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Development and Work in Brazil

WHILE it is not generally known, it was upon Brazilian soil that the first Protestant attempt was made to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in South America. This was in 1555, two hundred years before William Carey, the great missionary to India, was born. Calvin and Coligny together with the French Huguenots were concerned in it, but since the scheme meant colonization much more than Christianization and soon came to an end in disaster, the fact is not generally published.

In the year 1836 two Methodist missionaries were found at work in Rio de Janeiro, but before the language had been learned or anything had been undertaken in behalf of the Brazilians, one died and the other on account of crushing financial troubles abandoned the country. In later years this organization re-entered the field and other denominations began to establish their enterprises.

It was in 1892 that the first Seventh-day Adventist missionaries, self-supporting colporteurs, entered Brazilian territory. During the 33 years since then God surely has made bare His holy arm in behalf of the Third Angel's Message.

To-day there are nearly 5,000 loyal believers and supporters of the Advent Message scattered from the vast jungles of the Amazonas, the thickets and wilds of Matto Grosso to the pampas of Rio Grande do Sul. Safe estimates of the number of those in baptismal classes or awaiting baptism place it at 500. Our brethern and sisters are organized into 70 churches and many groups, with more than 200 Sabbath Schools in which they continue to study the blessed Book that casts its rays of light upon their darkened pathway. Each week they give of their earnings that the Christ of the cross of Calvary might be proclaimed Sav-

our to their fellowmen in this fair land and others less favored. These some 5,000 members are co-operating loyally with the 150 workers and colporteurs that the work of God might be finished in the hearts of these dear Brazilian people.

To aid in efficient soul-winning the great republic of Brazil, which is almost equal to all the other South American states combined and has about one half of the population of the continent, is divided into two Unions,—the South Brazil Union Conference and the East Brazil Union Mission.

The territory of the South Brazil Union includes the States of Rio Grande do Sul, Sao Paulo, Santa Catharina,

Paraná, Matto Grosso, Goyaz, and the western part of Minas Geraes. The Union Conference, with the headquarters in the city of Sao Paulo, is comprised of three organized conferences and three mission fields. Elder N. P. Neilsen is the president of the Union.

Elder F. W. Spies, who has been in active missionary service in Brazil for more or less thirty years, is superintendent of the East Brazil Union Mission, with headquarters in Rio de Janeiro. Its vast territory comprises the eastern half of the State of Minas Geraes, the Federal District, the states of Rio de Janeiro, Espirito Santo, Bahia, Sergipe, Alagoas, Pernambuco, Parahyba, Rio Grande do Norte, Piauhy, Ceará, Maranhao, Pará, and Amazonas.

The Casa Publicadora Brasileira, situated in Sao Bernardo, Sao Paulo, is an important factor in the proclamation of the Advent Message to the some 35,000,00 of Brazil. Its many machines and busy wheels never move unless it be for the publishing of the Message, and during 1924 more than \$140,000.00 worth of Message-filled pages left its doors. The first eight months of 1925 registered a satisfactory gain of practically 16% over the sales of 1924.

The Collegio Adventista, located at Santo Amaro, Sao Paulo, has been founded but ten short years and has had to overcome many obstacles but nevertheless practically one half of all present workers in Brazil have studied within its doors. During the present year more than 200 Brazilian youth were matriculated in its many courses.

We can truly say that our Lord has worked mightily for His cause in Brazil. The truth advances! The prospects for the onward march of the Advent Message in Brazil are as bright as the promises of God. It is our aim to give our best to the work in Brazil.

ENNIS V. MOORE.

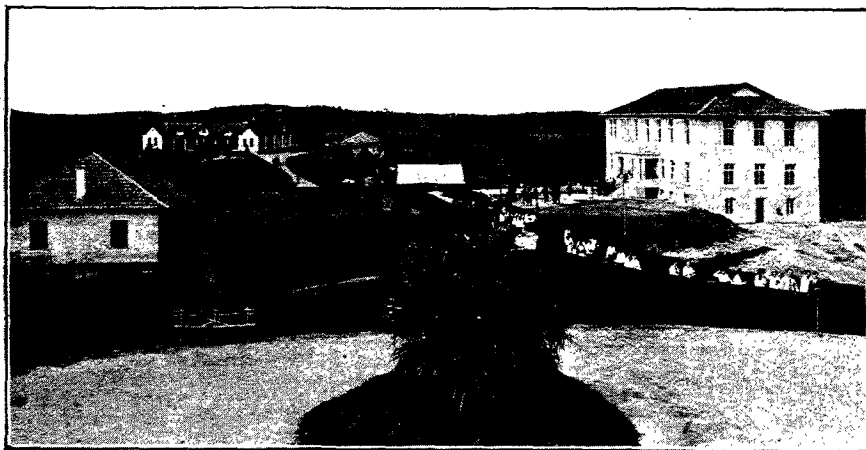
A WELCOME

We welcome thee, thou little sheet,
Because of all thy news;
Within our home a little place
To thee we'll not refuse.
We christen thee THE BULLETIN
Thy work is very clear,
To keep us posted month by month;
To bring us news of cheer.

We welcome thee among the scores
Of more protentious ones;
From thee we'll learn of progress made
In winning souls—and funds.
Then tell the triumphs of the cause,
Tell of God's wondrous ways;
For from the mouths of little ones
God has ordained His praise.

