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A Loyal People the World Over

A RECENT letter from Pastor J. W. Westphal, who is now on furlough in the United States, brings these encouraging words: "I want to say a word about the general condition of our people in North America. After having visited several churches, I must say that we have as earnest, simple and consecrated brothers and sisters as we ever had. They are not very different from what they were twenty-four years ago, when I labored among them before going to South America. It has been a great relief to my soul to find things as I have found them. God is still leading His people, and His people are willing to be led.

"I would say something also in regard to the school here. It seems to me a good spiritual atmosphere reigns here. I went down to attend the Friday evening meeting the week before last and it certainly was a pleasure to see the response from the young people. There were very few who did not speak. The spirit of this school reminds me of our school in Argentina."

We appreciate these words of confidence from Brother Westphal. Brother Westphal has given twenty-four years of hard service to South America. During all of these years of service he has maintained an unshaken confidence in this cause and its leaders and people.

South America too has confidence in the brothers and sisters in North America and in all the world. And we have confidence in the leadership of our work. The generous gifts of money made each year to South America and to the work in all the world is an unmistakable sign that our people are loyal to and love this cause.

And even greater than their gifts of money are their gifts of their sons and daughters to foreign service.

When we meet the new recruits, workers who have just come to our field, we think of the fathers and mothers who have said a last painful "Good-bye." They have made the sacrifice because they love this cause, because they long for Jesus to come soon.

Within the last twelve months the wives of two of our missionaries have been laid to rest in South American service. Some mothers' hearts in the homeland have been near the point of breaking. God bless you, fathers and mothers, and brothers and sisters! We thank you for your loyalty to God's cause. Your loyalty to this cause makes the work in foreign fields possible, and you shall share with those who go, in the reward.

P. E. BRODERSEN.

Sweet Communion

When you woke from sleep this morning

Though the hour was rather late,
Did you stop to speak with Jesus.

And His benediction wait?
Did you thank Him for His mercy,
For His care through all the night,
That no evil had befallen,
That no tears now dim your sight?

Did you ask Him for the blessing
Of His presence through the day,
For His leading safely onward,
For His guiding, lest you'd stray?
Did you tell him that you'd gladly
Go wherever He would lead;
That you'd try to do his bidding,
Helping every soul in need?

If you go without these blessings
As you start another day,
Be assured your strength will fail you,
And you'll faint along the way.
O, live closer to the Master;
For unless you're very near,
Words of love He whispers to you
Will not reach your listening ear.

—Selected.

Your Missionary Investment

BARON James de Rothschild once sat for a beggar to Ary Scheffer. While the great financier, attired in the rags of a beggar, was in his place in the estrade, I happened to enter the studio of the great artist, whose friend I had the honour to be. The baron was so perfectly disguised that I did not recognize him, and believing that a veritable beggar was before me, I went up to him and slipped a louis into his hand. The pretended model took the coin and put it in his pocket. Ten years later I received at my residence an order on the office in the Rue Lafitte for 10,000 francs, enclosed in the following letter: "Sir—You one day gave a louis to the Baron Rothschild in the studio of Ary Scheffer. He has employed it, and to day sends you the little capital with which you entrusted him, together with the interest. A good action always brings good fortune. Baron James de Rothschild." On receipt of this order, I sought the billionaire, who proved to me from the books before him that under his management my louis had actually fructified so as to have swelled to the large sum sent me. So Christ is walking through the world in the guise of a beggar—hungry, naked, and outcast. Blessed are we if we give to the Master in the person of these His poor brethren, or take the Gospel to those who have it not.—*The Expositor*.

"JESUS knows every scar of sacrifice you bear, and loves it. For it tells Him of your love. He knows the meaning of scars, because of His own. The marks of sacrifice cement our friendship with Him. And the nearer we come to fellowship with Him in the daily touch and spirit the more freely can He reach out His winsome spirit through us, out to His needy children."

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An Encouraging Incident

WE SHOULD never be discouraged, for we have every reason to be encouraged, especially, when we see how the Lord is finishing His work in such wondrous ways. Now, here is what has happened here in Porto Alegre.

Several years ago the representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society here in Porto Alegre came to our office, and asked for a number of our Tract Society catalogues, which he wanted to use in his work. Of course, we were glad to supply them. In distributing these catalogues, he gave one to a rich young lady here in the city. A little later she favored him with an order for a few small books from us. After she had read these, she again favored him with an order for the book "Our Day" in German. After she had read this, she began keeping the Sabbath, not knowing of anybody else keeping the seventh day of the week. She was hated and despised by her friends and relatives here, but she walked in the light she had found the best she knew how, and kept the Sabbath in this way by herself for two years.

