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"They Shall Share Alike"

"As his share is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his share be that tarrieth by the baggage. They shall share alike." 1 Sam. 30:24. R. V. God has a family and as children of God and believers in this advent message we are all members of that family. God is our Father and Jesus is our elder brother, for in Him "the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Eph. 3: 15. A part of God's family is in heaven and a part of it is on earth. His family on earth is scattered in all parts of the world. They speak many different languages, but still they are one in Christ. Their customs may be different, but they believe the same blessed truth and are members of the same great family.

It has been reported that a certain native in Africa came to the missionary one day and said: "You say that God in heaven is *your father*?" To which the missionary answered: "Yes, that is so." Then the native continued: "And you say that this God is *my father*?" "That is right," said the missionary. "Well, then *we be brothers*," was the response of this poor, black native. And this is true. Just after His resurrection, Jesus said to Mary: "Go to my brethren and say unto them: I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God." John 20: 17. This must have been a comforting message to the disciples, announcing to them that we have one common Father with Christ. And so the words of Jesus are true when He says: "All ye are brethren." Mat. 23: 8.

But in any well-regulated family all members of the family, according to their ability, share in the responsi-

bilities of the home as well as in the blessing. Let us suppose a family composed of the father and mother and ten children living out in the country on a farm. There is much work to be done, but each one should be willing to do his part. All are not called upon to do the same thing at the same time. It may be that John will be asked to go to one part of the

The Song of Triumph

Would we join the redeemed host in singing the song of triumph on the sea of glass then we must also join them in gaining the victory over sin in this life. We must cease our murmurings and complainings here and begin to sing the song of victory now. We must learn to sing some strains of the song of that better land here below and then we shall be permitted to join in singing the everlasting song of triumph before the throne of God. We must gain the victory here in order to sing it there.

N. P. NEILSEN.

farm to plow while Paul, who may be younger, may be asked to watch the sheep. Mary may be asked to stay at home and look after the household and Anna may be asked to do the sewing for the family. Thus each one will have a part to act, from the youngest to the oldest; and each one shares in the work as well as in the blessings that come to the home through the work that is done.

So it is in the work of God. Some members of the family of God will be permitted to remain at home, working for the advancement of the cause of God in their own neighborhood and vicinity, while "laboring with their own hands," to support themselves. Other members of God's family may be called upon to go to the far-away sections of earth with the message of God. Some may be called upon to endure greater hardships than others. Some are asked to go beyond the bounds of civilization to carry the good news, to tribes that have never yet heard the gospel story. They must go beyond civilization, beyond all modern conveniences and be separated far from their loved ones in order that the message may be given to those who are sitting in darkness. Some must go to the fever-infested districts of earth and to the high altitude where lives the poor Indian in his poverty and discomfort, that the Indian too may hear the message and rejoice in it.

All members of God's family cannot do the same work, nor are they called upon to labor in the same place. The Lord knows where we can best serve Him and He calls us to do the work which we are best able to do. If faithful to our calling, wherever we may be asked to labor, the blessing of God will rest upon us. If God permits us to remain at home, while still serving Him, let us thank Him and then let us be faithful to the cause of God. We should give of our means willingly for the support of those who go to other parts of the earth. It is only right that those who are sent to the remote corners of the world and are called upon to live

under very trying conditions, should be supported in their work, through the means which come into the treasury of God through the faithfulness of all the members. Those who are permitted to remain at home and "stay by the baggage" should esteem it a great privilege to help support those who may be called to the front of the battle.

When the work is over, when the day is done, we shall all share equally in the reward if we have been faithful in our lot and to our duty. Those who have "tarried by the baggage" will share equally with those who have gone to the front of the battle, providing they have been faithful to their duty as were those who left their homes and native land to carry the message of salvation to the darkened lands.

To illustrate, suppose a worker is sent to some foreign field. He is supported there by the means which flow into the cause of God through the faithfulness of the members of the family of God. Now suppose he gained 100 souls while laboring there, those who have supported him will share in the souls won. In the great day of reckoning above some of these souls may be counted as won by those who stayed at home and were faithful in supporting the workers sent abroad.

