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To the Men and Women *of the* PRINTED PAGE

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GREETINGS to the army of workers carrying the printed page to the homes of the people. We see here and there over the earth that the "latter rain" is falling in showers of blessing. The fruitage of the colporteur work is springing up as we never saw it years ago. The time of the promised "refreshing" is come, and God is pouring out His Spirit to prepare the soil of human hearts for the gospel seed. At the recent Far East Council in Shanghai, our hearts were stirred with new hope as the reports of the publishing houses showed how God is giving faithfulness and perseverance to the men and women of the army

of the printed page. Not war or persecution, or any calamity on earth, can silence our printing presses or stay the feet of the consecrated colporteur pioneers. Varying one word of a missionary battle hymn, we cry to you, "O missionaries of the books, ambassadors of God! Our hearts flame in us when we see where ye have fearless trod." We know the angels of God go with you. We see the tokens of angel intervention along all the highways and byways of earth as the colporteur goes from door to door with the message of light and salvation for these last days. Jesus is coming soon. Let us hasten on.



Home Missionary and Publishers' Convention assembled at Santo Amaro, Brazil, from Dec. 17-27, 1928.

The Meetings in Brazil

Carlyle B. Haynes

THE annual meeting of the East Brazil Union Mission Committee began in Rio on December 5. It was attended by the superintendents of all the local missions in this territory, Elders C. C. Schneider of Rio City, H. G. Stoehr of Espirito Santo, L. B. Halliwell of Bahia, E. M. Davis of Minas Geraes, and E. P. Mansell of Pernambuco. In addition to these field leaders were the departmental secretaries L. G. Jorgensen and Benedicto Silveira, and the secretary-treasurer, U. V. Wissner.

From outside the field were C. L. Bauer, R. R. Breitigam, and the writer from the South American Division, and, during the closing days of the meeting, Elders W. A. Spicer and W. W. Eastman from the General Conference, together with Elder J. L. Brown from the Division. The meetings were all presided over by the Superintendent of the Mission, Elder E. H. Wilcox.

Most encouraging reports of progress were brought in by the field leaders of the activities under their supervision. The Rio City Mission reported a membership of 605, a gain of 180 during the biennial period; Espirito Santo has a membership of 774, gaining 109 for the two years; Minas Geraes now has 220 members; Pernambuco 361; Bahia 227. In all of these fields the colporteur work is making remarkable progress and winning many souls.

Following the committee general meetings were held for several days for the believers of the churches in Rio. These meetings during the day were held in the Central church, and at night in a large, centrally located hall on the main street of the city. They brought much help and encouragement to the brethren.

The close of these meetings was darkened by the illness of Elder Spicer, whose ministry had been greatly blessed. It brought sadness to all to know he was suffering much pain.

Some changes were made in the working force of the field: Elder Halliwell was appointed superintendent of the newly established Lower Amazon Mission; his place as superintendent of the Bahia Mission was filled by appointing L. G. Jorgensen to that post; Ellis Maas, not yet in the field but to come from the States in June, was appointed Educational Secretary of the Union.

One of the greatest needs in East Brazil is men. They have budgets enabling them to put more men on. They cannot find the men. Is it not time for all of us to unite in the prayer of our Lord that the Lord may send forth laborers into His harvest?

SOUTH BRAZIL

The meetings in the South Brazil field were all held at the college at Santo Amaro. They began on December 17 with a joint publishing and home missionary convention. Elder J. L. Brown was in charge of the publishing interests of this meeting, and Elder R. R. Breitigam took care of the interests of the home missionary part of it. Elder W. W. Eastman, of the General Conference, gave helpful instruction regarding the development and carrying forward of the book work.

This convention was attended by the field leaders, secretary-treasurers, field secretaries, and departmental secretaries of the local and union fields in both the East and South Brazil Unions. The instruction given was of the most helpful and practical nature. I have every expectation, as a result of this convention, of seeing a strong development in the activities of our people in Brazil in these two important departments.

Following the convention the annual constituency meetings of the Brazil Training School and the Publishing house were held, followed by the meetings of the two newly elected boards of these institutions. The attendance at the college is larger than ever before, and the prospects are that 1929 will see it still larger.

One of the most heartening things in Brazil is the success of our book work, and the prosperity of the publishing house. Its profits for 1928 will amount to \$20,000 gold. Of these profits the publishing house turned over to the Division the liberal gift of \$13,750. This the Division has been happy to redistribute to various enterprises in Brazil, \$3,750 being given to the college, and \$5,000 to each of the two Brazil Unions. We feel truly grateful for this fine spirit of liberality on the part of our publishing house, and we rejoice that God is giving such success to the book work in Brazil. It is fine that an institution, so lately needing and receiving help to maintain itself, has now reached the place where it can extend a helping hand to other enterprises while at the same time providing for a large increase in its own work. This is certainly something to thank God for, and we do so most fervently.