Last January she ordered some more books from us through the representative of the Bible Society, and somehow our workers in the office were impressed when the order came, that it would be better to deliver these books personally, than to send them through the mail. They were anxious to know who was ordering these books. They found this lady who had been keeping the Sabbath for two years, and she was at once invited to attend the meetings that were held every evening in the tent, and in a short time she accepted the whole truth as we find it in the Bible. She is already paying tithe, giving liberal offerings, and expects to be baptized on Sabbath April 24th, when Elder Kuempel expects to baptize a number that have accepted the truth as a result of the effort that was held here in the city a few months ago.

Thus we have another example of how our truthfilled literature is working upon the hearts of men like the leaven in the parable. Therefore let us scatter more literature!

A. C. HARDER.

God's Spirit Working

By E. V. MOORE

"I Have Given My Heart to Jesus"

"God moves in a mysterious way
 His wonders to perform;
 He plants his footsteps in the sea
 And rides upon the storm."

THIS is a stanza of a well known hymn, and as a brother recently told me the story of his conversion this came very vividly to my mind. He had known Adventists for years and had always been very prejudiced against them. His married sons had wanted to join our church but he had such a hold upon them that he would not permit them to unite with us. He was a staunch Catholic, and was very earnest.

One of our simple brothers, whom he knew, who was never able to accomplish very much for Christ during his life, died. This man attended the funeral conducted by Mathias de Alencar. He did not attend because of interest in the services but out of respect for the old friend. He was very much impressed with the funeral services. He noted no drinking, no hilarity, no unnecessary ceremonies, but a real spirit of consecration on the part of all present. He was deeply touched and stood under a large tree alone meditating.

"God moves in a mysterious way
 His wonders to perform"

True, but He desires to use human beings in His great plan. Just at the proper moment the Lord impressed Brother Mathias to speak to this man who had always been greatly opposed to the truth. Brother Mathias went to him and placing his hand on his shoulder said: "My friend, when are you going to surrender your heart to Jesus?" He replied immediately: "I have already given my heart to Jesus and want to be an Adventist, and all my family can become Adventists if they desire." This was indeed a surprise to Brother Mathias. In a few months it was my privilege to baptize this good brother who is nearly 70 years old, his wife, three of his sons and the wives of two of them. The family gives evidence of being truly converted.

Who knows what might have been the outcome if Brother Mathias had failed to obey the dictates of the Holy Spirit and not have done his part faithfully? Surely the Lord "moves in a mysterious way" but He needs men and women to serve as faithful instruments in His hands.

"I Never Was Invited"

"I HAVE known Adventists for years; I have worked for Dona ——; I have sewed in the home of Dona ——, but I never was invited to attend any of their meetings." These were the words of a sister among a group of seven-teen souls, who were prepared for baptism by Mathias de Alencar and whom I recently baptized and took into the church at Itararé, Sao Paulo. Without a doubt this sister had been invited to attend some of our meetings but the invitation was not made urgent enough and she had therefore forgotten it.

She continued her story: "One evening during the conference held here in the month of August of 1925, Dona Ana Alencar came to my home and gave me a cordial invitation to attend the meeting. I told her it was impossible this evening because of other promises but that I would try to be there the next evening. This was my first invitation to attend meetings of Adventists. I was there. A minister with beautiful white hair, who must have been a saint of God, preached. (Eld. J. W. Westphal). At the close of his sermon he made a call for those who desired to give their hearts to Jesus to raise their hands. I raised my hand at once for I had been touched by the sermon and was under the deep conviction of sin. The dear old brother replied, 'Only one hand?' (meaning only one soul). I thought to myself, I have but two hands, and do you want me to raise both? I was willing. I gave my heart to Jesus in the first meeting I ever attended and I am happy to belong to Him and be a part of the children of God."

According to her own story this sister had been very wordly but gives evidence of true conversion. She and her husband were baptized with five others on the 16th. of January. On the 17th. ten more persons were baptized in Santa Barbara.

The Lord has richly blessed the work of Brother Mathias in this section of the Lord's great field. About 30 were added to the church by baptism, most of them coming out of Catholicism, during his stay with the Itararé church. He has also worked in other places during this same time. Brother Henrique Simon is now located in Itararé and he and the brethren are of good courage.

The Precious Book

WE WERE sitting in a spacious living room in a "fazendeiro's (ranchmans) home in the interior of the state of Sao Paulo, who had recently embraced the truth. I said to him:

"Well, my brother, how was it that you first heard of this message?" Here I give his simple story as he told it.

"One evening less than a year ago one of my workmen came to my house and asked me if I should like to hear him read some from a book he had in his hand. I told him he might read and he read the simple story of the creation of the world as found in the first chapters of Genesis. This was a revelation to me and I learned that the seventh day of creation was sanctified as a day of rest. To make the story short I learned that I was not obeying God's Word. The man that read to me was not a Sabbath-keeper, but told me of some people who were and who lived in — (village where our brother now lives). After a short time I came to town and received Bible studies from the Bible worker located here. I believed from the very first. What I wanted was explanation."

