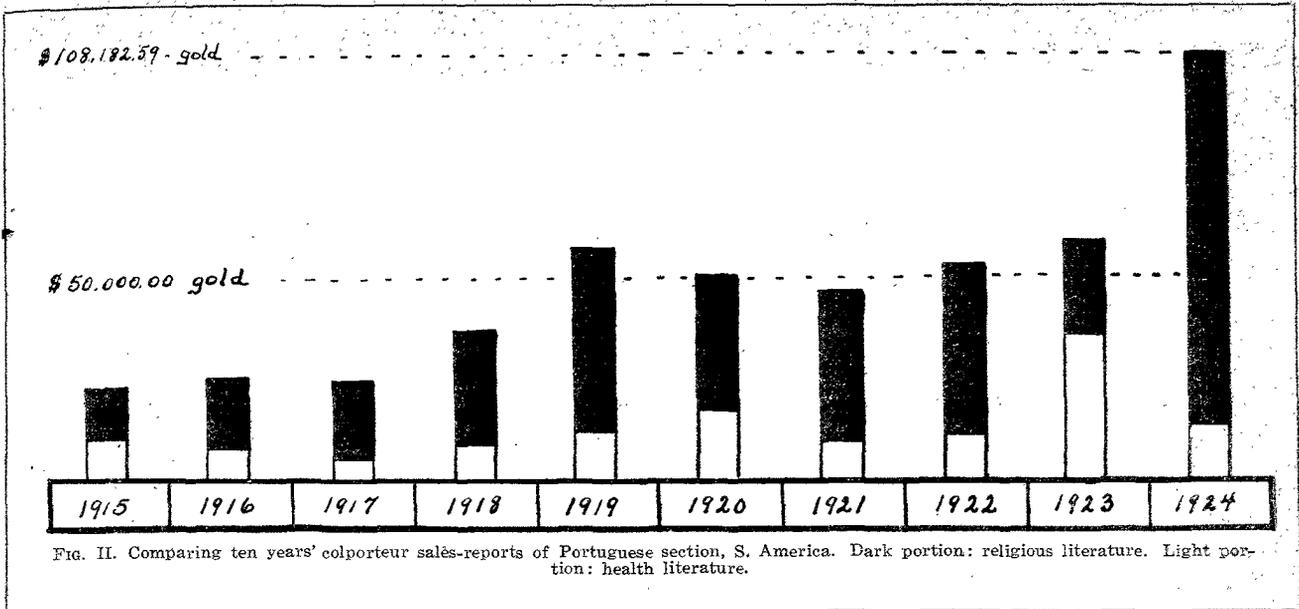


FIG. II. Comparing ten years' colporteur sales-reports of Portuguese section, S. America. Dark portion: religious literature. Light portion: health literature.

WHAT THE THREE CHARTS REVEAL

1. After 1918, in the Spanish fields especially, (Fig. III) there was a marked increase in the sale of religious literature and a marked decrease in that of health literature. This process continued with gratifying results until 1921.

2. In 1921 the world crisis, along with the effort to further "taper off" on the already diminishing edition of the health book, caused many of the colporteurs to drop out (perhaps in the order of God) and others to return to the health book. All this resulted in a general decrease in sales; with the religious books rapidly decreasing and the health books on the increase.

3. A change began, however, a year or so later tending toward a general increase in sales and at the same time a decrease in the output of health literature.

4. In the Portuguese fields (FIG. II) the large health book was not sold extensively until 1923. But even at that, the 1924 column shows a remarkable increase in the sale of religious literature.

5. Taking the entire Division field, we note the encouraging general increase in each section, since 1922. (See Fig. I).

6. In spite of the fact that 1924 was South America's banner year, the health literature sales that year are reduced to the minimum.

7. In general, these three charts show us the upward trend throughout the years and also how God has blessed and increased the output of religious literature in spite of the strong tendency in the opposite direction and the temptation to "ride through" on health books in such an atheistic and catholic continent. E. H. MEYERS.