Following the constituency and board meetings the biennial session of the South Brazil Union Conference was held, beginning January 2 and continuing to the close of the 7th. This was an excellent and well attended meeting. The Sao Paulo Conference reported 294 baptisms during the two year period, bringing its present membership to 1,406. Its tithe had increased from \$33,804 to \$41,643 during the same time. Its book sales for 1928 amount to \$61,000.

The Rio Grande do Sul Conference

reported 225 baptized during the two years, making its present membership 1,200. Its colporteurs sold \$20,625 worth of literature during 1928. Its tithes were higher in 1928 than ever before, amounting to \$10,625.

The Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission reported 315 baptisms for the two year period, the largest for any similar period. The membership is now 1,474. \$13,167 worth of literature was sold during the two years, of which 70% was in the Portuguese language and 30% in German. The tithe has had a steady increase year by year.

The president of the union, Elder N. P. Neilsen, reported 425 baptized in 1927, and 427 in 1928, the total membership now being 4,020. He showed that the membership had doubled since 1917; that the tithe was five times as large as in 1917; and that the mission offerings were ten times as large as in 1917.

The conference rejoiced in being able to send out its first foreign missionary during the year. Brother and Sister Joao Gnutzman went from Brazil to Angola, Africa, just before the session opened.

The business of the conference was quickly transacted. The same officers were reelected, Elder N. P. Neilsen as president, and Brother G. E. Hartman as secretary-treasurer. No changes were made in the departmental posts, G. F. Ruf being reelected as educational and home missionary secretary, and Mancel Margarido as field missionary secretary. A four year term was adopted instead of the two year term prevailing previously.

It was a good meeting. An excellent spirit prevailed throughout. We look for still larger things from Brazil from now on.

“Forward With Increasing Success”

THE above quotation was displayed by Elder W. W. Eastman before the East and South Brazil delegates assembled in our Brazil Publishing Convention held in Sao Paulo December 17-27, 1928. As we listened to the thrilling reports and experiences of both the publishing house and colporteurs, we could only exclaim, “What hath God wrought!” The last few years, it was reported, the Brazil Publishing House had sold 53,000 “Life of Christ,” 51,000 “Our Day,” 29,000 “Home and Health,” 26,000 “Practical Guide,” 24,000 “Coming King,” and many thousands of other small books, tracts and papers. At present the presses are kept busy almost day and night to supply the field. In fact, Elder F. W. Spies says, “The more we print the more our colporteurs sell.”

King Solomon looking down through

the ages in faith prophesied, "Of making many books there is no end."

Elder Town makes this statement: "Let us remember, Brethren, that in a large part it will be through the printed page that the work will be finished, and while probation lasts, the colporteurs will go forward (with increasing success) with their work. Let us think and talk in terms of success and we will have good success." God greatly blessed the book work in Brazil with an approximate sale of \$125,000 gold and, better still, with a harvest of souls for Jesus. It was reported that twenty-nine groups of believers are awaiting the pastoral visit as a direct result of the colporteur work.

Another encouraging feature of the growing work in Brazil is the enthusiasm and consecration of all the workers. It was resolved to double the number of colporteurs within two years and increase the sales of our truth-filled literature until every home in Brazil is reached.

Reports from the other South American fields are not less encouraging. May God bless His faithful colporteurs in South America and everywhere. I am happy to be connected with a work that is going forward with increasing success.

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The Adventist Schools

Steps tending to the solution of the educational problem of the Indian.—All work should be conducted on a basis of love and faith.—The Indian's teacher should also be an Indian.

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MAKING life honorable. Advancement. A constant surmounting. This is the synthesis of what Adventism anxiously desires for the Indian race. In spite of the silent warfare, of the endless intrigues, Adventism has been successful in completely transforming the lives of thousands of Indians.

For every fire or destruction of one Adventist school, three have sprung up in its place. Owing to that passion inherent in every civilizing endeavor, in a remarkably short time, something truly wonderful has been accomplished.

The Seventh-Day Adventist mission has



Elder F. W. Spies, veteran missionary and "bookman" to Brazil, and present manager of our prosperous "Casa Publicadora Brasileira" located in Sao Bernardo, Brazil, with his faithful companion, daughter, son-in-law and grand-daughter.

succeeded in getting close to the Indian and living with him. And further: it has begun the work of elevating the Indian, making him, in the first place, comprehend his rights in society, as also the duties which he must fulfil for the progressive benefit of that same society.

The daily effort and the stick-to-it-iveness with which it is carried on have borne their fruit. Today, principally in the high plateaus, are to be found thousands of Aymara Indians who listen fervently to the gospel and who, with even greater fervor, daily attend school where they not only learn to read, write and figure, but also, to live better lives.