At this point in his story our brother arose and went into an adjoining room and returned with a torn and soiled Bible. Holding it very tenderly in both hands he exclaimed: "This is the precious book that brought the truth to me. I bought a new Bible and took it to the man who read this one to me and traded with him."

This man and all his family are now rejoicing in the blessed truth. One of his boys is attending our College and receiving a Christian education. This family has paid some \$2,000.00 tithe and has promised a beautiful site of land in the village and 5,000 bricks toward the erection of a larger temple.

May the dear Bible always be to them the same "precious book."

Feeding Daily on the Word

I RECENTLY visited one of our isolated brethren who does not have the privilege of attending church services and hearing the Word preached by a minister. I found him of good courage and very happy indeed in the "blessed hope."

I have thought that his experience, perhaps, might be a help to some other isolated soul, or soul that is not isolated, for that matter.

He said to me, "Brother Moore, I have learned to confide in God and not in man." He then told me the secret of his confidence in God and his firm faith in this message, even though he does not have church privileges. "It is so easy to lose one's courage and become cold in the truth when one does not study the Bible and pray to God every day," said our brother. He continued, "The days when I do not study my Sabbath-school lesson

there is something lacking in my life. Some say that they do not have time to study the lesson every day but I have learned that it is not a question of time but of necessity."

This brother, who is a farmer and has six children, has already received a book-mark and at the end of this present quarter will receive the second, if he does not fail. He has taken many subscriptions for the "Atalaia" and has several of his neighbors interested in the truth. The evening I was there the living-room was full and we preached twice and studied the Word with them until nearly midnight.

It is worth something to place our confidence in God. "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." (Heb. 3: 14).

Encouraging Experiences

AMONG those who attended our last year's annual meeting there was a young man who bought from me a Portuguese Bible. He paid me with a five dollar bill saying that I should keep the rest for the mission. This young man had been connected with a Protestant organization in Germany, had purchased a German Bible, and as a child had had a desire to become a missionary, although his father was opposed to the idea.

In July of this year the desire of his childhood will begin to meet its fulfillment, for this young man after reading several missionary biographies as well as some of our books has decided that next July he will go to our training school in Sao Paulo. He is making every effort in this direction. He has given up friendships and is economizing in every way; is taking Bible studies and in a small way is endeavoring to talk the truth to others. He is employed by his uncle who is a large manufacturer and a millionaire.

A few days ago the son of this uncle was confirmed and this young brother was invited to attend the ceremony. As a confirmation present he gave his cousin a nice Portuguese Bible. When he visited me a few days later he told me that among the many valuable presents, some of them of silver and gold, there was none that caused so much comment as the Bible he gave to his cousin. Some spoke in the highest terms of it and others depreciated the gift. The officiating minister came to the table where the gifts were placed to observe them and noticing the Bible he opened it. He was confused when he saw who had

given the Bible, for he had had a conversation just a few days before with our young brother saying that the coming of Christ may be delayed yet for several centuries; it is not good to read the Bible without the help of a commentator, etc.

This confirmation feast cost several thousand milreis. Wine flowed freely but no more for our young brother. May the Lord help him that he may become a consecrated witness and that the Bible which he presented to his cousin may be a permanent blessing and bring other fruit.

A short time ago in Brusque we had a baptism in which five souls gave themselves to God. While one of the candidates was preparing for the baptism she took off her earrings and threw them out of the window and said, "E por Deus" (It is for God). Another sister, a widow who has grown up children, drove the last pigs from off the farm. She said, "I will either be entirely on God's side or not at all." Another brother did the same thing. Such testimonies bring joy to the heart.

My wife for some time has been visiting an old lady, and she said to my wife that she would be glad to have me come along some time, so I went. During the visit I was showing some pictures from Africa and explaining them, and on another occasion my wife gave her a copy of the Jubilee number of our missionary paper. Through this the old lady got a glimpse of the extent of the mission work of the Seventh-Day Adventists, and she said to my wife, "You Adventists do a great work. I would not have believed it. When I receive my money next month I will give you twenty mil reis," which she did, "and if I wasn't so old I would also become an Adventist." As the old lady continually invites us, with a full heart, to come again soon, we hope that God will lead her also in the way of truth. She is nearly 82 years old.

K. KALTENHAUSER.

"SOLDIERS of Christ are now wanted to push the battle to the front. Marshall under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel, wear His armor, and press the battle to the gate. The gospel of the kingdom of Christ must go into new countries, and enter new provinces."

No work that God sets a man to do — no work to which God has especially adapted a man's powers — can properly be called either menial or mean. — J. G. Holland.

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More Help for East Brazil

ON THE ninth of April, Brother and Sister William Schaeffler arrived at Pernambuco from New York after a 33 days' journey. They came on a cargo steamer, and if their trip required "many days" we hope they were repaid by being privileged to call at divers ports and thus see more of our beautiful world, than they would have done, had they come by a more direct route.

