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Saved to Serve

EVERY Seventh-day Adventist is under obligation to serve in the cause of the Master. We have enlisted. If we are Christians we must be followers of Him. The record is, "He went about doing good." We cannot all go to foreign lands, nor can we all do great things in the homelands, but we can all do something. The Scriptures emphasize this matter. In the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation,—a book that Seventh-day Adventists hold to so strongly, works are specially stressed.

Now no man is saved by works, nor do they have any part in his actual salvation. Man owes all to an intelligent faith in the blood of Christ in order to receive assurance of salvation from sin. The Roman Catholic may trust in penance, the Hindu in building shrines, or making painful pilgrimages, or the Buddhist may try to gain merit by giving sums of money or building pagodas; but an intelligent Christian knows it is not by "works of righteousness," but by faith in Christ that salvation is made sure.

Why then speak of works? Where do they come into God's plan, if at all? Works do have a place, but let it be known that these are not performed in order to gain salvation. We do not *work* in order to be saved, but we are saved in order that we may work. Saved to serve, is the true order. When Paul says to the Romans and to the Galatians that we are saved by faith, by grace, and by blood, and not by works, he is showing the way salvation is obtained, and that is the only way. When James tells us we are "justified by works," he is addressing a different class, and from a different viewpoint. Fifteen times James in his book refers to his readers as "brethren" or "beloved brethren."

An unsaved man does not work for salvation, *but a saved man will work.*

The evangelist dealing with awakened sinners has no message of works, but the pastor with a church of redeemed people can properly talk of duty and privileges in connection with missionary work. But even among believers, works must never be set forward as a means of working ourselves toward or into heaven. Works should be the outgrowth of love, the fruit of the Spirit.

Ours is a great privilege. "We are workers together with God." Christ is our example. His life was full of good deeds. He went about doing things. We are to follow His footsteps.

"His life was one of unselfish service, and it is to be our lesson-book. His tender, pitying love rebukes our selfishness and heartlessness.

"A thousand doors of usefulness are open before us. We lament the scanty resources at present available, while various and urgent demands are pressing us for means and men. Were we thoroughly in earnest, even now we could multiply the resources a hundredfold. Selfishness and self-indulgence bar the way. Church members, let the light shine forth.

"Visit your neighbors, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls.

"Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions."

"Even while engaged in their daily employment, God's people can lead others to Christ. And while doing this, they will have the precious assurance that the Saviour is close beside them. They need not think that

they are left to depend on their own feeble efforts. Christ will give them words to speak that will refresh and encourage and strengthen poor, struggling souls who are in darkness. Their own faith will be strengthened, as they realize that the Redeemer's promise is being fulfilled. Not only are they a blessing to others, but the work they do for Christ brings blessing to themselves.

"There are many who can and should do the work of which I have spoken. My brother, my sister, what are you doing for Christ? Are you seeking to be a blessing to others? Are your lips uttering words of kindness, sympathy, and love? Are you putting forth earnest efforts to win others to the Saviour?"—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, pages 38, 39.

May these appeals from God's servant, prompted by the Spirit of God, reach our hearts, and lead us to consecrate ourselves anew for service.

J. E. FULTON, in the
Australasian Record.

The Avenue of Power

THERE is a wireless connection between heaven and earth, and the successful minister must make larger use of it. Notice the intensity of the Master's life of prayer as follows:

"Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared." Heb. 5: 7.

Prayer lifts the minister above the miasma of earth and into the presence of God. It rests his soul from the befogging affairs of daily life, and grants to him the vision of a higher life of power and possibilities. The apostles discovered the possibilities of prayer in the organization of the church. "We will give ourselves con-

tinually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word," was their pronouncement, and that plan of evangelization carried the gospel to the world of the first century.

We may hold committee meetings, lay plans, gather statistics, operate schools, sanitariums and publishing houses, and yet if we do not have the power of the Holy Spirit these agencies will hinder and not advance the cause. Let us pray without ceasing, for prayer is the avenue of power.—*Selected.*

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A Visit to the Alto Parana Mission

DURING the months of May, June, and part of July, it was the writer's privilege to visit the Alto Paraná Mission. This mission includes the province of Corrientes, and the territories of Misiones, Formosa and El Chaco, in Argentine, and the Republic of Paraguay. Scattered through this vast territory we have almost 500 believers rejoicing in the blessed hope of a soon coming Saviour.

The past two years the Lord has blessed the workers of this field, which is evidenced by the splendid gains that have been made in every department of the work.