Though thou art small, thy field is large,
Thy message makes thee great.
The work of God keeps marching on—
Bring news that's up-to-date.
Thy field is South America,
Thy cause, a world-wide one—
Tell of the onward march of truth;
Of victories that are won.

N. P. Neilsen.



Campus of the Brazil Training School

The Brazilian Training School

FOR the first time since the school began our Bible department has conducted a series of Sunday night meetings in Santo Amaro for the public, and cottage meetings among the neighbors of the "Collegio." As a result of these efforts several of the neighbors are keeping the Sabbath and coming to Sabbath School and meetings here at the school, and in Santo Amaro the interested ones have been organized into a baptismal class.

One of the serious effects of the financial crisis through which we are passing in Brazil has been a decided reduction in the number of cash students in the college. As the deflation of the currency continues, the price of coffee, cotton, sugar, corn, etc., drops to from one to two-thirds of the prevailing price of a few months ago. This condition, together with interest rates at the banks of 24% to 30% has made it impossible for many of our people to continue their children in the school.

But the crisis is bringing at least one blessing to the school. As the cry has been repeated, "Give us more industrial work or we must leave," we have been led to develop our industries much more rapidly than would otherwise have been considered possible or at least advisable.

As we began to look for additional work, we found that two of our local conferences were about to place orders for large tents for public meetings, and we easily secured the orders for making these tents; both of which are now in the field and seem to be giving satisfaction.

We also took the contract to build two houses in Santo Amaro, sending our boys back and forth every day, and making the doors, windows, etc. here in our shop.

Another effect was the opening up in Santo Amaro of a deposit for the sale of milk and fresh vegetables from our farm. This business began small, with the sale of only one liter of milk the first day, however, within a few days we were selling all our surplus milk or some fifty liters per day at 0\$900 (18 cts. Amer. gold) per liter at the deposit, and the sale of vegetables is growing rapidly. It seems certain that we shall be able to sell at good prices, without any house-to-house delivery, all the surplus produce that we can raise.

For the first time in its history Brazil has just had a milk contest and exposition of dairy and creamery machinery and supplies. Several importers and breeders of dairy cattle took part, some forty cows were entered of which 32 took part in the contest. As

the college had no blooded cows except our heifers, and as the oldest one of these was but 34 months old and had been giving milk already for six months, we felt that it was impossible for us to enter. However, we finally sent this heifer and a grade cow from our milking herd and were quite pleased at the end of the contest to find that we stood in second and third place in the total butter fat produced, and in fourth and fifth place in the total milk given. Nearly all the other cows were mature animals and fresh or nearly so. We also received the first premium on our exposition of ensilage. The State Agriculture College was unable to come anywhere near our record.

A very prominent business man who saw our stock at the exposition made a visit to the school soon after and asked us to arrange to import for him ten heifers like ours. He offers to pay all the expenses and beside give us a donation which would amount to something over \$1,000.00 gold. Scores of other prominent people who visited the exposition, expressed their surprise to see the progress that the institution had made in this industry in so short a time.

We are now starting out on a new line which offers every promise of success from the very beginning,—a poultry department, scientifically operated on a commercial scale.

T. W. STEEN.

Reputation is what men and women say of us. Character is what God and the angels know of us.



Young Herd of Holstein Cattle at the Brazil Training School

Austral Union Conference

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Missionary Activity in the Austral

THE Lord has wonderfully blessed the humble efforts of our workers and lay members throughout the Austral Union during the first nine months of the present year and it is with joy that we report advancements in every phase of missionary activity.

During this time our treasurer has received \$16,326.02 American gold on Harvest Ingathering. We feel confident that when the report comes in of all the money raised that we will again reach the \$17,000.00 mark, although our Union goal is only \$15,000.00. We feel very grateful for this splendid sum of money which will be used in helping our union training school. In our campaign this year we have been able to see the providence of God many times, for doors that have been closed to us in the past have been opened. We have had splendid success in this line of missionary activity, yet we feel that there is a brighter future ahead of our Harvest Ingathering work.

The Big Week campaign for 1925 is now in the past and while it is early to give definite figures yet we are sure that the final results of this effort will far surpass anything that has ever been done in previous years. One conference secretary wrote that he had never received so many orders for Big Week literature from the churches as this year. The manager of our publishing house states that before the Big Week began they had shipped over 10,000 copies of the new book, "Contagious Diseases," into the field. Another field director sends in the following report: "The prospects are bright for the Big Week this year. I have found a wonderful interest in the field. I believe our field will double its goal." Another writes: "This year we are going to surpass anything that has ever been done in this field in the Big Week," and another, "You can count on us this year, we will reach our goal in this campaign."

We feel very optimistic over the future of the activities of the home missionary work in the Union. Advance moves will be made in the immediate future and with the Lord's help we are sure that this department

of our work will fill its place in the finishing of this great work in the earth. The Home Missionary Institute Lessons for the churches are ready and will be sent into the field in a few days. We believe these lessons will greatly help our workers and secretaries preparing our lay members to aid in the great task that lies before us. We are definitely planning to conduct a ten-day's institute in all the larger churches just as soon as possible with the object of preparing for service the church, which is the greatest undeveloped force in the world. We earnestly solicit not only the co-operation of our workers but also an interest in your prayers that God will direct in the plans of this department.

