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The Response to the Call to a Larger Evangelism

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ENCOURAGING indeed has been the response of the field leaders and workers to the call to engage in a more aggressive evangelism in South America. Administrators and departmental secretaries are planning their work in many of our fields in such a way as to make possible their own direct participation in soul-winning endeavor in connection with some evangelistic campaign.

It has not been possible as yet to obtain word from all of our leaders, but information has already come in covering the plans and arrangements made by committees in many fields. These make possible this encouraging survey:

Elder E. P. Mansell, superintendent of the Pernambuco Mission, expects to engage in an effort in Recife, assisted by a departmental secretary.

Elder L. B. Halliwell, superintendent of the Bahia Mission, expects to personally engage in three efforts in his territory; first, in Aracajú, where he will assist Elder G. Storch, his evangelist; second, in one of the principal cities in the south of Bahia, to be assisted there by Brother C. P. Leite; and third, after the Harvest Ingathering campaign, an effort in the city of Bahia. Good, Brother Halliwell!

Elder C. C. Schneider, superintendent of the Rio-Espirito Santo Mission, also plans three efforts for himself; first, at Campos, the new headquarters of the Mission; second, at Conceicao de Macabú; and third, in Cachueiro de Itapemirim. He writes that Brother L. G. Jorgensen, the Union Educational secretary, and Brother M. Margarido, the Union Bookman, have promised to assist him in these efforts. Two Union Departmental men and the Superintendent

of the field! That will exert influence for good which will be far-reaching. Congratulations, brethren!

Elder E. M. Davis, superintendent of the East Minas Mission, has planned two efforts for himself to engage in, one in the capital of the province of Minas Geraes, Bello Horizonte, and one at the headquarters of the mission, Juiz de Fora.

Elder H. B. Westcott, president of the Sao Paulo Conference, will conduct one effort during the remainder of the year, and will be assisted by Brother

Benedicto Silveira, the Conference Bookman. Brother Rudolfo Belz, the secretary of the Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School departments of the Sao Paulo Conference, will assist Elder José dos Reis in an effort in the city of Sao Paulo.

Elder Germano Streithorst, superintendent of the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission, expects to hold an effort in Rio Negro in September or October, assisted by Brother Ritter, the secretary-treasurer of the Mission.

Elder A. C. Harder, the president of the Rio Grande do Sul Conference, plans to assist in all four of the efforts that are being arranged for in his field. Brother John D. Hardt, the Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary secretary of the Conference, and Brother J. M. Zeroth, the Bookman, will also be connected with this effort. Brother Hardt, with the effort to be held in Santa María, and Brother Zeroth, with the one at Boa Vista de Erechim.

Elder C. E. Krieghoff, superintendent of the Uruguay Mission, plans to be connected with two efforts himself, one at Salto, the other at Durazno. The Bookmen, Joseph Repogle, has already assisted in an effort this year in Montevideo, and it was planned for him to connect later with another effort at the same place. Elder L. E. Christman, the Home Missionary secretary of the Austral Union Conference, was also connected with the first effort this year in Montevideo.

Elder W. E. Hancock, president of the Buenos Aires Conference, plans to assist in an effort in La Plata and Tandil, in addition to assisting Brother Block in the southern part of his field later.

Elder J. H. Roth, president of the North Argentine Conference, is engaging in an effort in the Chaco Santa-facino, and will undoubtedly assist later in an effort at Paraná.

O Speed the Work

*O speed the work of gathering souls,
For night is coming on,—
A night in which no man can work;
A night of awful gloom;
A night with not one ray of light
To guide the wanderer home,
For mercy's wing is folded then,
And sealed the book of doom.*

*Then speed, O speed the work of love;
The warning must be given,
And all must help send forth the call
Who hope to rest in heaven;
For none can rest in that blest home
Whose brows have never here
Been moistened by a toil for souls,
Or furrowed by that care.*

*Then let us toil and let us pray.
The shining mansions wait;
The Master longs to call us home,
And close each pearly gate;
But honest souls are still unwarned,
And we must speed the call,
Or share the fate of those distressed
On whom His wrath shall fall.*

—Selected.

The exact plans for the Alto Paraná Mission have not yet been received, but we do not doubt that Brother Schnepfer, the superintendent, will connect with an evangelistic effort somewhere in his field.

Elder T. L. Oswald, the president of the Chile Conference, expects to conduct three efforts in Chile, one in Los Andes, one in Los Angeles, and one in San Felipe.

Excluding the Inca Union, where our work is largely for the Indians, the above list includes the whole field in the East Brazil, South Brazil and Austral Unions. The efforts listed are not all the efforts that will be held, or that are planned for. They are only those with which administrators or departmental men will be connected. Every administrator, with many departmental secretaries, bookmen, and secretary-treasurers, either have been, or are planning to be, connected with an evangelistic campaign this year.

Certainly no one could wish for a more encouraging response than this line-up represents to the call for a larger evangelism in South America.

Now shall not all the rest of us pray most earnestly for these men as they go forward in this great soul-saving endeavor?

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The Juliaca Normal School

COULD our dear brethren in the homeland, who have sacrificed to make possible the building of the Juliaca Normal School for the training of Indian teachers, have attended the graduation exercises held March 23, their hearts would have rejoiced and they would have felt amply repaid for all it has cost them.