EVANGELISTIC WORK

From all parts of the field come calls for workers to come and teach the people the truth. Many interests have sprung up as a result of the work of the colporteurs and lay members who have been faithful in distributing our literature. The 19th of June, Brother Kalbermatter, the superintendent of the mission, baptized 15 souls in Bella Vista, in the province of Corrientes. In Lavalle, in the same province, Brother Pedro Brouchy has been working with splendid success. Even though his life was threatened by fanatical Catholics, the Lord protected him, and as a result, a splendid group of Sabbath keepers has been organized. Brother Leytes is kept busy almost night and day caring for the interest in the capital of the Paraguayan Republic. Brother Cecotto with his family recently moved from Libres to Mercedes to care for the work in that place. May the Lord continue to

bless our workers in this large field in their efforts to win souls to this message.

HARVEST INGATHERING

The Lord has blessed the workers and lay members in this campaign this year. According to the last reports that have come in, this field will raise more this year than has ever been raised in any one year in the past. We wish to make special mention of the work of Sister Brouchy and Sister Weiss in the cities of Corrientes and Resistencia. These two sisters have been successful in receiving just about \$1,000 in these two cities during the campaign this year. The following is taken from a letter received from Brother Daniel Weiss while the writer was visiting the churches in that field:

"I want to say that in Corrientes we have received over \$1,000 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. That

of courage, and very enthusiastic in doing missionary work. In Santo Tomé he worked 16 days and sold \$27.80 worth of literature. Though his sales have been small he is happy in his work, as six souls are studying the truth and have promised to continue to be faithful."

Recently Sister Tabuenca accompanied her husband on a missionary tour through Formosa, and Paraguay, working with him in selling books, taking subscriptions for *El Atalaya*, and also soliciting in the Harvest Ingathering. She was successful in earning all of her expenses on this trip of several months, through the sale of literature.

As a whole the work in this field is on the forward march. The Lord is blessing in all lines. During our visit there, we visited the large majority of the churches, and were privileged to hold several most profitable Home



Workers in the Alto Paraná Mission

is not bad, is it? In all, as far as I know, we have now in the entire mission, including what was reported from Asunción and other parts, \$2,295. With other promises that will come in I am quite sure that the mission will reach its goal this year of \$2,500. Last year we raised something like \$2,200."

BOOK WORK

Brother Tabuenca, the leader of the colporteur work, gives a very encouraging report as to the work in this department. During the writer's visit to Posadas another colporteur entered the ranks. At this writing he is working in the province of Corrientes, in Santo Tomé and Alvear. The following is a letter received from Brother Tabuenca by the writer since arriving home:

"You will not be surprised to learn that I am working, at this time with our good brother Alvear. He is full

Missionary Conventions in some of the larger churches. It was my privilege to work a little over one month with Brother Hector Dominguez, the Home Missionary and Young People's secretary in the mission.

The office has moved from Posadas to Corrientes where they have a splendid building for their office home and also room for the secretary and treasurer. Definite plans have been made to hold a strong evangelistic effort in this city. Brother Brouchy will lead out in this effort.

Shall we not remember these brethren in our prayers that the Lord will use them in this great field in winning souls to Him and to His message!

L. E. CHRISTMAN.

THERE is truth in the inscription on an Italian tombstone—"What I gave away I saved, what I spent I used, what I kept I lost."

It Pays to Return

IN OUR Harvest Ingathering effort this year we were about to pass by a certain individual who had for the two previous years treated us very coolly. But Bro. Sherman, my partner, seemed to be impressed that we should return, so this we did.

On meeting the gentleman we were very cordially ushered into his private office, and after telling him of the progress of our work and of the ingathering for missions in which we were engaged, he seemed to remember his contact with us the other years and said, "I believe the last time I saw you folks, I treated you rather shabbily, is that not right?" We did not answer his question directly but after a pleasant conversation on religious topics he said, "Well, I want to do something for you this year, will you accept \$20.00? We were not long in answering him agreeably in the affirmative.

We believe that the *Signs of the Times* which we had been sending him previous to this, won us a friend, for he spoke very highly of the magazine and said he enjoyed reading it.

Many people do not appreciate our work because they do not know us. Moral—it pays to advertise.

W. B. MIRAMONTES.

The "Signs of the Times" in Chile

AT THE baptismal service celebrated in our Santiago church in the month of May, Sister Ford, an English lady, was baptized and joined the church. The following is the story of how the Lord led her, through reading our literature, to see the truth and accept it.

"Three years ago my daughter was getting married in Valparaiso. I was assisting the dressmaker with her wedding dress. Before we had finished it, Saturday came, and the dress maker said she could not work on Saturday. As we were anxious to finish the dress, we wanted to know why she could not work. She told us it was her Sabbath. I then asked her if she was a Jewess, because I never heard of any one but a Jew keeping Saturday. She then told us that the seventh day is the only day God has told people to keep; the only day he has blessed. I told her I had been taught to keep Sunday as the Sabbath, and thought it was the seventh day.