L. E. CHRISTMAN.

Gift From a Prominent Business Man

PASTOR Godofredo Block, our German worker in the North Argentine Conference, assisted by our loyal German-Russian brethren, has begun the erection of a neat church building in the prosperous village of Viale, in the province of Entre Rios.

A beautiful piece of land, equal to about four city lots, located not far from the very center of town was selected as a site for the new church building. The land itself was valued at \$5,000.00 pesos but the owner, a prominent business man of Paraná, decided to reduce the price to \$1,500.00 pesos. With this splendid offer, our people felt more impressed than ever that the Lord was leading them to build in Viale. Money was pledged by the brethren, and friends in the town very generously gave for our work and soon the foundation was laid and a date fixed for the laying of the corner stone. The writer was invited to attend the special service and to speak on the subject of our "World Wide Work." Pastor Block had charge of the program which consisted of other short speeches and a chorus by about forty children from our church school at Centenario, located about a league distant. Just before the crowd was dismissed Señor Ramon Isasi, a prominent notary public of Paraná, and a special friend of our work, addressed the people speaking in the highest terms of what we are doing in the Province of Entre Rios and of the good being accomplished throughout the country by the River Plate Junior College. In closing his remarks he announced that the owner, who was by his side, had decided to make a donation of the land to our people.

This gift was received with deepest gratitude and the entire congregation, composed of many Catholics and protestants, were deeply touched as the ceremonies closed with this gift to the cause of God in the town of Viale. The work on the new church is going forward and very soon we shall be able to dedicate another monument to God's great message of reform that is to go to every nation, kindred and tongue.

R. T. BAER.

A Baptismal Service

OCTOBER 31, 1925 was a day of joy for all at the River Plate Junior College as we witnessed 24 of the students buried with their Lord in baptism near the beautiful little waterfall in the Paraiso Creek. A goodly number gathered on the banks of the creek to witness the sacred rite and to listen to the beautiful songs rendered by the choir.

Among the candidates was a boy of seventeen who had been studying to become a priest but was induced by one of our good colporteurs to attend our school. He is a bright student and soon recognized the Bible plan of salvation and was glad to accept the Bible as his guide. He is especially anxious that one of his brothers who is still attending the school of the priests shall with the entire family, which numbers 17, see and believe as he does.

Our baptismal class this year is the largest in the history of the school, however not all in the class were baptized as some were advised by the faculty and their parents to wait a little longer and receive more instructions before taking this solemn step.

J. H. ROTH.

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A Visit to the State of Goyaz

IN COMPANY with Brother Luis Walvogel, I had the privilege during the latter part of October of visiting for the first time our new Sabbath keepers in the state of Goyaz. Goyaz is a very large state but it is sparsely settled and great portions of it are inhabited by large tribes of Indians many of whom have never yet heard the gospel story but live in ignorance, superstition and heathen darkness.

We went as far as Tavares, a new town located about 250 kilometres up the state at the end of the railroad. At this place a number have recently begun to keep the Sabbath, among them an ordained minister of the Baptist denomination. We had the privilege of baptizing two dear souls and three others were received into church fellowship on former baptism.

We also spent several days at Pires do Rio where we have several new Sabbath keepers, some of whom desired to be baptized and unite with us. We now have three members at this place. While there we organized a Sabbath School of sixteen members. The house was practically filled with interested listeners at every service we held with them. We believe there is a bright future for our work at this place, as well as at Tavares if we could place a worker there to follow up the interest.

Brother Carlos Heinrich and family recently moved from Tavares where they have been living for several months, into the interior about thirteen days' journey to start self-supporting work among the Indians. While doing medical work, treating the sick and relieving suffering in order to support his family, he hopes to win his way into the hearts of these people and thus bring the truth to them. He plans to make the medical work the opening wedge for the entrance of the Message. Surely the Lord in His purpose must have some way of bringing the last message of mercy to the thousands of people sitting in heathen darkness. Brethern, pray for the work in the great state of Goyaz.

N. P. NEILSEN.

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Rio de Janeiro

IT WAS exactly fifteen years ago last June (1925), since I had the privilege of disembarking in Rio de Janeiro, to dedicate myself to the evangelical work in this beautiful city.

At that time there were but 30 church members who met in a private home, located in the suburbs, far away from the center of the city. We were little known at the time, but as the publishing house increased its number of publications, and these were distributed among the people, new converts were added to the church.

In 1921 we were able to dedicate a beautiful little church to the Master's service. This building located in the suburban district of the capital, is easy of access. In a short time it became apparent that it was not large enough to accommodate all who attended our services, as the membership had increased 600%, making it necessary to organize a second church. Within a short time after this a third company of faithful Sabbath keepers was organized.

Thanks to the generosity of the General Conference brethren, in 1924 we were able to purchase and remodel a building, that will comfortably accommodate 200 people. Although located in a central part of the city we can hold our services in quietness and peace. The outside attendance at our Sunday night meetings has been very good. At first we printed hand bills announcing the meetings but more people came than the church could accommodate, so we discontinued the announcements. In these public efforts we have been able to reach an excellent class of people, many of whom are becoming interested in the truth.

Our present membership of 250 continues to increase and soon we hope to be able to organize another church in another part of the city. As our membership grows and our work enlarges our needs increase and we believe that the Lord will provide the men and means to help evangelize this great city that is wrapped in the darkness of sin and indifference.