Entire communities and ranches have ample schoolhouses, well lighted and ventilated, and very cheerful. These schoolhouses have been constructed patiently by the members of the above mentioned mission, assisted by the Indians who wanted to "learn" for their own good and that of their children.

Wherever an Adventist school exists there are no shy and fearful Indians, there remains not a vestige of that self-centered selfishness which answered every one with a dry, cutting *Janihua* (No).

The Indian educated in an Adventist school already enjoys some comforts and is a decided friend of the bath. . . . He keeps a clean house. He does not partake of alcoholic drinks of any class, and it is impossible to make him drink; he does not chew coca, and he whole-heartedly complies with all his obligations. He never misses Sabbath school, nor neglects to study what his teacher or pastor teaches him.

THE ROSARIO SCHOOL

We are going to speak of the first educational institution dedicated to the

transformation of the old, out-of-date forms employed by the rural school.

This is a model—without hyperbole—for the education of the Indian. It is a live, dynamic school, charged with regenerating forces, which have been successful in changing slowly but completely the mode of living of a vast community.

The building.—Very beautiful in its simplicity. Once inside one has only the desire of activity. The absolute cleanliness, and the light that finds abundant entrance through the many windows, really fills the spirit of both teacher and pupils with gladness. And its appointments could not be better. In reality, it is a modern building which contains all the conditions exacted by both pedagogy and hygiene.

The teachers.—The principal is a member of the Adventist mission which directs the work of the Indian teacher and gives instruction to the inspector of the province of Pacajes.

What has been done.—The Adventist school of Rosario has been, and is, a kind of normal school for Indians. In it have been educated, understand the term well—*educated*—more than eighty Indian teachers, who at present are working in the different provinces of the department (state) with the best of results. They work under the direction of the members of the mission, without, up to the present writing, having disappointed the hopes reposed in them.

THE INDIAN TEACHER

That which our governments have not known how, or have not wanted to solve for the good of the country, has been solved by the North American mission of Adventism. In fact, this mission has understood that the only way to work

effectively for the Indian race was to get close to it and to prepare Indian teachers. And they have prepared them at the cost of hard work and much self-denial.

Today the Indian teacher labors with greater faith and deeper love than the teachers employed by the state. He puts into his work a sort of religious zeal, shows a loving personal interest in his students, and labors to form in them,—this is the beautiful part,—a character, a personal character, an individuality, capable of combating the vices and biases of the race. For this reason, the Adventist school has been able to extricate the Indian from his environment of vice and misery (engenders of ruffianism) in which he was living.

The means employed to accomplish this remarkable work?—The example of absolute severity, of integrity, of honesty, of patriotism and of faith.

'An example which has been, therefore, the lever of progress,—muscle and nerve at the same time.

The Indian teacher, Manuel Ist. Chuquimia, educated by the Adventists, said to us: "Mr. Inspector: I would very much like to have books and notebooks for my children. I must imbue the spirit of my brethren, the Indians, with a comprehension of their duties and rights. That is what the Pastor has told me, and I have to do it."

"I have to do it"! Is it not clear that such an affirmation evidences the existence of faith, enthusiasm and a spirit of sacrifice? If all the rural teachers would promise to work for the redemption of the Indian, we could expect without the fear of disappointment, the dawn of a better day for this our country.

The members of the Adventist mission consider that their educational labor is to be accomplished on the basis of a great faith and of a great self-denial. The fundamental idea of their labor appears to sum itself up in this statement: "It is essential to secure the economic freedom of the Indian, as well as the complete development of his best qualities."

The day that the state-employed teachers propose the initiation of a similar crusade, having for their motto: "A country for the Indian," the problem on whose solution depends the true future of Bolivia, the education of the Indian, will have been faced.

May the Adventist mission continue its work of faith and love! This our country will learn to recognize, some day, because it is just, that work of redemption of the overcast, of the beast of burden, of the everlastingly exploited: our Indian brother.

Many of us should encourage this work and cooperate in a modest way in the

same, in the capacity of teachers that we are.

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Prayer Changes Things

AS SOME of us had the privilege of hearing Dr. John Lipke relate his experiences in connection with the revalidation of his medical degree before the faculty of medicine in Brazil and perceived the wonderful answers to prayer, we were led to realize once more that "prayer changes things."

Doctor Lipke, while working as a minister in Brazil, felt a burden to see the medical arm of the message exert itself in gaining an entrance among the better class of people. But as he labored on year after year in the work, he saw no one qualifying for that work and so some seven or eight years ago he decided to step aside for a time, go to Loma Linda, graduate as a physician and come back to give his life to Brazil as a Doctor-Preacher. He held that vision during his struggles through medical school and came back a doctor, but not recognized by the Brazilian government and facing the probability of never getting that recognition, for the South American republics one and all have apparently determined to make it next to impossible for foreign doctors to practice in their countries.