"Then after reading several texts of Scripture, she took seven envelopes and put a ten peso bill in one, saying,

'Here are seven envelopes, but only one has a blessing.' Then mixing them up she invited me to choose one, but the one I chose did not have the ten peso bill. Then she said, 'It is just like this about keeping the Sabbath. We must keep the day God blessed if we expect to receive the blessing, and not keep some other day because it may be more convenient for us. If we do we miss the blessing.' She then gave me some tracts.

"After reading the tracts, I went to my minister, who is an Anglican, and asked him what about this Sabbath question. He told me that I should not be led astray because we were living in the last days, and that false teachers would arise teaching false doctrines, and that this was some of the false doctrines. After this experience I lost track of the dressmaker.

"Last year, 1925, a friend of mine invited me to accompany her on a trip to Colon, Panamá. We sailed on the "Orcoma," an English boat. In the reading room was a roll of the *Signs of the Times*. I read several articles and was very much interested, but all of a sudden they disappeared. I inquired of the deck steward if he knew anything about what happened to them. He said one of the second class passengers had sent for them.

"When we had finished our visit in Panamá, we returned to Chile on the "Ebro," which belongs to the same company. When I went to the reading room for something to read, what was my surprise to find this same roll of the *Signs*! This time I took them to my berth to make sure they did not get away from me again. And when I saw printed on them that they were paid for and were for any one who might wish to have them, I kept them and still have them. After reading the *Signs*, I became thoroughly convinced of the Sabbath. A few months ago, when Brother Haynes and the church members were distributing tracts and invitations to attend the meetings that were being held in the church, I attended."

J. D. LESLIE.

Florida English Correspondence Band

THE following is a copy of a letter received from Mr. E. Owen in the territory of Chubut, in the southern part of Argentine:

Dear Sister:

Last month I passed through Buenos Aires on my way home to Chubut. I planned to call on you at Florida, but the steamer sailed from Buenos

Aires before I had time, so I was exceedingly sorry to lose the opportunity of visiting your establishment, to see with my own eyes the effects of the good work you are doing for the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and the blessing to us in general.

I include myself in the blessing I receive by reading and studying the good, yes, precious articles that appear in the *Signs of the Times* from time to time, and not only myself but my large family. After reading them carefully, we send them to friends and relatives here in Chubut and also to England and Wales. I trust and pray that the good seed sown will grow and bear fruit to everlasting life.

Enclosed you will find an order for \$50.00 (\$23.00 gold). Please collect same and at your convenience send me one "Chained Bible," one "Creation Not Evolution," one "Science of Food and Cookery," and some other small books and tracts you may think good reading for young and old in a Christian family.

With sincere thanks for your kindness in sending the *Signs of the Times* to me, I remain,

Yours truly,
(Signed) E. Owen

This is one of many letters that the band has received as a result of its work. This man has received the *Signs* for three years and has come to a knowledge of the truth through the efforts of missionary correspondence. Will you not remember us in your prayers that others will be led to see this truth, as this man has, through the work that we are endeavoring to do through our correspondence band.

MRS. L. E. CHRISTMAN.

Workers' Meeting in Chile

FROM July 27-29 we held a very profitable workers' meeting and felt that we had received a great blessing. We sought the Lord for more of His Spirit and for power to win souls.

Plans were laid to hold several special efforts during the next six months and we hope that there may be many souls won.

In Valparaiso, Santiago, Concepción, Los Angeles, Temuco, Curacautín and Valdivia, where we expect to hold efforts, there are a number of persons waiting for instruction to prepare them for baptism.

Also from the north of Chile, Bro. Griott writes that there are a number of interested persons and asks that an effort might be held there. The harvest truly is great and the workers

few, but the power of God is promised and in this we confide to finish the work.

W. E. HANCOCK.

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Public Efforts in Bahía

LAST year, our mission board asked me to go with my family to several cities in the south of the State of Bahía, to hold public efforts.

After much difficulty we were successful in securing a large hall in the center of the prosperous city of Itabuna, where we held a series of meetings in which we used some slides. These meetings lasted thirty consecutive nights and the attendance was very good. After having meetings during a whole week with the group at Boqueirao, I had the great privilege of burying 10 precious souls with their Lord in baptism.

The great mistake we sometimes make, or we generally are obliged to make, for lack of time, is to leave the iron when it is hot, for at the time of the greatest interest I had to leave to go to another city. In the south of this state, they say that the Adventists like to lay their eggs in other people's nests, but this time it has been the opposite, for we prepared the nest and others are trying to lay their eggs in it. The day after the end of our series of meetings, which had aroused no little interest, a man who permits himself to be called "doctor,"

although he is not, started a series of lectures against the truth we preach. May Jesus tell him, "it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks," and may the scales of ignorance and spiritual blindness fall from his eyes as from Paul's when he was acting the same part, is our prayer to the merciful God.