What a wonderful home gathering it will be when the family of God shall meet together from all parts of this dark world! Some years ago a large meeting was held in Europe. Persons were present who spoke many different languages. The Spirit of God was present in the meetings. At the close two of our brethren met to say good-bye. They clasped hands and looked at each other, but could not talk together, for they knew not each other's language. They loved the same message, the same truth beat warmly in their hearts, as they shook each other's hand. Finally the one said, "halleluiah," and the other responded by saying "amen." And thus they parted. These are words that belong to the family of God and are understood by all its members.

Then let us all be faithful in doing our part wherever we may be placed. Let us be faithful in paying our tithes and offerings for the support of the cause of God, knowing that if

faithful we shall share in the reward equally with those who may have been called upon to go to the remote fields of earth. Soon the day of mercy will be over and the work of God will be finished. Then, if we have been faithful, we shall take part in the home-going and join in the great family reunion above. God grant that we all may be there!

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Uruguay Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of the Uruguay Mission for 1932 was held in the same place as last year, in the little Adventist church in Colonia Suiza, from the 21st to the 27th of January, at which time Pastor C. K. Meyers from the General Conference, could be with us. Brethren Meyers and Neilsen arrived in Montevideo from Brazil on January 21. Elder Neilsen continued his journey to Buenos Aires while Brother Meyers spent the week-end with us in this meeting. The Lord greatly blessed Brother Meyers in the studies which he gave, and the brethren and sisters appreciated his help very much. Brother M. I. Fayard from the publishing house and Brother J. M. Howell of the Austral Union, also gave valuable help.

The believers in the section of Uruguay where the meeting was held are nearly all farmers, having come from two to ten leagues to attend the meetings, but there was a good attendance, especially in the evenings. The little chapel which seats about 250 was well filled. Sabbath morning twenty-six autos were parked in the yard around the church. Most of the believers in this section are German-Swiss. It is seldom that one sees such a large proportion of young people as there are among these believers. On the last day of the meeting eleven young people were baptized, and there were two more who will be baptized a little later in their home churches.

The Uruguay Mission now has a membership of 428. For more than a year, during part of 1930 and 1931, this mission was without a superintendent. The treasurer, Brother Ner Soto, looked after the interests of the work from the office in Montevideo. At the annual meeting last year we appointed Brother Soto as temporary superintendent until we could get another man. However, at the end of 1931 Brother Soto was appointed superintendent. He has the hearty support of all the members in the mission. The active workers in this mission consist of one ordained minister, three licentiates and one Bible worker. There are two ordained ministers on the Sustentation Fund who do some work.

The tithe in the Uruguay Mission for 1931 amounted to \$7,691.26 pesos Uruguay, which was a gain of \$560.24 pesos over the previous year. Forty believers were baptized in this mission during the year 1931. The outlook for 1932 is good.

N. Z. TOWN.

The Fruits of a Tract

"I HAVE been shown that we were not doing our duty in the gratuitous circulation of small publications. There are many honest souls who might be brought to embrace the truth by this means alone."—*Christian Service*, p. 151.

"Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction. Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity."—*Id.*

In these two paragraphs the servant of the Lord, with simple but eloquent words, emphasizes the need to distribute more freely our missionary literature, "tracts, periodicals and books;" and a little further in this same paragraph, with regard to the tracts, she says: "These small tracts of four, eight or sixteen pages, can be furnished for a trifle. . . . When you write to a friend, you can inclose one or more without increasing postage. When you meet persons in the cars, on the boat, or in the stage, who seem to have an ear to hear, you can hand them a tract."—*Id.* And in

such a work, "important results will follow."—*Id.*

I will try to tell how the Lord used one of these silent messengers, a tract.

Not long ago, while with the brethren of the church in Paysandu, Uruguay, I met Brother and Sister Galvan, who are rejoicing in the saving truth of our Lord Jesus. When I asked them about the time and the way of their conversion, with a smile on their faces they told me that one afternoon they went out to take a walk and found a tract on the sidewalk, which no doubt some one had thrown away. They read it and in the evening they attended the meeting to which the tract cordially invited them. So as the result of that tract, this couple rejoices today in this precious message of love and salvation. It really pays to do more work with our tracts; although some will not read them, yet others will, and as a result we shall see more people won to Christ.