The outlook was dark. No one save Doctor Lipke had much faith that he would ever make it. But nothing daunted, he began in an out-of-the-way section to practice a little, making friends and studying for his examinations. From the first he made friends and gained patients among the better class, and while only practicing half a day, leaving the other half for study, he was able to support his family through his practice.

The time for the examination drew on. It so happened that Elder Spicer, who was taken ill soon after his arrival in South America, was cared for by Doctor Lipke in his home and was privileged to unite with the family and brethren day by day in prayer in behalf of the doctor's revalidation. They were trying, anxious days, but God manifested His approval in giving the doctor success, and today he has his revalidation and license to practice freely in all Brazil.

A few of the incidents as the doctor related them will be of interest to the readers of the BULLETIN. The first problem that presented itself was that after the doctor had spent months studying, and reached the date set for the examinations, he was informed that they would not permit him to revalidate because the law stated that any foreign doctor revalidating must hold a degree from a medical school which is legally recognized, in every state in the country in which it is located. Loma Linda, they said, is only recognized in forty-five states of the union, and therefore he was disqualified and could not render examination. What was to be done? The doctor determined to visit the head of the University, and make his appeal. He was ushered in before a lady who was secretary to the assistant of the head of the University, and this lady immediately recognized him as one to whom she had brought a child for medical aid, and had been helped. She immediately did her utmost, presented the doctor to her chief, who in turn wrote out a document authorizing the doctor to take his examination in spite of the technicality of the law, took it to the head of the University for his signature, which he immediately received, and the doctor had won the victory.

The next fear was that the examination would come on Sabbath, and again the brethren prayed. Now for some reason the order for the examination went to the Minister of Justice instead of the University, and was lost there until late Sabbath afternoon so that the examinations could not start until Monday morning, as the Sabbath issue was past.

Then came the heavy examination in surgery. The examining professor was a strong Catholic, and a friend of the priests. As the doctor presented his diploma on which appears in large letters the words, "College of Medical Evangelists," he feared a bit the influence of that last word "Evangelists" upon the prejudices of the professor. This man had failed six out of seven candidates. There were two others on this day with Doctor Lipke. The professor quickly assigned the other two their patients and then seated himself with his head down engaged in deep thought. Then he assigned Doctor Lipke his patient. The doctor, telling the story, said, "I had never seen this patient before and as I went to work a voice seemed to say to me, 'Pott's disease.'"

"The professor asked me what disease the patient had. I replied, and continued by giving him a full diagnosis."

On another day the doctor was to appear before the professor of Obstetrics, an austere and unfriendly man. Just before the day came, a judge who had been

a patient of the doctor came to his house, and it proved that the professor of Obstetrics had appeared before this judge in a case in which the judge's decision was favorable to the professor, forming a bond of friendship. The judge promised the doctor to speak a word to the professor in his behalf, a thing which means much when the unfriendly attitude of the professor so often leads to a failure in the examination. Just another providential experience. When the examiner came, the doctor told us he was able to answer well, his thorough training in this subject in Loma Linda standing him well in stead.

When it came to the examination in Gynecology the professor was a kindly man with whom the doctor had made friends, and as he came in the old gentleman said, "Have no fears." A little later as Doctor Lipke was leaving the building he passed the professor of Obstetrics whom he had so greatly feared. The professor was talking to some others but as the doctor passed, he abruptly broke his conversation and turning to the doctor, said, "Paso" (You have passed). It seemed that God was changing the unfriendly attitude of those men.

Then came the final ordeal. Doctor Lipke had been obliged to write three theses and now he must defend them. The professor before whom he was to defend two of his theses was very unfriendly and severe but at the last moment, owing to rain, a substitution was made and an assistant professor was assigned the task. He proved to be a man with whom the doctor had made friends, and while severe in his dealing, was kindly disposed and eulogized the original work the doctor had done.

In all these experiences we can but see the hand of God in answer to earnest prayer, and we cannot but take it as an omen of God's approval and promise of blessing as Dr. Lipke develops this important branch of the work in Brazil. The doctor needs the prayers of God's people as he steps into God's opening providences.

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Setting the Church to Work

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IT WAS a good and heartening word which Brother E. P. Mansell, superintendent of the Pernambuco Mission, gave us at Rio de Janeiro at the meeting of the East Brazil Union Mission Committee. He was giving a biennial report of the work of the Pernambuco Mission, and among other good things he said this:

"Upon entering this new field of labor two years ago we began to lay definite plans to extend our work into new, unentered sections. This meant the weaning of some of our larger churches from the constant care of mission workers. To do this did not appear an easy matter but after consulting Elder Wilcox, our director, and hearing the good instruction by Elder Haynes on "Self Supporting Churches" we launched out by faith. Upon learning of our plans the cry went up from many of our leading church members that they would surely die since we were taking away their worker. But God did not let the churches die. Where we had been informed that there was absolutely no talent or leadership in the churches, the Lord helped us to find men in their very midst to carry responsibility and lead out. In some cases the mission director found time to organize special classes of instruction for these church officers which met every week. We had the pleasure in many cases of taking the leaders right out into the homes of the people giving practical instruction in personal work. These in turn have returned to their churches and fired them with enthusiasm. Now reports show a wonderful increase in missionary classes of special instruction for baptism with as high as sixteen in constant attendance.