Inasmuch as the attendance in the hall of our brethren at Pontal d'Ilheos was so large, and not having enough room to accommodate all the people, I was compelled to have the meetings out of doors in front of the house in a nice, large open place. We had meetings during 10 nights having an attendance each time of about 400 people. As in this time of so much spiritualism, the theme "Spiritualism and its Manifestations" awakens such an interest, I was forced to rent the theater of the place. The attendance, order and attention were extraordinarily good during the whole meeting. Before I had any chance to pay the owner of the place, a friend of the truth who was present, got ahead of me and paid for it. May God reward him for his liberality!

After an absence from Bahía city of two months and a half, we are again at home. But, as we are to go before a week has passed, to the capital city of Sergipe to hold public meetings, I will not unpack all the valises and I wish to ask you to remember us in your prayers.

God's work in Bahía is growing. The prospects are good. What is lacking is some workers filled with the Holy Spirit.

G. STORCH.

"WHEN our tongues feel the curb of God's love, our prejudices cease to run away with our common sense."

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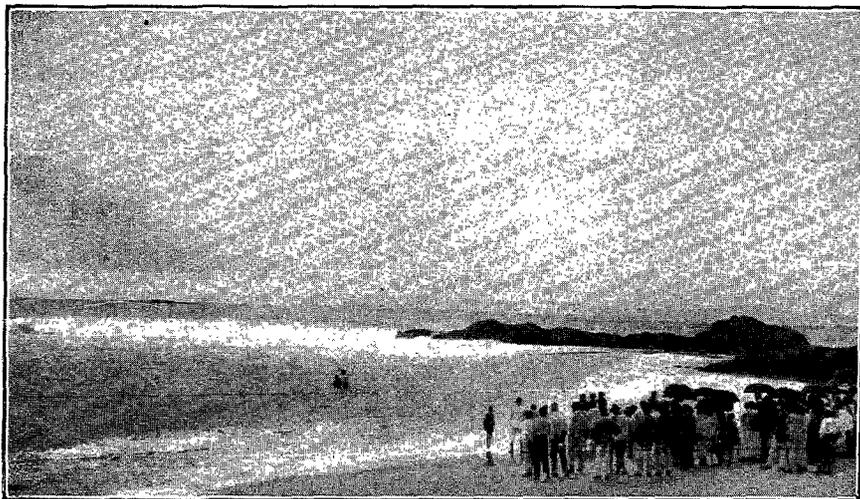
An Interview with General Cooper

ON FEBRUARY 16, 1926 the writer sought opportunity to present a matter before General Cooper, President of the Peruvian Corporation. As many know, Gen. Cooper wields as much, if not more, influence in the Republic of Peru than does its President.

I had been told that I could never have the privilege of seeing Gen. Cooper as many before had endeavored to do so and failed. My object present was a request that the corporation lend prestige and influence toward securing sufficient recognition for our Dr. Graybill who has recently come to the Lake Titicaca Mission. Recognition for a doctor is almost impossible to secure in this country as it is the desire to keep out foreign medical men to protect local talent.

I presented my card at the first desk, and was told to be seated. After a few words with this secretary I was permitted to pass to the next room where again I was seated before an officer or high secretary of the organization. To him I had to explain in detail the purpose of my call. He felt his importance and after a few belittling remarks threw my card to the side and said he would place the matter before General Cooper. I plainly stated that I personally wished to see General Cooper. He looked down on me with an expression of surprise. I suppose because of my bold request as if I could ever be given the privilege. General Cooper was then busy, but shortly he was free and the secretary above mentioned, putting on his coat, fixing up his person, presented himself in the office of his chief. I was now alone. I sent up a silent prayer that I could have the privilege of presenting my cause before him. Shortly the door opened, the secretary appeared and with a somewhat subdued look, said, "Pase," with a swing of the arm toward General Cooper's office. I consented gratefully and was soon seated before General Cooper, President of the Corporation.

He received me kindly. I presented my cause. He listened, and when I had finished said, "I will have written in the best of Spanish language, letters to the judges, lawyers, and pre-



Baptism in the ocean, Pontal, near Ilheos, Bahía

fects in the territory in which your doctor will practice, requesting full protection and the 'pigeon holing' of any complaints. I will sign this with all the power and prestige of the Peruvian Corporation. If any trouble arises, let me know." At this he pushed a button and called two of his high men. These he introduced and in my presence stated to them my mission to him, my work in Peru around the lake, and telling them of the time he

in Northern Perú. In nearly every place we go the people hardly know how to express their satisfaction for help and leadership which, by the help of God, we are here to render according to our strength and time.

"I have had the privilege of visiting all the most important places where we have work started. We have five organized churches and eight or ten groups, some of which are well organized Sabbath schools.