At any rate, we are glad these new workers have arrived and we heartily welcome them to Brazil, and to share all our joys as well as our sorrows, and we pray that the good Lord may abundantly bless them in their work.

Brother Schaeffler will take the superintendency of the Pernambuco Mission, and we believe that Sister Schaeffler who is a trained nurse will be a good help to her husband.

Brother E. M. Davis, who for several years has been superintendent of the Pernambuco Mission expects to go soon up to the city of Pará, and open up the work in the Amazon district.

But between Pernambuco and Pará there are yet several other capital cities in which our work is practically unknown, and where we ought to have at least three other good workers to open up the work in these States, not to speak of Manaos and the many other places up the Amazon River.

So, while we feel deeply grateful to our brethren in the homeland who have made it possible for another worker to be added to our ranks, we are at the same time praying the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His harvest. F. W. SPIES.

Progress in Rio de Janeiro

IN RIO, in both the Meyer and the Central church, a series of gospel lectures have recently begun, and it is gratifying to note that these places of worship are usually filled to their utmost capacity.

Those of us who have been laboring in Brazil for some 30 years, note a great difference in the interest of the people. Ten or fifteen years ago, in spite of strong efforts to invite and advertise, comparatively few came to

the meetings. But at present, people seem desirous of hearing the message, and among them there are a goodly number of the better class. We are more and more convinced that this marvelous working of the Spirit of the Lord is an evidence that he is cutting His work short in righteousness, and that His work will soon be finished. May workers and people keep pace with the message so they can triumph with it in that day! F. W. SPIES.

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At the Banquet of God

"THEY will come from east and west, from north and south, and will sit down at the banquet in the Kingdom of God." Luc. 13: 29. (Weymouth's translation)

How literally will this be fulfilled at the day when God will make up His own!

Not so long ago a chief with his little boy came to the office begging for a school. He had come several times before. They came from a distance of about 200 miles. It was just during our summer school for our Indian teachers. They stayed several days, and every day they pled for some one to come and teach them the "way of life." The little boy about thirteen years of age begged in such a pitiful way saying, "Send us some one to tell us more about Jesus, we want to serve Him."

It was decided by our committee to give them a teacher. When they were told that they could have a teacher, and the teacher was pointed out to them, the boy edged up to his side and said, "You will teach us about Jesus, and we are so glad you are coming to us."

After summer school was over, I visited the place in company with Brother Schneider. Challuma is located in the interior of Bolivia at an altitude of about 11,000 feet. We went as far as we could on the motorcycle, the rest of the way on mules. We had to go a distance of twelve miles from where we left our machine to get to the place. Not very far for ordinary roads, and we should have made the distance on animals in two hours easily.

We started out in the morning with our Indian guide, descending from an



Brother Schneider, the teacher at left. Ignacio Mamani (right), and little Pedro, who is a nice little Christian boy

altitude of over 14,000 feet. The mountain streams rushed down the mountain sides. We kept going down for about an hour, noting a pleasant change in the climate as we descended. Corn, potatoes, beans and flowers were in evidence. The guide then turned to us and said, "Now we have to climb up these mountains to get over into the other valley where Challuma is located."

We climbed what seemed for hours and yet we were not at the top. We soon became very hungry. We asked our guide, "Is it far yet?" He said, "Very far, but only on the other side of these mountains." We could not understand how it could still be so far, when we had traveled all morning and it was only twelve miles to begin with.

At last we reached the top of the ridge. We again started to descend on a narrow road. The road became narrower and narrower. Below us about 3,000 feet on one side was a gushing mountain stream, while on the other side of us towered the mountains higher and higher as we descended. The path became so narrow that it made one tremble to look over the precipice. It started to rain and the path became more slippery and more dangerous and we became more tired.

At last it became so dangerous to stay on the animals that we decided to walk. At 4:30 in the afternoon we again were on the mountain top, overlooking the village of Challuma nestled about 3,000 feet in the valley below, surrounded by vegetation.

When we got to the village the people were waiting for us. Before we had anything to eat they wanted us to talk and sing to them. We told them that we were tired and hungry and wanted something to eat. After supper we sang, prayed and talked to them. How earnestly they listened to the simple story of Jesus. Before sunrise the next morning the people were again at the door of the Indian hut where we were staying. We had another meeting with them for about two hours and then had to leave them. We now have a fine school at the place and quite a large number are preparing for baptism.

There are scores of places just like this where they are calling for the message of Jesus to be brought to them. It is wonderful how this neglected race is seeking for this message.

They are coming from east, and west, from north and south and are pleading that the sweet story of Jesus might be told to them. Many of these will sit down in the Kingdom of God.

May God help us to realize that this is our opportune time to bring the message to the thousands who are pleading.