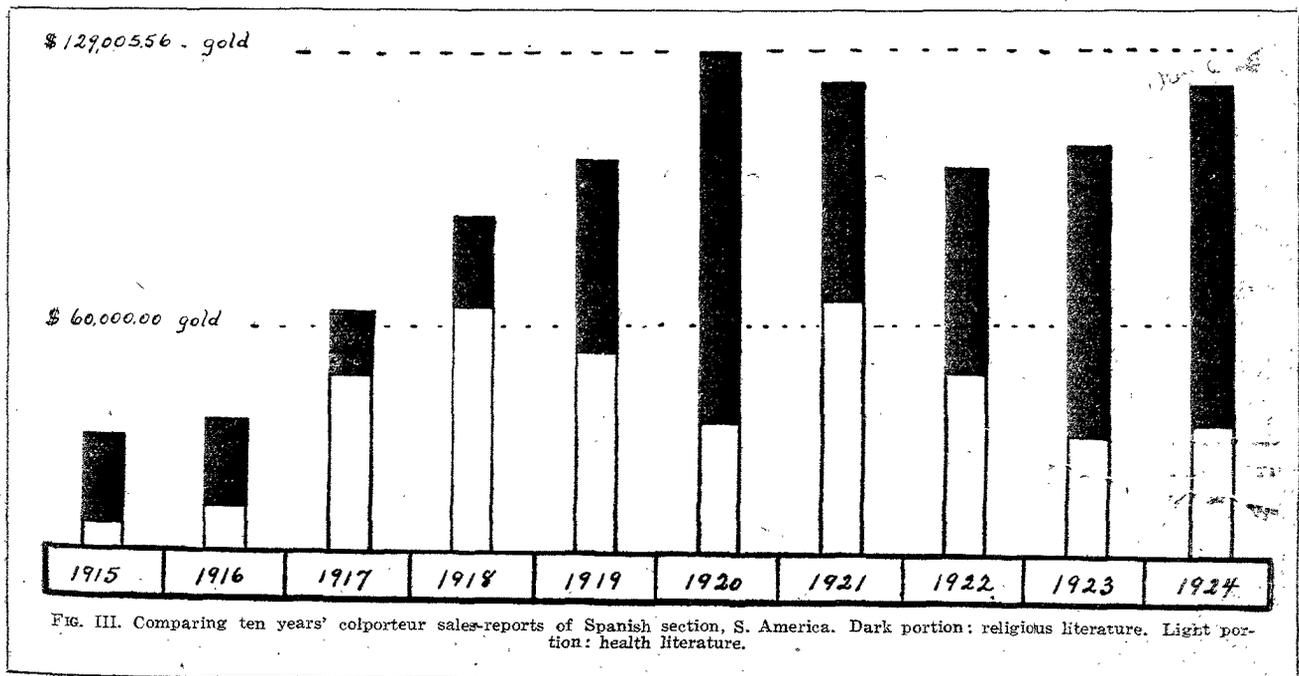


FIG. III. Comparing ten years' colporteur sales-reports of Spanish section, S. America. Dark portion: religious literature. Light portion: health literature.

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By arrangement of the Division Committee, brethren J. W. Westphal, G. P. Crager, J. S. Marshall and G. E. Hartman have joined pastor Brodersen and are in attendance at the Fall Council.

Pastor P. E. Brodersen, in attendance at the Fall Council at Des Moines, Iowa, will reach Buenos Aires about December 1st, after which time he will have a few days at headquarters prior to the mid-summer Division Council to be held at the home office.

A successful colporteur institute was recently conducted at the Collegio Adventista, Brazil. Brethren E. H. Meyers, field missionary secretary of the Division, and C. L. Bainer, field missionary secretary for South Brazil, led out in the instruction given. We hope success will attend these colporteurs as they enter their fields of labor. Let us pray for them.

Brother C. L. Bauer, secretary and treasurer of the Sao Paulo Conference, has accepted a call to secretary-treasurership of the Austral Union Conference. Brother U. Wissner, of the Rio Grande do Sul Conference, has been called to take charge of the Sao Paulo Conference office; and Brother H. L. Zipp of the publishing house has gone to Rio Grande do Sul to take charge of that office.