A group of believers in Perú

visited Puno on July 28, the National Independence day. He said the school children were marching and he noticed a large company, well dressed, clean, alert, quick, orderly, marching in full order as an army, etc., surpassing by far all others of the different schools. He asked who they were. The answer was that they were boys from Adventist mission stations. He told the two men what kind of work we were doing for the Indians in all lines and stated, "We must help them in every way possible."

I soon left and with a thankful heart. He wished me success and prosperity in the mission work, etc.

Because of this visit I became acquainted with two other officials, of which one desired the *Signs of the Times* sent to him. F. E. BRESEE.

Among the Churches in Northern Perú

(The following is taken from a letter written by Brother W. F. Miller to the editor).

"AFTER a number of months of service in this field it is hard for me to imagine a place where gospel labor could be more needed than it is here

"At Chapén, our membership stands at about eighty. It is a growing, healthy church. They have a strong Sabbath school and branch Sabbath schools in three or four places and for two years have had a church school. I do not think there is another church in all South America that can show better growth and greater prosperity spiritually. They are very poor people, but we are about to begin to build a house of worship for which a lot has been obtained and for which money has been raised and pledged by the members amounting to almost a thousand soles.

"At Ascope, about sixty kilometers from here, we have an organized church also and we are working toward establishing a church school there.

"At Cascas, in the mountains, we have a small Sabbath school and at Contumaza a church several years old, but I have not been able to do steady work there and they need it very badly. Contumaza especially seems to have scattered so as to have almost ceased to be a church. I expect to work there in the dry season as it is difficult and costly to go there in the rainy season.

"Here at Trujillo we are greatly in need of a church building. Ten or twelve people have begun to keep the Sabbath since we came here and others are interested. The members sell about 400 *Atalayas* (the Spanish *Watchman*) a month. Books and Bibles are being sold as there are two colporteurs working here besides the members. The American Bible Society has made me agent here so that we will get the very best prices on Bibles and put them out by the thousand. The mines about thirty miles distant, get literature and the sugar plantations also share our efforts.

"We are of good courage and thankful to God to have a part in the great work in this needy place. We ask of Him health and strength for a good term of service here, and that we may be faithful in giving the warning to the cities and towns of northern Perú."

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Departmental Work in the Sao Paulo Conference

AT INSISTENT requests, we break our silence to tell something of what we are doing here in the Sao Paulo field in the Sabbath School, Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments. While we do not have unusual or extraordinary things to relate, we are thankful for what has been accomplished with the help of God.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The Sabbath school, considered as the heart of the church, certainly is one of the most important factors in the establishment, as well as the spreading of this glorious message of God. Wherever there is a Sabbath school, there is also knowledge, and growth in the church of God.

If we glance at the report of the last two years, we must give praise to our kind heavenly Father for his protection and help. Perhaps some figures will help us to understand better the progress made. At the close of the first quarter of 1924 we received only thirteen reports; we gave out 72 perfect record cards among a membership of 385. At the close of the first quarter of 1925, we received 27 reports, and distributed 202 perfect

record cards among a membership of 843. At the close of the first quarter of 1926 we received 30 reports, distributing more than 300 perfect record cards among an enrolment of 1071 members.

There was also a good increase in Sabbath school offerings. Let us note the following:

Total offerings received
during 1924 . . . 21:760.150
Total offerings received
during 1925 . . . 24:224.210
Increase . . . 2:464.060

If we take a glance backward over the past few years, we note that in 1920 and 1921, the offerings amounted to 20:994.060, while in 1925 only, the offerings amounted to 24:224.210. So we see that last year we received more than during two previous years.

Making another comparison, we note that,

In 1922 and 1923 they
amounted to . . . 28:168.870
In 1924 and 1925 they
amounted to . . . 45:988.360
Increase . . . 17:819.490

We do not wish, however, to present only these material figures; for we can also report more than 130 souls added to the church during the past two years.

The year 1926 has begun well, for we see an advance in all lines. At the close of the first quarter we received the best report of members, as well as the best financial report, that has come to us so far. There were reported 1071 members, and the offerings mounted to 7:884.600; 3:045.000 of this being 13th Sabbath offerings. This is an increase of 100% over the offerings of any other 13th Sabbath.

We can say sincerely: "Thus far hath the Lord lead." Praise to the Lord of Hosts, for He only is worthy of all the praise. Pray, brethren, for your coworkers in this field, for there is much, much more to be done.

(At a later date we will report for the other two departments.)

R. W. BELZ, Secretary
Sabbath School Department of
the Sao Paulo Conference.

"If God be for us, who can be against us"

IT WAS my privilege to spend the time from May 7 to 16 in Gaspar Alto. During the past years this church has seen good and bad days. Some of the charter members are still living and are walking faithfully in the Lord's ways.