R. J. WILFART.

Breezes From East Brazil

RECENTLY it was my privilege to again visit the northern missions of our Union. Pastor Jorgensen accompanied me as far as Victoria. In company with Pastor Schneider he spent a month in the Espirito Santo Mission in the interests of the work of the Sabbath School, Educational, and the Young People's work.

Two days later I arrived at Bahia and Brethren Halliwell and Storch met me at the docks. I spent a week in Bahia devoting the time to Harvest Ingathering work, holding meetings and counseling about the work. At Bahia a good number of souls have been baptized or are in classes preparing for this rite. In the Bahia Mission the truth is entering new places and we receive many calls that we cannot answer.

From Bahia I went to the Pernambuco Mission. On the way to Recife the capital of Pernambuco, I stopped

off two days at Maceio to assist Brother Davis in the Harvest Ingathering and then went into the interior to visit some of the brethren. In this mission the Message has entered new places and we are unable to answer the calls coming from many sections of the state.

We especially need two able evangelists, one for Recife and one for Bahia. There is wealth in these cities, and also people who would gladly accept the message and give of their means to advance it. We sincerely hope that we may soon receive this much needed help.

As we see how the Lord works, we feel to praise Him and can only say we are pressing on with courage to the finishing of the work.

F. W. SPIES.

Victory After Defeat

JUST about a year ago I had the blessed privilege of baptizing several dear souls in our capital city, Bello Horizonte.

One of these candidates was married within a week after his baptism. Surely, Satan takes the new-born of Christ's family into desert places to be tempted and tried. This young man was severely tried and failed to trust his newly accepted Master and Saviour. In order to meet his material necessities and obligations he had to work, but the Sabbath was no longer granted him, as before. He sought, but it seemed in vain, for a position where he might be loyal to the commands of God. Finally he gave up and worked every day in the week.

Several months passed but his mind was still troubled. One night he was awakened from sound sleep by a touch and as he opened his eyes he saw a man-like angel dressed in white standing beside his bed. The heavenly visitor spoke very distinctly saying to him, "You must keep the Sabbath, Brother, and read the 90th Psalm," and then disappeared.

Our brother immediately got up and lighted the lamp and read the 90th Psalm. He was deeply impressed with the shortness of man's existence on the earth and at once asked God to give him grace to make a new start. He kept the next Sabbath and the Lord has prospered him ever since. He is now our Sabbath school superintendent in Bello Horizonte and desires to enter the colporteur work. May God help every tempted and tried soul to live the "Victorious Life."

J. L. BROWN.

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Striking a Light in the Darkness

THE interest of those who have been following the progress of the work in the Inca Union has been centered for some months in the hazardous missionary journey which Elder F. A. Stahl, with some native helpers, was making into the interior of the Amazon country. The objective point in his journey was the city of Iquitos, located on the Amazon River in the eastern frontier of Perú. The purpose has been to learn more about the people, preach the gospel where opportunity offered and open the country to our mission work. The first word from the travelers after reaching their destination is full of good cheer and bright prospects. We are glad to pass on the readers of the BULLETIN the following from Elder Stahl, written July 30:

"After quite a hard trip we arrived at Iquitos. We find a city of more than 14,000 inhabitants without an evangelical society of any kind. The people welcomed us with open arms. One prominent man exclaimed upon meeting us: 'Al fin Vds. han llegado. Tendremos mucho gusto.' (At last you have arrived. We are very glad). This place, as well as the whole Amazon and Loreto region, is ready for the Message.

"I have never seen a finer prospect for missionary work, especially medical work. Indians! why there are thousands of them and some very fine openings! I just returned from visiting the Yuaguas near the Napo, on a branch of the Amazon, and they are wanting a work started."

Elder Stahl enclosed a clipping from the local paper which extended a warm welcome to the Adventists. The following is a translation of the same:

"THE ARRIVAL OF THE ADVENTISTS"

"On the mail steamer 'Rosa' Doctor F. A. Stahl arrived with a group of Adventists to establish a mission in this place. He has come accompanied by his secretary Mr. Bernabé Chavez.

"The Seventh-day Adventists, which is the name of this noble organization have their headquarters in the United States of America. Their purpose is

to disseminate moral culture by the establishment of schools where necessary, and to co-operate with those already established.

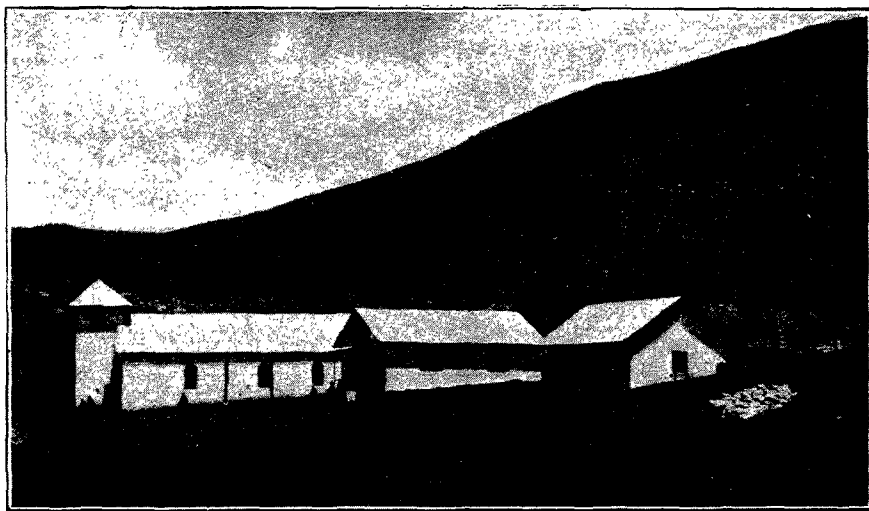
"Dr. Stahl will remain only a few days. After obtaining some information he will go out to explore this whole region in order thus to accomplish the noble purpose for which he has come. In the meantime Mr. Chavez will remain here.