"So instead of the lay members rising up against our plans they stood loyally by us and we have seen one of the greatest movements in our experience in the work. Our plans are laid for the coming year and we look for even greater results. We believe strongly in every-member evangelism as the most effective method for the finishing of the work in this part of the great vineyard."

East Brazil Notes

THE union conference session held in the city of Rio de Janeiro December 11-15 was appreciated by all who attended. The Spirit of God came near and hearts were touched, and all consecrated themselves anew to God and to His work. We sincerely wish that it might have been possible for all our members to have attended these meetings. The musical help rendered by the choir of the Central and Meyer churches of Rio was greatly appreciated.

Elder W. A. Spicer, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was permitted to speak to us only four times before taking ill. His talks were very timely and inspirational and we are sure they would have cheered the hearts of all our believers had it been possible for them to have been present. Brother Spicer's illness became so acute that it was necessary for him to return to the States from this port. This is the

first time in forty years that Elder Spicer has missed an appointment in foreign lands because of illness.

THE publishing and home missionary convention, directed by Brethren Breitingman and Brown, with Elder W. W. Eastman, of the General Conference, as counselor, was a blessing to us all. Many plans were introduced which we feel will tell for advancement in the future. We were glad that the workers of the East Brazil Union were permitted to attend these meetings. We pray that the spirit felt there may prevail in our entire field, that we may all be drawn together in a bond of unity that may never be broken, and that we may all work as one man for the finishing of the work here in the earth. The council and studies given by Elder Eastman were greatly appreciated.

ELDER C. B. Haynes and family were with us during all the meetings. The studies given on church organization will be long remembered. Elder Haynes made clear to us that the churches established by Paul were organized according to God's plan, and that churches ought to be so organized today. Surely there is food for thought in this. The musical help given by all the members of the Haynes family was greatly appreciated both in Rio de Janeiro and in Sao Paulo. The solos, duets and trios were a source of new life and inspiration. The choir organized by Donald Haynes in Sao Paulo rendered some excellent selections.

DURING the time of the meeting of the East Brazil Union Committee many changes were made and plans laid for employing new workers. We feel that the Lord was with us and directed in the meetings. Prospects were never better for making 1929 our banner year in every line of work. All our mission directors went home happy, feeling that God had been good to them and that His plans were right ones.

DR. JOHN LIPKE has recently passed the medical board examinations of Brazil and was received with full right to practice in the entire republic. We greatly rejoice with Doctor Lipke, and feel that brighter days are before us in medical lines. Doctor Lipke is opening an office and treatment rooms in the city of Rio de Janeiro, and is at the service of our brethren in all parts. His advice and counsel is such as can be relied upon.

PLANS were made for the inauguration of a new church in Juiz de Fora on Sabbath, January 12. We praise God for such a nice respectable church building in that city. Little by little the work is becoming established on a good sound basis in that city.

ELDERS E. M. Davis and E. H. Wilcox began a series of public meetings in Juiz de Fora Sunday night, January 13. Meetings were held in the new church building at that place.

ELDER H. G. Stoehr has made plans for beginning a series of meetings in Campos. He began early in the month of January. We can help with our prayers.

ELDER E. P. Mansell also planned for a series of meetings in Natil, beginning in the month of January.

ELDER Richard Wilfart is still continuing his series of meetings in Madureira. His hall is filled every Sunday night. Many who were not interested at the beginning of the meetings are now manifesting a deep concern regarding the truth.

BROTHER Benedicto Silveira is now in Bahia holding his first colporteurs' institute of the new year. He plans on conducting another in Rio-Espirito Santo, one in Rio de Janeiro, and one in Minas Geraes. He desires that these institutes shall be a deep spiritual blessing and that the books sold during the year may be sold purely from a love for souls. May we not remember these meetings in our prayers?

BROTHER U. Wissner, secretary-treasurer of the East Brazil Union, left the middle of January to audit the books of the different local missions.

IF ALL who are called accept, and nothing comes in to hinder or disturb the present plans, the East Brazil Union will be manned as follows for 1929:

East Brazil Union: E. H. Wilcox, superintendent; U. Wissner, secretary-treasurer; C. C. Schneider, Home Missionary and Young People's secretary; Ellis Maas, Educational and Sabbath School secretary; Benedicto Silveira, Field Missionary secretary; Otto Groeschel, to take charge of the union office during the absence of Brother Wissner.