Sabbath, May 15, we planned to have baptism. One of the neighbors, who is not favorable to us any more,

learning of our intention, retained the water in his mill pond in order that we should find an empty river for baptism. Our brethren, however, learning of the intention of this man, checked the river before he could carry out his purpose. Thus we had plenty of water for the blessed baptismal feast, where three young souls consecrated their lives to the Lord.

K. KALTENHAUSER.

PUBLISHING

What Other Say About Our Publishing Work

WHETHER for good or for ill, interesting statements are made from time to time by those not of our faith regarding our literature ministry. Although we cannot but regret that certain statements are made by those not fully understanding our work, yet these same statements are sometimes those which pay the highest compliment to the work and thus become a blessing rather than a curse.

The following are a few expressions, some friendly and some otherwise, which give an idea of how some view our literature ministry work:

Years ago a certain enemy of the truth said, "Many suppose that Adventism is a small, local affair soon to pass away. This is a great mistake. . . . More than this, they are laying the foundation for a wide and lasting work. . . . So far as I know, not another set of people of any sect, according to their number, is doing anywhere near what the Adventists are doing in the circulation of denominational literature. Millions upon millions of copies of their works, small and large, are annually scattered over the earth. They have a thoroughly organized system of working, which aims to put into active service every member of their society, from the smallest child to the oldest grandma."

Not so long ago a certain Roman Catholic cardinal made the statement that, "Every Seventh-day Adventist is a Luther . . . and with their pernicious literature, are the worst enemies of the Catholic church and the only true Protestants to be feared."

A German when approached recently by a colporteur in the city of Buenos Aires said, "You are an Adventist and this is an Adventist book isn't it?" He then stated that in Germany colporteurs approached him. He was later taken as prisoner to India during the war and there an Adventist

colporteur found him. He came to Buenos Aires and there too the colporteur was on his trail."

At a world conference of Protestant bodies in South America last year, while discussing the fact that Adventists were successful in their literature work in latin fields and others not being able to keep their work going, it was stated that "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." At the same time a Catholic priest in a city of Brazil said, "The greatest enemy we have in this city today is *O Atalaia* (our Portuguese Watchman)." And a certain Protestant said, "These people were most astute for they sent their agents out to quietly and effectively scatter their literature to influence the minds of the people, and then another came along and reaped a rich harvest." At the same time a business man, in the heart of Buenos Aires, who had the custom of not spending time with agents, recently bought a "Controversy" and later said to the colporteur, "You seemed different from any agent that ever came in here and I bought your book because I respected you."

We have all read no doubt the statement recently made by J. S. Gale, D. D. and quoted in the *Review* of June 4, 1926. It is as follows:

"Wisely and well has this mission seen beyond the more limited horizon that bounds most of us, and put their emphasis on books, thus reaching a world where no missionary goes, a world that never comes to church, a world that is proud and old and distressed, and needs the light of hope as much as any. I propose that we take our hats off to the Seventh-day Adventists, and make a deep bow. They have had more sense and vision in regard to missionary work, than the rest of us. All other things pass away; printed pages alone remain."

May God help us to be true to our trust and true to even the standard set for us by those who are not with us.

E. H. MEYERS.

They Wanted Gospel Literature

NOT long ago a new canvasser and I were working in the business section of Montevideo with the book "Our Day." We entered a store and as usual asked to speak with the proprietor who happened to be the gentleman with whom we were speaking. After a few words of introduction we proceeded with our canvass, showing the several points which generally awaken an interest, especially calling his at-

attention to the fact that it would be an excellent volume for his family library, a book with a message for our time which all the members of the family might read with interest.

But it seemed that no interest could be awakened. We resorted to our reserve points but all seemed in vain. Then we offered him an *Atalaya* only to be refused again. My companion then offered the man a tract, saying, "We at least wish to leave something with you." He received it, and his eye fell on the rubber-stamped address on the back. As if awaking from slumber he asked, "Is this a gospel tract?" We told him it was. He said, "If that is the case put my name down for one of your books." He added, "My wife always likes to attend evangelical meetings." We believe that prayer touched that man's heart, because the brethren had been praying for our success that day.

A few months ago one of our canvassers visited a home where he found four of our good books. He sold the lady a Bible, and after talking some about the truth, he went on his way. Not long ago he received a letter from this lady and among other things she wrote, "I have great joy in reading my Bible and other books all of which are inspired with the same Spirit."

J. D. REPLOGLE.

The Message in Another Language

ANOTHER language has been added to the 128 that are carrying the third angel's message to the world. While in Asunción, Paraguay, Brother Mateo Leytes handed me an interesting tract printed in the Guarany language. The title of the tract is, "Conversación entre ña Leona Jha ña Ignacia Romanista." (Conversation between a Protestant and a Roman Catholic.) The tract treats on the following: The Commandments, the Sabbath, the gospel to all the world, the state of the dead, the resurrection, and the soon coming of Christ.