"The Adventists tell us that later others of their companions will come with their families, Mr. Stahl is a North American and Mr. Chavez is a Peruvian, native of Calendín.

"We give them a welcome."

Iquitos is the hub of the great interior of Perú. A mission here would give us contact with the whole region. Here is virgin territory opening to the gospel. Should we step in and occupy it?
 H. U. STEVENS.

"Unwillingness to accept a duty that involves difficulties and promises small rewards is a peril that young people should avoid with all the determination of their manhood and womanhood. No one really amounts to anything worth while who does not make himself do hard things in life."
 —Selected.



UMUCHI OR THE FAMOUS "BROKEN STONE MISSION"

Our readers will more fully appreciate the sentiments of loneliness expressed by Sister Brouchy in the following article when they know that our mission stations in this field are far removed one from another, thus depriving our workers of the association with other white workers

At Home at "Broken Stone" Mission

WE ARE on the "roof of the world." During the day the blue sky and clear atmosphere enable us to see the eternal snow on the mountain at a distance of 300 miles. At night the beautiful sky is bedecked with twinkling stars which look like the lights of a distant city. We forget the barrenness of the mountains as we raise our eyes and behold the beauty of the firmament. Oh, how many, many times at night, when I have been alone at the Mission Station, my only consolation has been to go out and look and meditate upon the shining armies of the heavens. When doubts and discouragements have assailed me, and when filled with fear of thieves and assassins, I have left the narrow walls of my adobe hut to lose myself in contemplation of the

infinity of space and overwhelmed at the vastness I seemed to hear a melodious voice saying: "Lift up your eyes on high and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their hosts by number; He calleth them all by name by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power: not one faileth. And almost unconsciously I would repeat "the greatness of His might. . . . He is strong in power." If God cares for the stars will He not also care for me? For whom is His power if not for me? His strength is my strength, I will not fear. After this little soliloquy, I have felt nearer my God and without any fear of what might befall I have gone quietly and peacefully to sleep. Let us consider more and more the creative works of God wherever we may be, and our place will then be to us the best place in all the world.

LYDIA L. DE BROUCHY.

Christian or Heathen

PERHAPS you may think that the Indians living near Lake Titicaca are all Christians, but they are not. It is true that four centuries ago the Jacobin friar Valverde introduced the crucifix in Cajamarca, Perú, but from that time to the present the Peruvian Indians have received little or no Christian education. Thousands of them attend the present day temples, but they go to worship their heathen images and have no conception of what Christianity is nor of their duties as Christians.

What has been done for the Peruvian Indian during the four hundred years since the conquest? Nothing more than to expel them from the "Temple of the Sun" and compel them to go to other temples where they are more free to practice their vices.

Before the conquest these aborigines worshipped the sun and the moon as supreme beings and constructed magnificent temples to these deities, the ruins of which may still be seen in many places.

They worshipped the thunderbolt (Yllapa), the lightning flash (Catuilla), the serpent (Chan) and the lion (Puma). They also worshipped (Pachamac) the Unknown God, to whom they ascribe the power to carry loads and the strength and vigor to climb the cliffs. However, at the present time many are returning to the Christian temples to worship the miraculous images, without having abandoned the worship of the former for they worship "Catuilla" as before. Do they still worship "Pachamac," or "Pacha-Mama," the owner of the hills? The following sad story about "Pacha-Mama" occurred in our day:

In the mountain country to the west of Lake Titicaca a young man became ill. His parents did all they could to help him but everything seemed in vain and he continued to grow worse.

"Tata," said the old Indian woman to her husband one evening. "What else can we do for our son? He is going to die."

"Don't be afraid, Mama, we will call the 'colliry' (witch doctor) and he will tell us why our son has gotten sick and what we should do to heal him."

Thus saying, the old Indian took his "yacolla" (blanket) and cane and started out into the night with the one great desire of having his son healed. He walked six long miles through the cold and snow and finally returned with the "colliry."

The witch doctor asked for coca and alcohol, and after having chewed a

few leaves and taken some alcohol, he said: "Pachamac! Pachamac!" and climbed to the top of the nearest hill. He started a fire, burned a few coca leaves and came back hurriedly, saying. "Pacha-Mama is very angry and demands human blood. The first one that passes this road must be killed," continued the witch, "and his blood must be shed on top of the hill in order that the sick man may be healed."

That night an unfortunate traveller was ruthlessly murdered by the relatives of the sick man and at the present time there is a lawsuit going on for this crime in the courts of the province.

The "colliry," as well as the others connected with this crime, claims to be a member of the church. Is there any difference then between these Christians and the heathen? Help us with your sympathy and prayers so that we may evangelize the heathen Indian of Peru.

FRANCISCO BROUCHY.