May the Lord help us and give us more courage and strength to be able to scatter the tracts just as the "leaves of the trees when the Fall comes," and distribute them "on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails."—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 353.

S. C. WEBER.

"A Very Pressing Thing"

ALTHOUGH there are some who think that the Catholic church has lost its influence over the multitudes, yet statistics show us the opposite.

In Lillie, France, has been held the eighth National Eucharistic Council, which was attended by over 200,000 persons.

The official seminary in the United States has proven that the Catholic church is continually growing, and remarks that in the last year, about 40,000 were converted to Catholicism.

In England the vitality of the Catholic church also increases rapidly. In 1929 the converts to the Catholic faith reached 31,000; and last year the figures exceeded that number. These data, as may be seen, come from the most liberal and Protestant countries.

According to *La Prensa* of Buenos Aires, the pope approved the action

taken at the assembly in Paris, as to the celebration of the 33rd Eucharistic Council in Buenos Aires, due to the fact that the Vatican has seen the great development of Catholicism in South America; and because the "continent has thus been made to feel the influence of each of the numerous nations that form it, in the progressive development of Catholicism, in which they excel with their constant work and their mighty institutions."

Already in 1919 Lunknike wrote concerning the worship of Mary and the necessity to return to the adoration of the Virgin:

"The evangelical church is suffering excessively of cold. We have to send her a mother—Mary. Then she will return to warmth and to life." Everywhere there is a religious awakening toward the worship of the Virgin Mary.

A Catholic paper says that religion without the worship of Mary is the grossest dream a man can conceive.

Cardinal Laboure utters a very pressing call to the Catholics in this hour of crisis and confusion. Listen to his words: "The hour is passed for building churches and decorating shrines. *There is but one very pressing thing: to cover the nation with papers that preach the truth.*"

Yes, the prophecy of Revelation 13 is to be rapidly fulfilled. We have no time to waste. The question is "very pressing." The Catholics want to cover the nation with papers. They realize that the papers have to speak and preach as do those of the Adventists.

Brethren, we have to put forth every effort possible to reach all the nations with this threefold message of salvation before it is too late. Let us be colporteurs and missionaries as we never have been before!

ENRIQUE LAUTARET.

The Combination Plan

THERE are various ways of carrying out this plan. It is a contagious plan. Brother Ner Soto mentioned the case of a humble cobbler in Uruguay who uses this combination plan in his work. He takes a number of *El Atalaya* and with every piece of work he

does he charges ten *centavos* more and includes one copy of *El Atalaya*, so this way the combination is the work performed on the shoes and one *Atalaya*.

Many of the colporteurs are selling Bibles in combination with the twenty-eight short Bible studies and one *Atalaya*.
H. F. B.

Bahia Blanca Sabbath School

THE little church of Bahia Blanca, Argentina, has a very interesting Sabbath school. They have set definite goals and are working toward definite ends. Their financial goal is a little more than that requested by the local conference, their daily study goal is 75 per cent of the membership and their goal for visitors is 25 each Sabbath, more than 33 1/3 per cent of the total of members. Their chart for the first eight weeks is as follows:

Members	Attendance	Visitors	Total	% Daily Study	Offering	Total rec'd	Goal
70	70	26	96	65	18.90	18.90	18.50
72	60	11	71	83	13.70	32.60	37.00
72	65	18	83	69	21.70	54.50	55.50
72	68	21	89	66	22.00	76.30	74.00
72	70	28	98	72	21.45	97.75	92.50
72	68	24	92	75	19.20	116.95	111.00
72	65	28	93	69	28.20	145.15	129.30
72	70	27	97	70	26.25	172.40	148.00

In each case, when the goal has been reached or passed, they have had the number in red instead of black. There were four red marks in the visitors' column, two in the daily study, and the offerings were all in red with the exception of three numbers, which were brought down because it rained the second Sabbath of the quarter. The teachers' meeting, conducted by the superintendent, is a live one, and real problems are discussed. The Sabbath I had the privilege of being there, they were trying to see what could be done to bring up the daily study percentage. Each teacher was urged to solicit constantly the fidelity of her class to raise the daily study to where it ought to be—100 per cent.