This tract was written by one of our sisters who recently accepted the truth through the efforts of Brother Mateo Leytes, in a little town near Asunción, Paraguay. While it is true that the Republic of Paraguay teaches in their schools and recognizes the Spanish as the national language, the majority of the people speak the Guarany. In fact, a large percent of the humbler class of people do not understand the Spanish. It is necessary to print the message in the Guarany for these people. We thank God that this splendid start has been made in this

language. This sister not only wrote the tract but also had it printed, and is very active in placing it in the hands of those who can read it. We are glad to see our lay members take the initiative in extending the message into other tongues. Let us earnestly pray that the good Lord will bless these leaves of truth in the Guarany tongue as they are placed in the hands of the people, so that the honest in heart among them will be found among God's people.

L. E. CHRISTMAN.

Experiences in the Field

THE other day a canvasser and I went to the government building and in 19 hours we had 19 good, straight, bonafide orders, but that was not all. We had glad hearts for those doctors of the law told us that our books were doing more towards the enlightenment of the public, encouraging the discouraged, healing the sick and suffering, and just helping the human family in every way, more than any other agency in this great country.

One man asked, "What are you doing?" "Selling good books," said the canvasser. He asked what denomination published the books. "Seventh-day Adventists," he said. "Bring me your best book in the best binding as soon as you can." We are going to watch his interest grow as he reads that good old book "Great Controversy."

One man, after handing the canvasser \$40.00 (Argentine currency) to pay for a book in leather that costs \$33.00, refused to take the change saying, "I know your work and I want to help in this good work also."

A Catholic priest bought a copy of every number of *El Atalaya* that one of our canvassers had, and stated that he would read them with deep interest. He seemed to be reaching out for truth and we believe he will find it in those good message-filled papers. Pray for him, reader.

Our canvassers that are working in the country, trade books for eggs, chickens, turkeys, corn or anything that they can sell, and so far they have come out with a nice little gain over the price of the books to pay them for their trouble. Our men believe that Deut. 32: 1-3 is to be fulfilled and to be fulfilled in our day. They believe also that this good literature should be rained down on the country as well as the cities. Watch the work progress when we get all our men into the field.

One canvasser sold in 39 hrs. \$1700.09 (\$721.78 gold) worth of books

and says that he will reach the \$2000.00 (about \$850.00) mark before he stops. Another gave 19 presentations and took 19 orders.

R. R. SAUNDERS.

Some Fruit Seen Through the "Mists"

ELDER G. A. Irwin, former president of the General Conference, once said, "We shall not know the full importance of our publishing work as an evangelizing agency until the work is entirely finished, until the mists have cleared away. . . . Only then shall we fully realize the value of our publishing work." Nevertheless we see fruit from time to time, in fact quite frequently of late, which makes us rejoice and gives us courage.

The following items are taken from recent reports of our literature ministry in the Austral Union:

Recently a colporteur while working in Uruguay found five families interested in the truth as a result of *El Atalaya* (our Spanish *Watchman*) which some of our lady students had taken subscriptions for the previous summer.

In another place in Uruguay two students worked with *El Atalaya* and among the subscribers was a family which gave their papers to a neighbor lady who became interested. A year later a colporteur passed by and took a subscription from the lady. A few months later re-working the territory he sold her "Our Day." This lady is a believer now.

About two years ago a colporteur sold some books in the Province of Buenos Aires. Five are keeping the Sabbath, and a minister making one of his visits to this place recently brought back about eighty-five dollars in tithes and offerings.

Two young men in Chile some time ago accepted the truth as the result of an interest aroused when one of the men read one of our books in a Y. M. C. A. library.

A cook in a hotel in Argentine took his stand after reading a book which his landlord refused to read after buying it and seeing what it was.

Other similar reports of recent origin from other parts of the South American Division might be given. The foregoing are limited to the Austral Union.

E. H. MEYERS.

PRAY for the gift of not telling tales, and the best way of getting it is by never repeating what you have heard if you can help it, against anyone.—J. R. Howatt.

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"Overwork"

COMPARATIVELY few persons are killed by overwork. A thousand die from overeating, overdrinking, and over-indulging in other ways, where one dies from overwork. Work is man's great blessing. It is the surest escape from indulgences that would break his health, and drag him down to an untimely grave.

Said Martin Luther: "Only slaves die from overwork. Work a weariness, a danger, forsooth! Those who say so can know very little about it. Labor is neither cruel nor ungrateful. It restores the strength we give in a hundredfold, and, like financial operations, the revenue is what brings in the capital. Put soul into your work, and joy and health will be yours."