Kindness a Universal Language

ON A CERTAIN Sabbath afternoon wife and I left our mission station for a walk across the pampa. We soon reached the place where an aged Aymará Indian woman was bending low, digging potatoes. We wanted to tell her about Jesus. At this time our knowledge of Spanish was quite limited, but with the assistance of a brother who spoke Aymará and some Spanish, we told this poor woman that Jesús loved her soul, that He died for her, and that He was coming soon. We asked her to come to Sabbath School and church.

After a time we returned from our walk and passed near where the old lady was still working. She waved to us and came running toward us, carrying about two dozen potatoes in her shawl. By the use of the sign language we soon understood that she wished to give them to us. We did not want to take them from her, but finally did so not desiring to offend her.

A little later the Lord permitted an aggravated infection to come on the back of her hand. This received proper treatment from Mrs. Carr and it soon got better.

This woman now comes to our Sabbath School and has asked for an attendance card. We were touched on another Sabbath, to have her bring up to the platform a small earthen jug of milk as a token of her appreciation for the treatments she had received.

The Lord has many ways of reaching honest hearts. J. H. CARR.

PUBLISHING

How About 1925?

AS HAS already been reported, 1924 was South America's banner year in literature sales. Aside from the marked increase in sales for 1924, very encouraging reports were received from nearly every corner of the continent telling of a harvest of souls as the result of faithful efforts with our literature.

Many may now be inquiring about the year 1925. Will its reports show up equally as well or have we reached the peak? Was 1924 a year to stand out above the rest? It is true we never know what experience God has in store for us, for reverses sometimes come as a blessing to us and the work.

This finds me rather isolated in Brazil and out of touch with the latest reports, but within just the last few days certain items have come to my notice which I take pleasure in passing on to our readers.

A few days ago in a public talk, Elder Neilsen, the president of the South Brazil Union Conference, stated that there were at this time perhaps four hundred interested people scattered throughout the Union who have been reported as a result of our colporteur work and that many of these are already keeping the Sabbath. A large percent of these people live in distant sections and, as it were by chance, learned of the plan of salvation. This reminds us of the statement made by Mrs. E. G. White on January 23, 1913, a short time before her death: "Through our canvassers the truth will reach those who can not be reached in any other way, those living far from any large settlement. . . To such ones our canvassers are to be God's evangelists, going from house to house, and opening the Scripture to those whom they meet."

Now listen to this which comes in the last mail, from Mrs. Wilcox of the Inca Union Mission office. It is but another chapter in the already interesting and cheering story of the remarkable results of colporteur work in Perú. Mrs. Wilcox writes: "We are receiving encouraging reports of the results of the colporteur work. You will remember Brother Moran of Perú, who accepted the truth after purchasing a book from a colporteur, but afterwards apostatized and walked fifty leagues in order to get to Lima to 'study the Truth,' as he and his companions expressed it. Brother

Lorenz has recently been sent to visit the community where Brother Moran has been laboring. He baptized eight persons during his visit and brought back over three hundred soles in tithes and . . . says there are at least one hundred and fifty who are keeping the Sabbath and accepting all other points as fast as they are shown them. It is expected that a strong church will be developed in this community, similar to the one at Laroas (church of about ninety members begun by work of colporteur). Brother Lorenz reports that the Catholic priest of that section was traveling between two villages when he learned that Brother Lorenz was in the community. He became frightened and dare not go either backward or forward and so went and hid in a field and spent the entire night."

Just a word about the sales thus far in 1925. From a letter written by E. W. Everest, manager of our Spanish publishing house, we quote: "The retail value of our sales for the first eight months of this year shows an increase of 12% above those for the same period of 1924." And in a statement from M. V. Tucker, manager of our Portuguese house, we learn that for the first nine months of this year there is a gain of about 16% over the sales for the same period of last year.

E. H. MEYERS.

A Good Report

THE circulation of literature is one of the most effective means of spreading the Third Angel's Message. It will reach homes where the living preacher will never go. Surely the Lord has gone before us and the book work moves forward by leaps and bounds. God has given our faithful colporteurs wonderful success. It is really remarkable!

Under date of October 15th, Elder A. C. Harder, president of the Rio Grande do Sul Conference, writes:

"The colporteurs complained about the work among the Italians so I advised Brother Zeroth to take "Big Week" among this people. He went to Caxias, an Italian town. Here is his report: Time worked, 61 hours. Orders taken for "Nossa Epoca," 95. Combinations with "O Atalaia" 64. Total value for the week, 3:330\$000 (\$666.00 gold). The best day's report was 30 orders with 27 combinations at a value of \$1:140\$000 (\$270.00 gold). I do not remember just what Brother Manoel Margarido's report was, but I think it was much the same. Of course, this was also done among the Italians. As far as I know, this is the first report of this kind in Brazil."

Brother Manoel Margarido, field secretary of the Sao Paulo Conference, was able to work only three days during his "Big Week" because of sickness. He worked 24 hours and took orders for 2:195\$000, (\$439.00 gold). On his biggest day he took orders for 1:020\$000 (\$204.00 gold). This surely was excellent, but Brother Zeroth exceeded him a little.

But still more interesting to us are the reports that come of persons who here and there throughout our field become interested in the truth through reading our books. We hear of people keeping the Sabbath as a result of the books that have been sold. May the Lord help us to gather in these precious souls! N. P. NEILSEN.