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Notes of Progress from the Buenos Aires Conference

AN OLD colporteur began a small Sabbath school in his house during the time he canvassed in the city of Junin, Argentina. Soon he had a group of interested people. When the writer visited Junin the colporteur invited his neighbors and friends and it was necessary to move out what little furniture the rooms contained in order to hold all the people who attended the meeting. After the first few meetings, conducted under disadvantageous conditions, we rented a hall and started anew a public effort. As a result of this effort nine persons were baptized.

During the year 1931 three different workers held meetings in the city and during this summer Brother Braulio Perez attends the interest and holds meetings. As a result of the efforts thus put forth twenty-two more believers were added to the church. Now we have a group of thirty-four baptized members and there are others who are interested and waiting to receive this rite as soon as they are free from their various impediments.

THE church in Bahia Blanca has made excellent progress during 1931. Twenty-four persons were baptized as a result of the work of Brother



A group of the members of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Junin, Argentine, where 22 persons were recently baptized.

Journó during the past year, and this summer ten more will be added to the church. We have never before been privileged to see so substantial a gain in this church during one year. As a result of the added membership the financial standing of the church is also better.

In the photograph appearing with this article may be seen thirteen of the members recently baptized. Among this number is a young violin instructor, who has proven to be a splendid help to the church.

P. M. BROUCHY.

President, Buenos Aires Conference.

Among the Araucanians

OVER fifteen years ago, a German worked as a Baptist preacher in Rucapangue. Once he read in the Bible that the seventh day was the Sabbath and he maintained this view until the Baptists would not listen to him again. He then met colporteur Bishop, our first colporteur in South America, and bought the books "Daniel y Revelación" ("Daniel and the Revelation") and "Estudios Bíblicos" ("Bible Readings") in German and began to study more. Afterwards he met Elders Thomann and Westphal, but for some reason he did not yet accept the truth.

He bought a small farm among the Indians of southern Chile and began to teach them. They call him "papa" even today. In his old age he wanted to leave his work under the care of others, just at the time when colporteur Opazo happened to visit him. This colporteur sold him a copy of the book "Hacia la Edad de Oro" ("Toward the Golden Age"), and told him that there was an Adventist brother in the town of Nueva Imperial, five leagues away. The German went to this brother and asked him to continue instructing the Indians. Brother Pablo Mora, who was the Adventist referred to, started going to the German's house regardless of rain and cold every Sunday, to teach the Mapuches. Over eighty of them gathered together and soon he gained their sympathy and con-



Group of new members recently baptized in Bahia Blanca, Argentine, by Pastor José Journó, who is seated in the center.

fidence. He took us along to see the interest aroused, and we could see seventy-three interested people, representatives of the primitive Araucanian Indians. These Indians listened attentively, and as the result of three months' teaching twenty-three of them asked to be baptized, among them the old Mr. Vorphal and his wife.

This is the first work of the Adventist church among these Indians. While we were dining with Mr. Vorphal we asked him what plans he had for that new group of believers, and he assured us that he wished to donate to the conference a house he was building, and a small tract of land; so that the Indians could continue receiving instruction. The little house is situated in the center of a town populated by thousands of Indians. Two others have asked that Brother Mora start to preach in their homes, several leagues away from the house donated by Mr. Vorphal. It seems to me that the General Conference will be able to add another language to the 410 in which the message is already being preached.

H. F. BROWN.

The Austral Union

THE workers in the Austral Union are glad to be able to report 635 baptisms during 1931, the largest number ever baptized in one year in the union. We are glad for a net gain in members of 487, giving us a total membership of 5,478; glad that our members were able to pay \$68,574.47 tithes and give \$46,154.36 in offerings. We are sorry the last two items show a loss of \$13,000.00 as compared with 1930, but owing to the financial depression it could hardly be otherwise.

PUBLISHING

Notwithstanding the crisis there was an average of ninety colporteurs at work during the year in the Austral Union, whose sales amounted to \$153,215.65 gold.

In a report from H. H. Hall, giving a summary of the work done by the colporteurs in all the world during 1931, we were surprised and pleased to see that the Austral Union stands second in the list, the Columbia Union only being ahead of us. The total sales in the Austral Union

as given by the General Department is \$136,581.41. The actual total is \$153,215.63. The average sales per hour in the Columbia Union was \$1.10 and in the Austral \$1.49.