Minas Geraes: E. M. Davis, superintendent; Ernest Ebinger, secretary-treasurer; Saturnino Oliveira, Field Missionary secretary; Conrado Stoehr and Albert Knuepfer, evangelistic work.

Rio de Janeiro: C. C. Schneider, acting superintendent; Jose Bacarat, assistant secretary-treasurer to U. Wissner; Benedicto Silveira, Field Missionary secretary; Richard Wilfart and Domingos Peixoto, evangelistic work; Maria Denz, Bible worker.

Rio-Espirito Santo: H. G. Stoehr, superintendent; E. Langenstrassen, secretary-treasurer; Raul C. Araujo, Field Missionary secretary; G. Hoyler and Jose

dos Pasos, evangelistic work; Clara Ebinger, Bible worker.

Bahia Mission: L. G. Jorgensen, superintendent; Otto Keppke, secretary-treasurer; Jose Seabra, Field Missionary secretary; John Merer and Guillermo Denz, evangelistic work.

Pernambuco Mission: E. P. Mansell, superintendent; G. F. Ebinger, secretary-treasurer; Jose Moraes, Field Missionary secretary; G. R. Ernst and José Soares, evangelistic work.

Lower Amazon Mission: L. B. Halliwell, superintendent; Hans Mayr and Manoel Pereira, evangelistic work; André Gedrath and G. Sauter, colporteurs along the Amazon River and its tributaries.

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A Real Missionary Colporteur

WHILE attending our Bookman's Convention I was deeply impressed with the missionary phase of our work that was stressed during the entire session of the convention. Many experiences and reports were given on home missionary work, and we were urged to enlist our members in more active service along these lines. Also that we encourage all our colporteurs to use more helps, tracts and magazines, so that we may be able to reach all classes of people with our message.

This article is written with the hope of encouraging others along such missionary lines. In the beginning of the year 1924 a member at Pelotas in his missionary activities gave *O Atalaia* to Longino Niz. This silent messenger came to Mr. Niz for nearly two years, followed up by a series of tracts, "*Nova serie of folhetos sobre verdades biblicas.*" This aroused his interest so he came to Porto Alegre where he studied the truth with Brother Jose dos Reis and Brother F. R. Kuempel who were there holding a series of meetings. After a week's study he was convinced of the truth and was baptized by Brother Kuempel in the latter part of the year 1925. He at once entered the colporteur work in the city and before long had a lady of means interested by giving her Bible studies. He invited her to the meetings where she accepted the truth and was baptized. She has proved a faithful member of our church in Porto Alegre.

From here I took Brother Niz back to the field where he first became interested in the truth and had him work in



Longino Niz, colporteur in Rio Grande do Sul Conference. See article.

the country where he again proved his missionary spirit by working from house by house, even visiting the poorest of the poor, and at the same time making splendid sales. Where interest was aroused he would revisit after his delivery and hold Bible studies. He had many groups throughout all his field which he visited regularly. Much opposition was encountered, but was met tactfully and in this way it even increased his book sales. From these interested ones already twelve souls have been baptized. If a worker could be spared to look after this interest, I am sure that others would yet accept the truth.

Upon finishing this field and entering the next county he met with fierce opposition. Articles were published in the papers against him. The priest nailed up a placard on the door of his church, condemning the work of this colporteur and warning the people against him. The colporteur again met this opposition with his Bible studies which broke down this prejudice. When he made his delivery many who had ordered the book, took also *O Atalaia*, thus making him more than a 100% delivery. The consecration and determination that it takes on the part of the colporteur to open closed doors to our message can only be told in full by the man who passes through such experiences.

The thing that interested me the most is that he is an all-around missionary. He gives treatments to the sick, visits the poor as well as the rich, using helps

for the poor class, and for those who cannot buy anything he carries tracts to give them. During his six month's work in this latter field he has already delivered 198 Helps, 173 "Our Day," 59 Bibles, and taken 207 subscriptions for *O Atalaia*, at a value of 9:448\$000. In a certain home a woman embraced the truth through his Bible studies; she in turn began to work for her daughter who lived some distance from her, persuaded her to give up her idols and so both in turn brought their idols to the colporteur and he has sent me more than forty of them as relics. Summing up his work in this place, Brother Niz has a Sabbath school organized, and thirteen souls awaiting baptism. His missionary zeal reminds me of the Apostle Paul who left a group of believers in every place where he labored.

As a direct result of his work five young men are now engaged in the canvassing work. His total sales since he accepted the truth are: 725 Helps, 676 "Our Day," 300 subscriptions for *O Atalaia* and several hundred Bibles at a value of 28:810\$000.

Let us not be weary in well doing. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6. The spirit of prophecy tells us that it is through our soul-winning work here that we number the stars for our crowns there. "They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

J. M. ZEROTH.

*Field Missionary Secretary,
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South Brazil Union Conference Session

THE ninth session of the South Brazil Union Conference was held at the Collegio Adventista, January 2 to 7. There was a good attendance and delegates were present from the different fields. The Spirit of the Lord was also present, and a spirit of union and harmony prevailed in the business sessions.