T. L. OSWALD.

A Word from North Peru

ELDER W. F. Miller who has recently located in Trujillo, Northern Perú sends us an encouraging report:

"We have ten or twelve people here who have begun to come to meeting since we came here and some of whom will be baptized this year. Others are interested and are reading our literature, among them being a lady of culture whose sons are holding good positions in the Post Office here. The mother and sons have read the "Great Controversy" and "Our Day," as well as other literature. Still others of good social standing manifest good interest in the truth.

"We are hoping to see the way open soon for the erection of a church building. We are now the only Protestants who work here. This to my mind, is the most Catholic of all cities of Perú. Several entire blocks of the principal part of the city are convents and church property. It seems that we cannot get suitable property in the city except through some priest. They hold the best and it seems, the most of the property.

"We are glad to have the privilege

to give the message here and never have we felt the weight of so many souls as we do here. We are here all alone and our small church represents so many thousands who must be warned. It is the burden of our prayer and our trust, that the good Lord will accomplish a very good work here and in the neighboring towns in a short time."

Christian or Pagan

THINK you that the Indians of Lake Titicaca are Christians? It is true that more than four centuries ago Valverde, a priest, introduced the crucifix into Cajamarca; but since that day to the present, although they may profess to be Christians, the great majority of the Indians of Perú have never received any instruction regarding the faith of Jesus. Thousands of them attend services in so-called Christian churches, but only to worship images just as in the ancient days, without any conception of what is Christianity.

What, then, has been done in behalf of the Peruvian Indian during the four centuries that have passed since the coming of the conquerors? Nothing! Nothing more than to expell him from the "temple of the sun" and to introduce him by force into so called Christian temples where he would find even more liberty for the satisfying of his passions and following his vices.

Before the coming of the conqueror these aborigines worshiped the sun as the supreme being and the moon as the sister of the sun. They built many costly temples to these gods, the ruins of which cause admiration even to this

day. They also worship the thunder and the lightning, the serpents and the lion. Also "Pachamac" the unknown god, to whom they attribute their power to carry heavy burdens and to climb the rugged mountains.

Today they worship in the Christian temples a larger number of "miraculous images without having abandoned the worship of their ancient gods. They worship, as before, the god of the lightning, offering to him incense and coca. Do they still worship "Pachamac," the god of the mountains known to them as the unknown god? Let me tell you a sad story of that which happened in our day concerning the unknown god:

In the Santa Rosa district, south-east of Lake Titicaca, an Indian became sick. His relatives did all they could to cure him, but it was to no avail. "Tatay," said the old Indian mother to her husband, "what more can we do for our son? He is going to die." "Have no fear, Mamay," said the husband. "We will call the witch doctor and he will tell us why our son has become sick and what we must do for his recovery."

Immediately after saying this the old Indian took his "poncho" and his walking stick and started out with one desire,—that of finding some help. He walked for two leagues in the snow of the mountains in the dark of the night, and returned accompanied by the witch doctor. He, the doctor, immediately asked for a handful of coca and a little alcohol. After chewing the coca and drinking a little of the liquid he said "Pacha-Mama! Pacha-Mama!" and went to the top of the hill nearest the home of the sick man, where he

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A group of native chiefs presenting perhaps for the tenth time a petition for the establishment of mission schools in their districts

Below—The Pomata Mision, one of the oldest missions established in the Lake Titicaca field



PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

Our Publications to Those of High Degree

WE HAVE always been aware of the fact that some day in some way those who occupy positions of high trust in the nations of the earth would be reached with the message we hold dear. Just how best to accomplish that desired end has been a debated subject, and no doubt there are arguments in favor of various methods of working for this class of individuals. Certain men in all the different branches of our organized work will develop talents that will make them especially fit to meet these men on a common basis and lead them to lend their attention and interest to the truths due the world for this time.

There can be, however, no question that one of the most effective ways of reaching those classes who have to a large degree been unattainable in the past is by means of the colporteur work. This has been amply demonstrated lately in certain parts of Brazilian territory with the book, "Great Controversy."

As reported recently by me in an article for the *Review and Herald*, at the close of an institute held in the state of Paraná it was decided to give the "Great Controversy" a chance. At that institute the goal for the year was set at twenty-five contos, a little over \$4,000.00 U. S. currency. Nearly three-fifths of that goal were reached in the first month's work after the institute, and the sales of that one month, with only the book "Great Controversy" were more than the total sales for the same territory in the year 1923. Some of the "boys" are working with "Our Day" and other books. Over five hundred books were placed during that month and many of them among the highest officials of the state and army. Among other names in the prospectuses of our "boys" are the following: lieutenant-governor of the state, mayor of the capital of the state, secretary of the Post Office Department, chief commander of the State Reserves in the capital city, secretary to the mayor of the capital city, Secretary of Agriculture,

various railroad officials of different lines, several bank presidents, heads of prominent commercial houses, doctors, lawyers, professors and engineers.