During last year 403,462 copies of *El Atalaya*, our missionary magazine, were distributed mostly in the Austral and Inca Unions. The publishing house reports that this is the largest yearly circulation in the history of this periodical and represents a gain of 49,893 over 1930. Owing largely to the combination plan, the subscription list was increased during the year from 5,350 to 10,279.

We thank God for the literature ministry. It is a marvel how He is blessing this ministry in these strong Roman Catholic fields. "Certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it. Jehovah hath done that which He purposed; He hath fulfilled His word." Truly this is the day to hasten the work in these Catholic fields.

SCHOOLS

Thirty church schools were conducted in the union during the year by forty-five teachers, with an enrollment of 507 children. The two training schools, one carrying fourteen grades in Argentina and one of twelve grades in Chile, had a combined enrollment of approximately two hundred above the church school grades. From these two schools and the sanitarium nurses' training course, scores of devoted young people have gone out into all parts of the South American Division to carry the glad news of salvation.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

While there are only eighty-four organized churches in the union, there were at the end of 1931 two hundred thirteen Sabbath schools with a total membership of 5,590. The total Sabbath school offerings for the year amounted to \$17,652.23.

NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS

In Chile two chapels have been erected during 1931, which will be dedicated when the writer visits that field in March. Plans are under way for a second church building in the city of Santiago. Money is in hand to buy a lot for a new church in Valparaiso. Several years ago a very good central location was secured for a church building in Buenos Aires.

The contract has been let and work has begun on this long-looked-for church building.

Several years ago a building lot was secured for a new church here in Florida, our union headquarters. Early in 1931 plans for this church took definite shape. The Buenos Aires Conference voted to help; the publishing house gave a liberal donation; the Austral Union Conference also contributed and the balance was assigned to the members of the Florida church. A large number paid liberal monthly quotas through the year toward this enterprise. At last we have seen our hopes realized and Sabbath, February 20, we inaugurated our regular services in this new church building. It has a seating capacity of approximately 300, with two good church school rooms at the back and living quarters for the teachers above these rooms. We are all happy to get out of the old once-publishing-house factory with its cold cement floor, where our meetings have been held for several years.

For the blessings received in the Austral Union during the year 1931, we thank God and take courage.

N. Z. TOWN.

God's Works Are Wonderful

A FEW days ago we received news that cheered our hearts. While Brother Luis Villegas was canvassing and visiting homes with the book "Hacia la Edad de Oro" ("Toward the Golden Age"), he reached a home where, after he had presented his book, he took an order. When he went to deliver the book, he found the lady anxious to speak with him about the Word of God, for she told him plainly that she was hungry and thirsty for righteousness and desired to study the truths of the Bible. This colporteur promised her the visit of a pastor, and shortly after we had the privilege of visiting her in her home on the highest hill of Talcahuano. It tired us to climb that steep hillside, but we did not get discouraged; we rather thought it would be worth while to reach that home, for if we could save that soul our sacrifice would be amply rewarded.

On arriving there the lady welcomed us gladly. We then had op-

portunity to speak with her about the blessed hope we cherish, while tears rolled down her cheeks.

This lady told us that she had become acquainted with Sister Claudina de Villas, a woman of faith and prayer, who owns a confectioner's shop, and who never fails to speak about the truth to her customers, to whom she also sells or gives *El Atalaya*. For two years this sister has been working with and trying to get the above-mentioned lady interested in the truth, while the Spirit of God touched her heart until she at last met Brother Villegas. Then her soul experienced conflicting emotions of joy and sadness, as she thought that this might be the last opportunity God would grant her.

She also declared that twenty-seven years ago she had lived with Adventists and that she recognized the Sabbath as the true day of rest. She expressed herself also to the effect that she would not feel happy until she embraced the truth and put it into practice. She told us of all the privations and sufferings she endured in her life, and realized that they were means through which the Lord intended to lead her to His truth. While we listened to her our souls swelled with joy.