We were very much disappointed that Elder W. A. Spicer could not be with us because of illness; but we were glad to have Elder W. W. Eastman, one of the secretaries of the publishing department of the General Conference, also Elders C. B. Haynes and R. R. Breitgam from the South American Division, with us. The instruction given by these workers was greatly appreciated by our people, and the Lord blessed His people as we sought Him together.

The reports given by the different field leaders and secretaries of departments

indicate that there has been progress in the different lines of our work. The Lord has blessed the workers and many souls have been brought into the truth during the last two years. Our church membership at the close of 1926 was 3,460, and at the close of 1927 it was 3,772, a net increase of 312 for the year. During 1927 we baptized 425, and 79 were taken in on profession of faith. Our membership at the close of the third quarter 1928 was 3,948. Probably we will have reached more than 4,000 members at the close of 1928. Going back ten years to the close of 1918, our membership in the South Brazil Union was 1,961. Hence, we find that our membership has more than doubled in the ten years. We thank the Lord for this increase.

Our tithes for 1927 was 299:955\$000, an increase of 57:589\$000 over 1926. And when all reports are in, we believe that the tithes for 1928 will show a good increase over 1927. Our tithe for 1927 was nearly five times as large as it was in 1917, ten years before.

Our total mission offerings for 1927 were 142:262\$080, an increase of 6:764\$260 over 1926. Our mission offerings were nearly ten times as large as they were in 1917, ten years ago. Our Sabbath School offerings also show a good increase from year to year. For 1927 they were 58:320\$900, an increase of 2:504\$150 over the year 1926. The Sabbath school offerings for 1927 were about seven times as large as they were ten years ago. While we are thankful for these good increases, we must nevertheless encourage all our people to still greater faithfulness. Our work must be extended, and the demands upon us will increase. We will need to sacrifice still more before the end of time.

On Sabbath forenoon, January 5, Brother Rudolpho Belz was set apart to the holy work of the ministry by the laying on of hands and prayer. This ordination service was solemn and impressive. Elder F. W. Spies offered the ordination prayer and Elder C. B. Haynes gave the charge. May the Lord bless Brother Belz in his public ministry, is our prayer.

The former officers and department secretaries were reelected to serve another term. We look into the future with courage, knowing that the God of Israel is still leading His people as in the days of old. At times we may be perplexed; but we need not be cast down, for under God every problem has its solution. We pray that this coming year may bring still greater blessings to the cause of God.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Missionaries Sent Out by Brazil

THE third angel's message must go to every nation, tribe and language. Our missionaries must go to the ends of the earth with the glad news of the soon coming of Jesus. Our people in Brazil, being a part of the great family of God, must also have a part in giving this message to all the world. While our own needs are great, and while we have many millions of souls to warn in our own country, we must nevertheless be willing to send some of our means and workers to other lands to help finish the work in all the earth. It will be a blessing for us to share our workers with other lands, for this will increase the interest of our people in the work carried on in other parts of the world wide field.

And this we are doing. On Sabbath, December 22, Brother and Sister Joao Gnutzman with their little child, sailed from Santos on their way to Angolaland, West Africa, where they are to labor among the natives of that large and interesting field. Brother Gnutzman is a graduate from our Brazil Training School, and is a young man of integrity and firmness of character.

An impressive farewell was held for them at the college the evening before they left Sao Paulo on their way to this distant mission field. Being held during the time of our publishing and home missionary convention, we were favored with the presence of Elders C. B. Haynes and W. W. Eastman, who with others made appropriate remarks for the occasion. This was followed by a special prayer in which these young missionaries were committed into the hands of God.

They are the first native missionaries from among our people in Brazil to be sent to a heathen land. Our prayers will go with them and we wish them success. We know that our people will watch with interest for reports from them. May the Lord bless them!

N. P. NEILSEN.

ON SABBATH afternoon, December 29, an interesting baptismal service was held in the new church building which is being erected in the city of Sao Paulo. While this new building is not fully completed as yet, still the baptistry was used on this occasion and thirty-eight dear souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave by Elder Jose aos Reis, the pastor of the church. It seemed fitting that this baptismal service, when so many followed their Lord in this ordinance, should be the first public service held in the new temple. May the Lord keep these dear souls faithful to their covenant with God till the end.

DURING the month of December, 1928, 108 precious souls were baptized in the South Brazil Union.

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WE ARE sorry that Brother Max Rhode, of Campo Grande, Matto Grosso, could not attend the Union Conference session as had been planned, because of sickness. Under date of December 28, he wrote:

"Unfortunately I have had to give up my trip to Sao Paulo, as for some time I have been confined to the bed, very sick, and cannot get up."

Let us pray that the Lord may soon raise him up again to his usual health.