The colporteur director in that field, Brother Saturnino Oliveira, in company with one of his "boys" visited General . . . commanding the military districts of the States of Paraná and Santa Catharina, who treated them with great courtesy at General Headquarters. After having given their canvass and receiving his order they were presented to the Mayor-General, where they also received an order for the book.

They were permitted to visit all the departments in that section of Army Headquarters. Next they visited the 15th Battalion of infantry, where the commanding officer ordered the book to be placed in the library of the headquarters to be available for all the officers of the battalion. After receiving his order they were directed to the headquarters of one of the regiments of the artillery, where the commanding officer also ordered one of the books for the library. Their next calls were to one of the Federal judges, the Chief of Police of the State of Paraná and the Secretary to the President of the state.

Thus it will be seen that our colporteurs are putting a solid phalanx of these wonderful books in the hands of the highest authorities of the State. The results of such a work are not

hard to predict. Those who are acquainted with this book know that a careful reading of the same will come as near to bringing a person to a decision as anything ever published by the denomination. The God-fearing colporteur, who fears not man, whatever his category or station, takes his prospectus, and in the courage of his convictions goes out to present his mission to the highest men of state and nation, and he finds on all hands people who are willing to receive his product.

What does this mean, brethren? It means, if it means anything at all, that we have come to the reaping time. God has set His hand for a speedy finishing of His work in the earth, and some of the means which have been looked upon by some as menial and of little importance are used today as His helping hands in the saving of the lost.

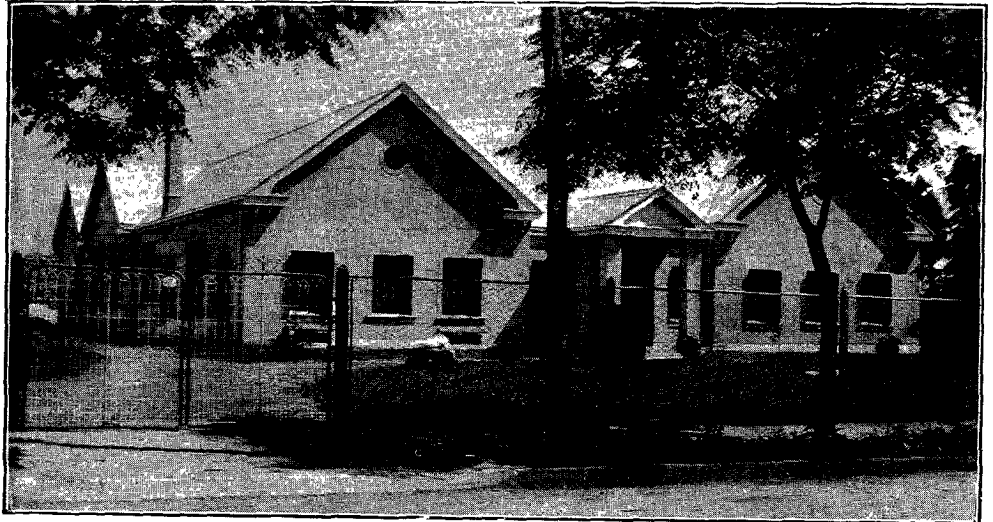
May the lesson these humble Brazilian brethren present you in consecrated efforts to bring the light of precious truth to those who know it not, appeal to your hearts and lead you, and us all, to a renewed consecration of all the powers and talents we have for the accomplishment of the task before us. When that is done Jesus will come. Let us hasten the glad day by scattering as the "leaves of autumn" the printed pages of glorious truth.

J. BERGER JOHNSON.

Expelled from the City

(An experience of two of our student colporteurs in Brazil)

YESTERDAY while we were canvassing in the village of Apparicida, which



Our new publishing house near Buenos Aires, Argentine, which supplies literature for the Spanish republics of South America

is a center of Romanism for this part of Brazil, we were expelled from the place. We had only begun to sell "O Atalaia" (our Portuguese Watchman), when we entered a grocery store and offered our magazine to the storekeeper. He said, "That is Protestant," and ordered us to leave the place immediately. "Get out of here at once," he said, "for this place is holy land. It is no place for Protestantism." He further threatened to call the priests if we did not leave the town, and he said he would accompany us from house to house to warn the people against us, which he did.

We soon went into another street, hoping thus to evade him, but shortly he appeared, and in front of each house we entered, he would stop and yell. "They are Protestants, don't buy from them."

The last house that we entered was in front of a convent. He followed us to the house and endeavored to take the magazine from my hand. When he could not succeed in that, then he angrily purchased one of them to show the priests. As a result of the disturbance a crowd of men and boys gathered at the house. When I tried to explain our work to them they began to make sport and to say, "Amen! Amen!"