Our surprise was even greater when she confessed to us that she had been baptized by Elder Krieghoff, twenty-seven years ago, when she was still young; and then, after she married, she gradually left the truth, and never enjoyed true peace in her heart after she had departed from the truth. Now she finds joy in that God has called her back, and she wants her husband and three daughters to be won to Christ, that their lives may be put upon the altar of sacrifice for the praise of God.

As she spoke to us, we also wept for joy praising God for finding a lost sheep. My wife and I keep visiting that family, and we cherish the hope that they all will accept the truth.

A. BERCHIN.

“CLOUDLESS lives are not the most beautiful. A life with clouds of struggle and sorrow, all lighted up with the rays from the Sun of Righteousness, far excels in beauty and sunset ever seen.”

Accomplished through the Blessings of God in Chile

ON SABBATH, December 26, the brethren of the different churches of Santiago joined together in the Porvenir church where thirty-two new believers were baptized. Brethren A. Aeschlimann, B. Bustos, and J. Zevallos had thoroughly prepared their candidates, twenty-six of whom were won through the personal work of the lay members; three through the faithful work of colporteur Eliseo Muñoz; two through leaflets distributed and one through an advertisement published in the paper “*El Mercurio*.” We see that every kind of propaganda wins souls.

The same day Brother Luis A. Casanova of Valparaiso, baptized twelve people as the result of the work of Brother Roberto Block and his faithful members.

The 2nd of January was a day of joy for the brethren of San Felipe and Los Andes because Elder C. D. Christensen baptized four persons in Brother R. Schlegel's field of labor.

Antofagasta had a glorious day when on January 10, thirteen souls were baptized in the church of that city. One of the new believers had a nice baptistry costing nearly 3000.00 pesos Chilenos made in the patio behind the church. Besides this he spent several thousand pesos more for the improvement of the interior of the church. We are grateful to our friend, Eduardo Vergara, for this valuable gift to the church in Antofagasta. Pastor Carlos Mayr has done a good work there.

The 13th of January we baptized two more persons in the river Loa de Calama, of the Chuquicamata copper mine. In this great mining section we already have a Sabbath school of forty members. Brother Pacheco, who is in charge of the work in this place, is a good missionary.

Pastor Berchin has just organized a new church of twenty-six members in Talcahuano. Also in Charquenco the light of the gospel has begun to shine. Brother Juan Pidoux was able to organize a Sabbath school with fourteen new Sabbath keepers.

Brother Luis A. Griott writes as follows: “Just five leagues from the town La Union, in Yanculen, there are twenty people who are keeping

the Sabbath. It was my privilege to organize a Sabbath school of thirty members there. These are well-to-do people. I am very happy because of this gain; soon we shall have fifteen more people baptized in that place.

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Annual Meetings in the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission

It was the writer's privilege to attend the annual meetings, the workers' meeting and the colporteurs' institute of the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission from January 21 to February 3.

A good representation was present from the churches in the mission and it was evident from the first that rich blessings awaited God's people in this convocation. Elder R. R. Breitgam, from the South American Division; Elder E. H. Wilcox, from the South Brazil Union Conference; Elder H. G. Stoehr, superintendent of the local field, with all his workers, and the writer, representing the publishing house, were present to minister to the spiritual needs of God's people. God added His blessing to the word spoken and the Spirit carried to the hearts of all a sense of the solemnity of the times in which we live and the need of a thorough Christian experience in order to stand to the end.

The Sabbath morning service was especially blessed of God in bringing His people to a renewed consecration. At the close of the sermon, an appeal was made to those who had never been baptized to give themselves to God and His service. A good number came forward in response to the call. The Spirit touched the hearts of many young people who yielded to the invitation “Come.” Conviction of sin and a whole-hearted desire to be free from its toils came over the whole audience, a large part of which came forward also. Tears of repent-

ance and sorrow for unfaithfulness were shed by God's people as we knelt there before Him in that solemn hour.

Special services were held each day for the young people, who crowded to the front seats, while the rest of the hall was filled by the older members of the church. These occasions with the young people were especially gratifying to all present. We believe and pray that the instruction given will be a help to our young people in the times of stress we are entering.