In the mission field so many persons break down and leave their work that sometimes it is distressing to know what to do. They feel that they are martyrs to the cause of God. Surely it is a pity that some have too little vitality or nerve fiber to endure work. This comes either from inheritance, or from a lack of proper food and regularity. Of course, no one can control his inheritance; but our habits and food are under our own personal control. And it is fortunate for most of us that the *choice* of health lies largely within our own wills.

Altogether too many workers in the cause of God, and in other lines of endeavor as well, live and die at enmity with their work. As soon as any one puts love into his work, he becomes an artist, and it at once assumes a color that it can never have when the worker is at war with his task. It is possible to enjoy common work as the painter loves his easel and brush, or the musician his violin or piano. When love is the actuating motive, even the commonplace tasks become a pleasure; drudgery is eliminated, and there is a song in the heart and on the lips.

And if this is true of ordinary tasks, how much more so in the service of the Christian! Joy is to be found in everything he does; for all his work is to make life worth living on earth and to prepare for eternal life hereafter.

Only such can succeed as missionaries in a hard and trying field; for the mental attitude of the mission worker has as much to do with his success as of workers in any other line of endeavor. Why should Christians not learn to love their work, and scatter peace and sunshine all about them, thus greatly adding to their usefulness in the mission field, and to their own happiness as well?—*I. H. EVANS, in Far Eastern Division Outlook.*

A Few Good Resolutions

- To be helpful.
- To be unselfish.
- To be sympathetic.
- To be a loyal friend.
- To defend the absent.
- To tell the truth, always.
- To be true to the best in my nature.
- To have a mind always open to new light.
- To put principle and honor above everything.
- To be careful not to say sharp, cutting things.
- To be patient and charitable with people whose views are not mine.
- To read those books that will help cultivate and expand my mind.
- Not to be afraid of letting my friends know that I care for and appreciate them.
- To be a friend to the friendless, and to those who are hungry for friendship and love.
- To cultivate the true refinement and good breeding that I am so quick to perceive and admire in others.
- To be brave enough to defend people against calumny, even though the accused does not happen to be a person I like.
- To repeat only good things about people. If I hear an evil report against their character, to let it drop there. If I am unable to say anything in their favor, to say nothing.—*Alice Dinsmore Milburn, in Northwestern Christian Advocate.*

The Mother's Opportunity

MOTHERS, this is your opportunity. The new Fireside course gives you full instruction enabling you to teach your child or children all the essential studies of the first grade. Text-books, assignments, the spirit of the teaching, the ground to be covered, are all plainly indicated in these lessons. The mother taking the course is moreover continually in touch with a competent and experienced instructor who is ready to help her and her child or children at every point of

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"IF YOU would do good with your means, do it at once lest Satan get it in his hands, and thus hinder the work of God. Many times when the Lord has opened the way for brethren to handle their means to advance His cause, the agents of Satan have presented some enterprise by which they were positive the brethren could double their means. They take the bait; their money is invested, and the cause, and frequently themselves, never receive a dollar."

Notes

MRS. F. C. VARNEY, after spending several months in the United States, arrived in Buenos Aires on the "Vandyc," August 14. She comes to join her husband who recently accepted the call to act as cashier of the South American Division.

DOCTOR and Mrs. G. B. Replogle and their son George arrived in Buenos Aires on the S. S. "Vestris," August 29. Doctor returns much improved in health after spending a year in the homeland. He will resume his work at the River Plate Sanitarium.

OBITUARY

HERBERT KARL WILLIAMS was born in Huntsville, Ala., March 31, 1909; and died at Pendleton, Ind., June 30, 1926.

In 1916 the family accepted a call to South America, Brother Williams to connect with the South American Division as secretary and treasurer. After ten years of faithful service, the family returned on furlough to the United States, at the time of the General Conference.

While visiting in Indiana, Karl, in company with his family and several relatives, went for an outing to Fallcreek, where all the members of the party went in swimming. When the older persons left the pool to prepare the basket lunch, Karl remained for a longer swim. Twenty minutes later his mother noticed that he had not appeared and a search was made around the pool, but no trace of him was found. It was then decided to drain the pool and he was found lying on a ledge near one of the diving boards at the end of the pool. It is thought that he was either a victim of cramps or was winded in making the fatal dive.

He had planned to attend school at Berrien Springs this year and fit himself for a place in the work.

Karl was a faithful member of the church, having been baptized some five or six years ago. Those who best knew him remember him as an earnest Christian young man, and he was loved by all who associated with him.

We have full confidence that he sleeps in Jesus and will awake when the call of the Lifegiver brings from the tomb those who have "died in the Lord."

He leaves to mourn his death, his parents, two sisters, relatives and many friends. They laid him to rest in the Maplewood Cemetery at Anderson, Ind.