Realizing that we could do nothing under such circumstances we decided to leave the place. A crowd of ruffians followed us, crying after us, and as the street cars passed they would yell, "They are Protestants." They followed us outside of the town, and before leaving gave each of us a good slap. Brethren pray for the work and the colporteurs in this difficult field.

EMILIA DRYER,
FRAUZELINA BERNABÉ.

"It Is Truly Marvelous"

THE 1926 colporteur institute for the Paraná Mission closed on the 18th of February but due to a general meeting held in Curitiba from the 19th to the 21st our colporteurs did not begin work until on the 22nd of the month.

Brother C. L. Bainer, of the Union Publishing Department, who was present during the institute and gave valuable instruction, very kindly stayed and went out with the colporteurs to help them get started with the book, "Great Controversy."

He had never endeavored to sell this good book in Brazil, but on his return after the first few hours of work, having taken seven orders he

remarked: "It is truly marvelous how our literature sells." Brethren, indeed, it is marvelous. Recently a very influential man asked me how it is and what is the secret of the high sales of Adventist literature. I replied that it is because our literature has a message for these days that is not found in any other literature. This is the secret! The people buy because the Spirit impresses them with the message the book contains.

The sales for the first month after the institute were more or less 13:000\$00 (\$2,160 gold). The total sales for this mission for 1923 were a little more than 11:000\$000 (\$1,830 gold).

Brother Saturnino de Oliveira, field secretary for the mission, has manifested a splendid spirit of cooperation, having been by the side of each colporteur, helping him sell as well as deliver books. He was able to take twelve orders, a value of 360\$000, with Antonio Vicente in one and one half hours in the city of Ponta Grossa. Be it said to his honor that Brother Saturnino works with his colporteurs and they appreciate it.

Recently there came a letter to the office from Brother Saturnino de Oliveira, from which I quote the following:

"In this city we have taken in less than three days \$101.65 (gold) worth of orders for 'Great Controversy.' We took an order from the political boss, prosecuting attorney, justice of peace, inspector of public instruction, and many other persons of influence.

"There is a dentist living here who has kept the Sabbath for some five years. He has 'Coming King,' 'Life of Jesus,' 'Best Stories,' 'Home and Health,' and was a subscriber of the 'O Atalaia' for one year. He did not wait until we had finished our canvass for 'Controversy' but asked if it were possible for him to secure a copy of the book the same day. Brother Joaquim F. de Moraes, with whom I was working, went and got a book and the man took it and paid for it at once. . . . I believe 'Controversy' will bring him to a complete decision for the truth."

Our colporteurs have found that "Controversy" is as good a seller as "Our Day." One of our colporteurs met six men in one day who had purchased "Our Day," less than four months ago who gladly gave their order for "Controversy" upon knowing that it was published by the same House.

A brother nearly 70 years old walked some 24 leagues to attend the Institute. He sold more than 80\$000 for cash of literature on his way. A young man of 17 years came with him

to be baptized and join our faithful band of colporteurs. He was baptized on the last day of our general meeting and is now in the work.

The work of the consecrated colporteur is to "seek and to save" those who are waiting to receive the truth. All who purchase our books will not accept at once the truth contained in them, but God gives the faithful colporteur the assurance that His word will not return unto Him void.

ENNIS V. MOORE.

The Buenos Aires Publishing House

THE new home for the Spanish Publishing House in the Argentine is proving to be a most appreciated blessing. Before moving in the new building, our plant was located in such small quarters that it was impossible to carry forward the work in an efficient manner. This was very unsatisfactory arrangement for all concerned and therefore we feel very grateful indeed for the help that has been given in providing a suitable building in which to carry on our operations.

The present force of workers on our pay roll number twenty-nine. Every effort is being made to provide sufficient work so that it will not be necessary to reduce this number. The plant as it stands to-day is well prepared to handle the increasing demand for literature with which to meet the needs of the missionary program of the field.

The prospects for the year are very bright. The month of April did not witness the shipments from the publishing house that we had hoped would be made, but during the month of May, our sales have increased and from reports reaching us from the Union Field Missionary Secretaries, we are assured that a goodly number of regular colporteurs will be maintained in the local fields. The "Home Physician" is a splendid seller and is proving a great boom to the colporteur work and its development throughout our Spanish constituency.

At the present writing, we are carefully planning our work so that when the summer season comes on and the students will leave the school to enter the colporteur work during the vacations, we will be in a position to supply them with the necessary amount of literature required. Last summer, we had great difficulty in caring for their needs for the summer season began shortly after the first books were ready, which resulted in taxing our force to the breaking point. For this

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reason, plans are now working out whereby we will be in a position to handle a still larger force of colporteurs than ever before. We look forward with pleasure to the time when there will be one colporteur in the field for every fifty members of our constituency.