On Sunday, January 24, a short Sabbath School Convention was held, under the direction of Pastor Breitigam, Divisional secretary of the Sabbath School Department. The blessings of this institution were emphasized, the goals necessary to its success were stressed, and all were led to see anew the importance of this pioneer department. I am sure all present felt that the convention was well worth while.

On Monday, one of the candidates for baptism was baptized by Pastor Alfred Suessmann. The remaining candidates will study further and be baptized as occasion presents itself. We pray that God will preserve faithful these new converts.

Following the general meetings, the workers in the local field, in company with the visiting brethren, gathered for a two days' study and counsel about their own needs and those of the field in which they minister. We were greatly heartened as we witnessed in these meetings a spirit of unanimity and oneness of purpose and the desire to put aside selfish plans and wishes in order that God's work might be advanced within the confines of the mission. Several changes in the location of workers were effected, but it was all done without the least bit of friction. It was unanimously voted that three series of public efforts should begin at once. One will be held in Rio Negro-Mafra by the superintendent of the field, Pastor Stoehr. A good hall has been secured and Brethren Roberto Rabello and Querino Dau will be associated with Pastor Stoehr, who sets a good example for the evangelists in his field by personally conducting this series of meetings.

Another effort will be held in Joinville, a progressive and important city in Santa Catharina. Pastor Alfred Suessmann is moving his family there. He will be assisted by Siegfried Kuempel. A good lot on the principal street of the city has practically been secured for the pitching of a new tent. The church members in this city are taking an active part in the preparations for this series.

Pastor F. R. Kuempel is moving his family from Ponta Grossa to Castro where he plans to conduct a series of public meetings. There has never been an Adventist church in that prosperous little city, but during twenty years one lone sister there has been praying that work be done there. There are people in that place who have been interested in the truth by this sister and a colporteur.

We bespeak for these efforts the sincere prayers of God's people everywhere to the end that a large harvest of souls may be won for Christ.

It was a real pleasure to be present with these workers and see how harmoniously they solved their problems. May they all be richly rewarded with fruits. They showed that they are not interested only in the evangelistic end of the work by setting for themselves goals in the Harvest Ingathering campaign totalling 11:500-\$000 (nearly \$1500.00 gold). Each worker in the mission pledged himself to use a certain number of our missionary magazine, *O Atalaia*, each month. They also decided that everyone should work at least two full days in the Big Week campaign, dedicating the profits of his sales to the Missions Extension Fund.

The colporteurs' institute followed these other meetings. A larger number of colporteurs were present than in any other institute. Eight new recruits were present to link their efforts with those of Gideon's band who have been in the harness through a number of years. We believe that better times are ahead for the publishing work in this mission. With an efficient organization in the office and a renewed vigor in the field, with a more faithful use of time, and with these additional recruits we can safely prophecy advancement in this mission in the circulation of the printed page.

We were especially impressed with the variety of callings and professions from which these fishers of men have been called by the Master. Among them are former tailors, photographers, tinsmiths, shoemakers, farmers, carpenters, gardeners, harness-makers, masons, storekeepers, cooks, factory workers and fishermen. May God make them just as efficient in soul winning as He did those who were called by Christ.

Pastor Manoel Margarido, director of the colporteur work in the South Brazil Union, and Emilio Keppke, local director of this department, assisted by Pastors Breitigam, Wilcox, Stoehr, and the writer, administered the instruction during the institute. Preaching services were held each night of the institute, and during the last three nights special meetings were conducted for the general public at which stereopticon pictures were effectively used in portraying to the public something of our work in other lands. The editor of the local paper also published an article about our meetings there, the material being furnished by the writer of this report.

One of the pleasing features of the institute was the hour in which the various colporteurs pledged themselves to work more diligently with our missionary magazine. The total of their goals for each month reach 300 subscriptions and the sale of 300 single copies. Since nearly all are working with books this additional work with the magazine represents a fine missionary spirit on the part of the workers. This work added to the goals taken by the ministerial workers will mean a good stimulus to *O Atalaia* and will mean a good influx of new souls into the church.

Take it all in all, I feel that these meetings from beginning to end were among the very best that I have attended anywhere. I can look forward to the end of the year and total up the achievements in that field and find that they far outweigh those of any previous year. May God greatly strengthen the brethren who lead out in that field as they marshal the forces of the church for greater and more efficient soul winning.