Our Literature in South Brazil

IT WAS Emperor Bonaparte that said: "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets," and President Harding said: "The strongest influence for good or evil in the world to-day, through its power to mould public opinion, is the secular press." Not only the above mentioned men recognized the power of the press, but men of all time have appreciated the great influence exerted by the printed page. Recently while talking with one of our members in Rio Grande do Sul he told me of a sermon given by a priest in a certain city who said to his audience, "The greatest enemy we have in our city to-day is 'O Atalaia.'" One of our colporteurs had just secured a goodly number of subscriptions in that city and naturally the priest counselled the people to destroy them.

While we as a people realize to a certain extent the power and influence of the printed page, I believe that as yet we have not awakened to the great possibilities that God through this means has placed in our hands for the finishing of His work. Our literature has a power and influence that no other literature can have, for it contains the truth of God.

Satan also recognizes the influence exerted by good, clean literature and many times uses his agents to hinder its circulation. Not long ago one of our colporteurs in Rio Grande do Sul came to a certain house to deliver a book. The man came out very furious. The colporteur tried to reason with him but could not as he appeared as one possessed with a demon. He took from his person a large knife and began to wave it about the colporteur as though he was ready to kill him. He gave a blow with the knife and it

entered the ground at the feet of the colporteur. The book was not delivered but the colporteur left the place unharmed. Another colporteur from the same state was whipped in a certain place where he entered to sell a book. I have not yet received the particulars of this case, and cannot understand who would dare to do such a thing as this colporteur is about the tallest man I ever saw. He is a German, and as the Germans say, he is not only tall, but wide out.

The work in Rio Grande do Sul is encouraging. Brother Zeroth writes that he thinks they will reach their goal for the year. Brother Harder reports that with the present order of "Our Day" in German which they are waiting for, they will have used 2,000, and they are not through yet.

From Brother Oliveira we learn that he has just received word that three new recruits want to enter the work soon. He is quite confident of his yearly goal for Santa Catharina and Paraná.

C. L. BAINER.

Colportering in Rio de Janeiro

THE following interesting report representing twelve weeks of work by Brother Julio Miñan in Rio de Janeiro, the Federal capital of Brazil, shows what can be accomplished by consecration and hard work.

Orders for "Our Day," cloth binding	287
Orders for "Our Day," Kerotol	223
Total number of orders	510
Average orders per week	57
Average hours worked per week	39
Average sales per hour (\$8.00 gold)	40\$000
96% of orders delivered	

The most of the books sold were in the Portuguese language, but a few in English, German, Italian, and Spanish were also delivered.

Brother Miñan is a student in our school at Santo Amaro, but expects to finish at the end of this year at which time he will connect with the Bahía Mission as field missionary secretary.

A few months ago two young ladies from the school canvassed here in Rio with very good success. One lady who bought a book is attending the Sabbath School and church services regularly, is studying with one of our Bible students and has requested baptism. The students who have worked here in this large city with its 1,300,000 souls say that they have never had better experiences anywhere in the colporteur work. There should be many who are willing to dedicate their lives to the work in these large cities for surely "the fields are white already to harvest."

F. C. VARNEY.

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A recent cable states that Pastor P. E. Brodersen will arrive on the "Western World" which reaches Buenos Aires, Dec. 9th.

We were happy to greet in Buenos Aires, Brother David Lust enroute to his new field of labor. After spending a few days with relatives in Entre Rios, Argentine, he will proceed to Lima where he will enter upon work in connection with the Lima Training School.

"Enforcing the Sunday Rest Law"

AN ARTICLE recently appeared in a daily of the city of Buenos Aires under the above caption. From the write-up we extract the following paragraph:

"Dr. Tamborini, the Minister of the Interior, has sent a couple of communications to the Chief of Police and the Mayor, in which he insists upon the desire of the Executive to enforce the Sunday Rest Law, which is systematically broken in many parts of the Republic, and especially in the city of Buenos Aires.

"The Chief of Police has been asked to cooperate with the employees of the National Labour Department; while the Mayor has been requested to prepare a memorandum, to be submitted to the City Council, enforcing the law to the effect that almacens may not keep the saloon part of the shop open on Sunday, while the grocery department is ostensibly closed, as it is found that clients are able to purchase groceries on Sunday by simply going into the bar and asking for them."

Latest From Lake Titicaca

Brother G. E. Mann writes from Puno, Peru, under date of Sept. 17th:

"Now, for a few of the recent happenings in our field. Several weeks ago someone burned the roof off the public school building near our mission and then they brought accusation against Brother Field and what few people we have attending our services there. They tried to get Brother Field in jail, but did not succeed, but they did get the poor Indians in jail and abused them and fined them quite heavily. Things were quite interesting for several weeks but the agitation has now died down and Brother Field reports an attendance of fifty-one at his Sabbath services.

"The other day while Pedro Naira was canvassing in a certain district the Sub-Prefecto's men caught him, beat him up with clubs until they had about killed him, took his book and bag away from him and when he went into town he was put in jail. We went to the Prefect and got an order to have him released. The scars that he received on his face, I suppose he will carry with him the rest of his life. He gave a nice talk to the Sabbath School here in Puno last Sabbath. He said he wanted the Lord to give him grace to suffer for Him and to endure unto the end. He himself was in tears as were also many of the congregation before he had finished this talk. He is of good courage.