During the month of May, nearly thirty tons of paper have been received upon which to print "Home Physician" and our magazines. This represents a heavy financial investment, but the prospects are that we will be able to care for the heavy payments without increasing our bills payable. The prompt response on the part of the Tract societies in making extra efforts to liquidate their accounts has enabled us to handle the above purchase without financial embarrassment. Aside from the large quantity of paper received, a large order of cloth material has entered the factory from which we provide for our clothbound books.

The retail value of book and periodical sales for the first five months of this year amount to \$65,000.00, an increase of \$15,000.00 in sales over the corresponding period of last year. It is evident that the outlook is very bright for this year. Really we hope that when the final sale report is made for 1926, we will reach not less than the \$150,000.00 mark. It is not our purpose to make a financial record alone, but we do recognize that in a large measure, the financial report expresses the success of our work in reaching the millions of people who need the message contained in our product.

We place our work as well as ourselves in the hands of Him who "doeth all things well." We recognize to a small extent at least the great needs of the field. Difficulties may arise and at times our work may go hard, but still we know that above the clouds the sun is shining and that under the blessing of heaven, the efforts we put forth in behalf of the Third Angel's Message will be blessed by the One who is directing the forward march of the people of God.

M. V. TUCKER.

Church Officers' Meeting

A VERY successful and profitable Church Officers' Meeting was held by the North Argentine Conference in Paraná, Entre Ríos, April 2-6. This was the first meeting of this kind ever held in that conference and was looked forward to with anticipation.

Beside the workers and a good representative of the church officers of the various churches in the conference, Elder L. E. Christman, Home Missionary Secretary of the Austral Union and the writer were present.

The program was a full one and a deep interest was manifested in every subject presented. There was a good healthy discussion of the various phases of church activity and the questions placed in the question box were of a very practical and helpful nature and at the hour for answering these questions each day, there was no lack of interest.

The meeting besides being practical was very spiritual and there was a spirit manifested all through the meeting to seek a deeper consecration for more effective service.

Harmony prevailed throughout and the officers returned to their churches, full of courage and pledging themselves to be more faithful and, by God's help, more efficient in carrying the duties intrusted to them.

Elder E. H. Wilcox who only recently, upon his return from furlough, has taken the presidency of the conference, has already gained the full confidence and hearty support of his constituency. C. P. CRAGER.

"Nothing Against the Truth"

2 Cor. 13:8

ONCE again it has been proved that nothing can be done against the truth but for the truth.

The minister of a well known denomination, seeking to warn his members against the dangers(?) of being led into Adventism told them that the Adventists were very sly and also kind and thus proved their doctrine by reading many texts of scriptures here and there. He told his members that they should not permit Adventists to come into their homes and should not go to visit them.

An honest soul reasoned that if these Adventists were kind and read the Bible and were really in error that it was his duty to tell them of it so that they would not perish because of lack of light and their blood be required of his hands.

In the course of a few days this man sought one of the prominent Adventists of the place and endeavored

to teach him the truth as he understood it, but soon seeing that the Adventist had more light than he, became convinced of his own error and in a few weeks was a baptized Adventist.

One of our largest churches in Brazil has since grown up in this place and this brother has always been in active church work. E. V. MOORE.

Christian or Pagan

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built a fire and burned a few leaves of the coca. Having done this he quickly returned to the sick man's hut saying, "the god of the mountain is very angry and is asking for human blood. To appease his wrath you must kill the first one that goes along this road to-night and pour his blood on the top of the hill in order that the sick man may become well."

As a young man passed by that road that night relatives of the sick man, in cold blood, carried out the devilish prescription of the witch doctor. At the present time the matter is in the courts in Santa Rosa. Both the witch doctor and the others who participated in the crime call themselves members of the established Christian church. What then is the difference between the Christian of that congregation and the pagan?

Will you not help us, whose hearts have been moved by the relating of these barbarous, pseudo-christian practices, with your sympathy and your means to evangelize and civilize the pagans of Perú?

FRANCISCO BROUCHY.

To You, Parents

If you live in the country on a farm, you doubtless read a farm journal or two or three. You study how to raise corn and wheat and oats and cotton and potatoes and beans, yes, and flowers, too. You study how to feed the cows and horses and chickens in order to get the most valuable products from them. You do hard thinking on these subjects.

If you live in the city, you have something else to study and about which to read. We have seen people,—parents, too,—who seemed to have plenty of time to read the popular magazines (stories and all), but who do not find time once in five years to read a book on child culture. The culture of corn, beans, potatoes, and cows is important, to be sure, but we leave them all when our earthly journey comes to an end. We can by study and prayer and God's grace take our children with us. Shall we leave them behind with the corn and potatoes?

You say, "No; a thousand times no!" But what are you doing about it? We must embrace every opportunity, for we all need to get as much help as possible from others. The Home Commission (Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.) promotes a Parents' Reading Course. 1926. You will find that the plan is unique, and the work is made easy enough so that every parent may do the reading.

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