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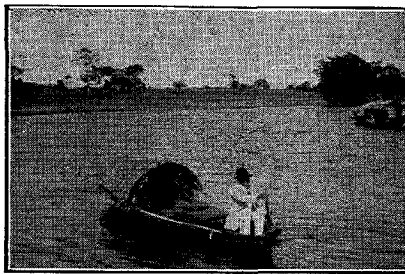
SEVERAL years ago while holding a number of meetings in the home of a gentleman who received some of our literature and had become interested in the truth through its careful perusal, Elder Wilcox and the writer became acquainted with Pedro. He rarely missed a meeting although many times it meant rowing in the rain for several hours, and the return home each night to us city folk would have been "scary." A little later I shall tell you why.

Elder L. B. Halliwell, who at present is the big *Tuxava* (chief) of the Amazon region, has sent me an interesting sketch of the work of Brother Pedro. He continued attending the meetings and before we left for Manaus he had decided to cast his lot with the commandment-keeping people. Now he has gone a step farther by casting his lot with the army of faithful colporteurs. Let us read what Brother Halliwell has to say about Pedro's work and experience:

"Brother Pedro is doing a good work up in the Amazon district. He has had several interesting experiences. In the last three months he has sold about a conto five hundred of books along those rivers. I am sending you a picture which shows how he travels. You will notice the trunk in which he has his books. Most every night he tries to make some house to spend the night. However, one night he could not find a

house and was obliged to tie up along the shore and spend the night in his canoe. About midnight he was awakened by a big splash in the water and something hit the canoe, nearly knocking off the straw covering. He got up, but in the darkness could see nothing. As soon as he lay down it happened again and he knew it was a big alligator attacking him. It would come up to the boat and strike with its big tail and almost succeeded in upsetting the boat and throwing him in the water. The rest of the night he spent in prayer to God to protect him from the monsters that infest the Amazon river."

The missionary colporteur as he goes full steam ahead from place to place along the hundreds, yea thousands of highways and byways of the Amazon river, in his little canoe or launch, has to undergo many hard-



Brother Pedro Bernardo working along the great Amazon River.

ships. Many times he has to travel several days without finding a house along the river banks. On one occasion the colporteurs' food gave out. But on and on they rowed. At ten o'clock in the night they reached a little shack on stilts. They gave the Brazilian call, "*Ó, de casa*" and were admitted. They asked for food but nothing was to be had save one egg. This was boiled and divided, making a "square" meal for the two hungry colporteurs.

But the knowledge of the fact that the gospel message can never reach the great Amazon region save through the printed page together with pioneer missionary endeavor, drives him ahead at full steam.

Let me quote another paragraph of the same letter:

"A few days before we started on our trip to Manaus the door bell rang and a man came upstairs. He

brought about 60\$000 in tithe and 10\$000 for mission offering. He said he lived out along one of the rivers here and was a member of the Pentecostal church, but one day Brother Andre passed there with his boat the "Mensajeiro" and he had bought several books. He is now keeping the Sabbath and said he wanted to pay his tithe to the Adventist church as he knows it to be the true church."

Surely God has ordained that even in the great forested lands of South America the message go full steam ahead through the means of the printed page. J. L. BROWN.

One Hundred Percent Active

IN A recent letter which came to the Division office from Brother J. D. Hardt, Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the East Brazil Union Mission, we found this good report of the work done by the Missionary Volunteer society at the Juiz de Fora church: "Of their membership of twelve, only four are remaining. Four are attending the college, three went into the colporteur work a few weeks ago, and one is working in one of our offices. I think that is a good record as to the worth of our young people's societies."

This is indeed a splendid record for any Missionary Volunteer society, and would constitute a good target for other societies to aim at.

EDITOR.

No Room for Jesus

SOME people say that they have no time nor room for Jesus. But what are they without Him, who is their life, their song and their strength? It is as if the tree should say that it has no room for the sap which gives it life! It is as if the cage should say that it has no room for the bird that warbles forth its songs! It is as if the boiler should say that it has no room for the steam which gives it power! But what would the tree, the cage, and the boiler be worth without these things? And what is a person worth without Jesus?

N. P. NEILSEN.