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Progress of the Work in Chile

THE year 1928 slipped by and scarcely did we notice it. The records in Heaven as well as those on earth show what we have done to hasten the finishing of God's work on earth.

For the work in the Chile Conference the year 1928 has been the best in its history. God has signally blessed the work in this field during this past year. Every worker has had good success in the efforts that were conducted.

During the past year eleven efforts were held. One out of the eleven was conducted by our lay brethren. These brethren had success, and in the last baptism held here in Santiago several persons were baptized. Every worker in the field held at least one effort during 1928.

As a result of these meetings 250 souls were baptized and received into church fellowship. Three churches were organized and three new groups raised up. These groups can be organized this year into churches.

Wherever this message is being preached in the Republic of Chile the people flock to hear the truth. This seems the opportune time to preach this message.

The whole field seems to be ready for the Truth.

Our book work under the leadership of Brother Leslie has made good progress during the past year. Over 200,000.00 pesos of books were sold in this field. In a marked way God has blessed our literature work. Our prospects are even brighter than they were for 1928.

Our Sabbath School work has advanced in a marked way. Brother Emmenegger has worked untiringly for the progress of this department. During the past year there was about 40% increase in our Sabbath School offerings. Our people have done well. We are confident that 1929 will show even greater progress for we realize that much more can be done.

In 1928 we built a fine church in the beautiful city of Temuco. This has brought new life into the church. On October 6, the building was dedicated free from debt.

Our lay brethren have supported the Cause by their works, their prayers and with their money. There are no people more willing than the people in this field. They love this message and work for its advancement. They are very active in missionary work. Almost every week they bring new people to the meetings.

We had a spring in tithe the past year of over 30%. When we think of the conditions of our people in a financial way, we cannot help but know that that was a most wonderful increase.

We face the future with courage. Our lives we dedicate to God for greater service. With His help we are determined that the year 1929 shall be far better. There are no limits to God's power and blessings. We give our all to Him who will lead us on to greater victory.

T. L. OSWALD,
President, Chile
Conference.

Division Notes

IT IS a source of the keenest disappointment to us in this Division that Elder W. A. Spicer, the president of the General Conference, on account of sickness, has been compelled to cancel his entire list of appointments in South America.

It had been arranged that Elder Spicer and Elder W. W. Eastman should attend the meetings of the East Brazil Union in Rio; the South Brazil Union in Sao Paulo; the meeting of the Uruguay Mission; the Buenos Aires Conference session; the meetings of the Austral Union at Puiggari; the Chile Conference session; the workers' meetings in both the Bolivia and Lake Titicaca fields; and the Inca Union Committee meeting at Lima. This program would have kept him in South America from the first part of December to the first part of April.

Elders Spicer and Eastman arrived in Rio on December 10. On December 14, Brother Spicer began to suffer such pain from neuritis and sciatica that it became necessary for him to take to his bed. Fortunately we could leave him in the excellent care of Dr. John Lipke, and there he stayed while the other brethren went on to meet the appointments in South Brazil.

It soon became apparent that Brother Spicer would need to abandon his plans to make the round of the Division. His sufferings were so constant and intense that Doctor Lipke advised giving up his appointments and returning to the States. After a month in Rio Brother Spicer regretfully left on his homeward voyage.

We know that this change of plans, and the illness of Brother Spicer, will come as a genuine disappointment to all the brethren in South America, many of whom have been looking forward with eagerness to greeting him at these general meetings. We know, as well, that all will unite in prayer for the recovery of Brother Spicer's usual health.

ELDER W. W. Eastman, the associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, is giving us most excellent and much appreciated help, not only in the publishing conventions, but also in the conference sessions and as a general counselor. We are glad he can be with us in this round of meetings. Elder Eastman, at this writing, has attended the meeting of the East Brazil Union Committee in Rio; the Home Missionary and Publishing Conventions, the College and Publishing House Board meetings, the South Brazil Union Conference session, all at Sao Paulo; the annual meeting of the Uruguay Mission at Nueva Helvecia, Uruguay; the Buenos Aires Conference session at Buenos Aires; and at present is attending the conventions, board meetings and union conference session at Puiggari. He will attend the Chile Conference session at Santiago, the general meetings in Bolivia and the Lake Titicaca field, and the Inca Union Committee meeting in Lima.

THE newly appointed secretary of the Publishing Department of the Division, Elder J. L. Brown, has arrived at Divisional headquarters, with his wife, and they are getting settled in their new home. They attended the meetings in Brazil on their return from furlough in the States.

THE newly appointed cashier of the Division, Brother P. H. Barnes, accompanied by Mrs. Barnes, has also arrived in Buenos Aires, and is entering upon his new duties while getting settled. Brother Barnes was formerly secretary-treasurer of the Lake Titicaca Mission and comes to Buenos Aires from Puno.