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New Recruits

Brother John Hardt and wife are sailing shortly for Brazil. He comes as departmental secretary for the Rio Grande do Sul Conference.

Brother David Lust, formerly of the Argentine, who has been completing his education in Emmanuel Missionary College, sails for Lima, Peru, where he will connect with the Inca Union Training School.

Dr. B. Graybill and wife, under appointment to the Lake Titicaca Mission, will soon be on their way to that fruitful field. There are splendid prospects for the development of our medical work in connection with the Juliaca Clinica.

South Brazil Notes

Thus far during this present year 63 persons have been baptized in the Sao Paulo Conference. Many others are awaiting baptism.

Reports have just come to us that several persons are now observing the Sabbath in the State of Goyaz, Brazil, among them one of the local ministers from another denomination.

Our new Union Conference office building which we are erecting in Indianapolis, a suburb of Sao Paulo, is now nearing completion and we hope soon to move into our new quarters.

Elder H. B. Westcott, president of the Sao Paulo Conference, baptized six persons at Socorro recently; also one at Espirito Santo do Pinhal; and one at the College. Others are awaiting baptism at the school.

On September 15, Elder Luiz Braun reported that he had baptized twenty-five persons in the different places which he had visited thus far during the third quarter. He also stated that there are several other places, which he hopes to visit in the near future, where persons are waiting some one to baptise them.

Elder A. L. Westphal who is laboring in Curitiba, Paraná, writes under date of September 7: "We hope to have baptism here in Curitiba during this month of some ten persons." He is planning to hold a tent effort in that city the latter part of the year, if proper arrangements can be made for the effort.

Recently Brother Max Rhode baptized four persons at Ponta Pora, Matto Grosso, and another person was received into membership on profession of faith. Still others at that place are preparing to follow their Saviour in this ordinance. Some have recently commenced to keep the Sabbath at Campo Grande as well as in other places in Matto Grosso. Thus the work moves forward.

During the first two quarters of this year 139 persons were baptized in our union conference and twenty-five others were received on profession of faith, making a total of 164. Our membership on June 30, 1925 was 3,097. We thank the Lord for the increase. The winning of souls is the greatest work that there is in this world. Let us pray that the Lord may bring many more to a knowledge of this truth.

OBITUARY



ROBERT H. HABENICHT was born in Iowa, United States, July 16, 1866. At the age of sixteen he gave his heart to the Lord and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. Early in life he attended the Battle Creek College to acquire an education and training for the work of the gospel ministry. He entered the ministry in 1888. In 1892 he was united in marriage to Miss Della Allen, to which union were born three sons and three daughters; three of whom have passed away.

After their marriage he entered school again and took the medical course, preparing himself for the work of a physician. In 1901 he went as a missionary to Argentine, South America, and founded the River Plate Sanitarium at Puiggari, Entre Rios, in 1909. He labored untiringly for the upbuilding of the medical work, and the Lord added His blessing to the effort put forth.

Due to failing health, he returned to the United States in 1922, but still continued in medical and ministerial work as his health would permit. After the decease of his oldest son which occurred March 9 of the present year, he, together with one of his two remaining sons, on August 10 arrived at Sao Paulo, Brazil, where his daughter lives. His wife and the other son planned to follow him a little later. Still being feeble in health he wished to retire from active labor, but with a desire to carry on his ministry of love as strength would permit, and to give his sons a preparation for the work of God. But after arriving in Sao Paulo he continually grew weaker and weaker, and finally fell asleep in the blessed hope September 21, before his wife and other son could reach his side. He is survived by his widow, two sons and one daughter. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elders A. E. Hagen, J. Berger Johnson and E. V. Moore. Thus closes the active life and valued labors of another of the Lord's dear saints. He was a tireless worker in the message; but he rests, awaiting the call of the Life-giver.

N. P. NEILSEN.