"Brethern Kalbermatter, Thompson and myself just returned from a trip in and around Sandia, looking for a suitable place to begin our work in that region. We were gone two weeks and a half. From Sandia we went three

days further on by foot. We got down where the heavy timber begins. It is a beautiful country with all kinds of fruit. . . . We spent two days and a half visiting and giving medicine to the sick. They were very anxious to have us establish a school among them, promising one hundred students. Altogether, we walked about two hundred miles. One day we started from eight thousand feet elevation and walked up to sixteen thousand feet and spent the night. The valleys that we visited are quite thickly populated and the Indians own all the land. Well, we are all of good courage, even if the enemy is doing his best to destroy our work."

Austral Gleanings

WE ARE glad to be able to announce through the columns of the BULLETIN, the arrival of new recruits for the Austral Union Conference. After several months of patient waiting we were happy to welcome to our field Brother C. L. Bauer and family who are now comfortably settled in Florida. Brother Bauer is the secretary-treasurer and auditor of our union. We would take advantage of this opportunity to advise our workers and conference secretaries that all correspondence intended for the Union office should be directed to the new secretary.

Professor Harold Brown and family have recently come to connect with the River Plate Junior College. The Board of Directors of the college extend a hearty welcome to these new recruits who come to strengthen the faculty.

Pastor E. H. Wilcox and family will be with us before this article is read by the readers of the BULLETIN. Brother Wilcox comes as president of the North Argentine Conference which embraces the greater part of the Argentine Republic and has a population of more than four million. This conference has a membership of about one thousand and is a self-supporting field. They have been without a president for a year and the workers and churches will rejoice to welcome Pastor Wilcox. Brother Wilcox labored very successfully in the Lake Titicaca Mission for several years so has a working knowledge of the Spanish. We thank the Lord for the new recruits coming and we pray that we all may be so closely related to the great source of spiritual power that we may see the hand of God going before the workers and the constituency of the field, pointing the way to greater results.

R. T. BAER.

South Brazil Briefs

ELDER Germano Streithorst, president of the Santa Catharina Conference, writes under date of October 9: "We have about thirty-five persons who are keeping the Sabbath and who hope soon to be baptized."

Elder A. L. Westphal baptized six dear souls at Curitiba recently. He writes that there are about ten others who he hopes will be ready for the next baptism, and that others "seem very much interested."

Brother Alfredo Suessmann is laboring in Varginha, Minas Geraes, with our new series of tracts. He plans to leave a tract in every home in the city and thus find the interested ones. In a recent letter he writes: "My work with the tracts goes forward. May God bless this work, that we can reap some precious souls. My prayer is that the Lord may give me ten souls this year in this city."

Elder A. E. Hagen is holding a series of tent meetings in the city of Sao Paulo, assisted by Brother Mathias Alencar. The attendance has been excellent thus far, the tent being filled with attentive listeners nearly every evening. Some opposition has been manifested on the part of the Catholic priests, but this has rather seemed to increase the interest in the meetings.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Inca Items

ELDER and Mrs. F. E. Bresee have recently finished their language study in Arequipa, and are moving to Puno, where Elder Bresee will take up his responsibilities as superintendent of the mission.

Brother and Sister P. H. Barnes have recently arrived from the United States. Brother Barnes is to take the secretary-treasurer's work in the mission. They are engaged for the present in the study of the language in Arequipa (Tingo). They had studied some Spanish in school at Keene, Texas.

Word has come by cable that Dr. Bernard Graybill and wife will be sailing from California about the middle of November. There are important interests awaiting the arrival of the doctor. We are grateful for this increase in our mission force.

The past months have been trying ones in the Lake Field due to shortage of workers. Elder and Mrs. Mann have done heroic work in holding the fort till re-enforcements could come. Brother Mann has been in the field thus leaving Sister Mann alone in the office at Puno for a considerable length of time. With the coming of the new superintendent and treasurer relief will be given. Sister Mann's health has failed again after a period of relief obtained from treatment in La Paz, so she must seek rest and medical attention.

Brother Charles Baker has recently moved to Bolivia to take charge of the colporteur and home missionary work in the field. He has been held in Arequipa for some months because of the serious condition of his wife's health. We are glad to report that Sister Baker has recovered sufficiently to return with her husband to active mission service.

Bolivia is greatly in need of a secretary-treasurer as the mission stations and out-schools are multiplying. This means increased work for the office. A new mission director is necessary to relieve Brother Amundsen from the Mauri Mission, who is to take the secretary-treasurer's work.

The secretary-treasurer of the Union F. I. Mohr, has been suffering from nervous exhaustion for some months. Sister Mohr's health has also failed. The doctor has advised a complete change of work and environment. They are returning to the United States to seek relief in some of our sanitariums.

H. U. STEVENS.

IMPORTANT DATES

The next session of the General Conference will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U. S. A., May 27 to June 14, 1926.

The South American Division Midsummer Council will convene in Buenos Aires, January 4, 1926.

South Brazil Meetings, 1926

Sao Paulo Colporteur's Institute	Jan. 12-18
Sao Paulo Biennial Conference	Jan. 19-24
Union Committee & Board meetings	Jan. 25-31
Paraná Colporteur's Institute	Feb. 10-16
Santa Catharina Annual meetings	Feb. 23-28.
Rio Grande do Sul Annual meetings	Mar. 4-13