The success of our ever-growing Indian work depends very largely on the Indian worker. The foreign worker must head up the central mission station, and all the work connected with the directing and pastoring of a church with a membership running up as high as 1,600 members, as is the case in one of our stations. But these members may live in a dozen or fifteen different villages, in each of which a school is conducted for the children, a baptismal class held, and in several of the villages, a Sabbath school and service conducted on the Sabbath where they are too far from the central station for the brethren to attend.



Graduating class of 1927 at our Lake Titicaca Normal School



For the teaching of these schools, the conducting of these Sabbath schools, the preparation of the candidates for baptism, and the pastoring of these various groups, the foreign worker must depend to a large degree upon the Indian teachers and evangelists. When our work started, of course, these teachers and evangelists had to be sent out with little or no training, and the workers have longed for the day to come when their Indian helpers might be men and women who had a training for teaching, and a preparation for the giving of this message.

To this end the Juliaca school was built and has functioned for some four years. The teachers who attended the normal school are in the field teaching for half of the year, and then back to school for the other half. Thus their advancement has been slow, for the demand for teachers has been so great that even the half year privilege must often be denied to many of them.

Two years ago the first few were graduated from the course which, while only what we would call elementary, being nearly equivalent to our elementary school course in the United States, to the Indian is a long step in advance. Last year another little group was graduated, but this year for 24 young men to receive their diplomas, meant much to the work in that field. Some of these men had been many years in the service of the mission and it was a time of rejoicing for them to have at last been able to complete their course.

The exercises were most interesting and the parts well rendered. It was really marvelous to see the development on the part of those who have been called out from among a race of downtrodden and degraded people. Every one of these men upon finishing his course had only one purpose before him, namely, that of going out and giving the message to his people.

Following the graduation, a three-days institute was held with the entire group of teachers, numbering about

100. We were especially favored in having the help of Prof. W. E. Howell, who was visiting the field with us, and we rejoiced to see that large group of workers as they scattered at the close of the institute, go to their fields of labor, having re-dedicated their lives for service. Let us pray for them as they face the persecution, that God may keep them, and bless their labors.

C. P. CRAGER,
*Educational, Missionary Volunteer
and Sabbath School Secretary,
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What God is Doing Around Lake Titicaca

IT WILL be impossible for me to report to you the impressions I received on my first trip around to two of the mission fields of the Lake Titicaca Mission. However, I can truly say that I never have seen such evidences of the working of a divine power as I did in this short trip.

Perhaps I should first tell of the visit we received while in the Native Workers Meeting in Juliaca, where the training school for native Indian teachers, is located. The workers were gathered around the desk in the office one day when two Indians came in, to talk to the missionaries. They were dressed in the typical Indian garb, but there was something unusual about them. It was the expression on their faces. They had a more intelligent look than most of the heathen Indians. And with that, they seemed to be in sorrow, to have an earnest, deep-seated longing for something that they could not define. It made me feel very sad to look into their eyes. And all the time they were at the school, three or four days, that look never left them.

In speaking with them, our superintendent found that it was just the same story, men looking for a teacher to show them the way to Jesus. They had walked for six days over the mountains and streams of Peru to find the

one who could give them a teacher. They had come several times before, asking for some one to come to them and teach them the way of life, and had been told that there was no one who could come, and that they would have to wait a little longer. As they talked, hope seemed to come to them, and their faces lighted up, as though they realized what it would mean to them to have a teacher who would bring to them eternal life through the Word of God. Brother Bresee could do no more than to bow his head and say that as yet, they had been unable to find anyone for them. The poor Indians seemed unable to believe the reply they received. They repeated their request. They showed the great desire on the part of their people. But Brother Bresee could only tell them that he was doing all he could and that soon he hoped to supply their need, but for the present they would have to wait. One of these men was the chief of a great tribe, and the other was one of the leading men of the tribe. It seemed they did not know what to do. They could hardly be persuaded to leave the room. They remained several days, and frequently repeated their request. It seemed to me that the sadness deepened on their faces as the meetings drew to a close and they had no promise of a teacher.

It was a wonderful object lesson to me of the power of our God. God had reached down in the hills where these ignorant people lived, and told them there was a better life, a Saviour for them. He directed them to come many days journey time after time, pleading for some one to bring them the Word of life. God had put a longing in those simple hearts that I would to God could be found in the hearts of the people in more favored countries, even in the hearts of the millions in this world who make a profession of knowing Jesus. The same God that is working this work, is some day going to send His Son to this earth again, and take some of these earnest people

to heaven. He is going to take this work out of our hands and we will miss the blessing He has for us if we do not keep up with the work of His Spirit. And yet this is just one little incident, one little story of an event that is repeated so often in this field, and in other parts of the world.

After the Foreign Workers meeting in Tingo, we went to visit some of the mission stations to see the needs, that plans might be laid to better the work. The group consisted of Elders Howell, Haynes, Crager, Bresee, Dr. Graybill, Brethren Williams, Phillips, Barnes, Lundquist, Maxwell, and myself. Two stations were visited on this trip, Condorcuyo and Laro. The Indians welcomed us in the best way they could. They had prepared an abundance of food, and as night came on they brought sheep skins, blankets and ponchos until we wondered if there would be a comfortable home within a radius of several miles.

At the last meeting, as we left the church, these people gathered around us and caught hold of our clothes and begged with tears in their eyes that we send some one to teach them, or for some one to stay. Some of the workers had difficulty in freeing themselves. Then as they saw it useless to plead longer, discouragement took hold of some of them in such a manner that they refused to assist us in getting away. An appointment was out for another meeting so we could not remain longer.

At the next station visited, Laro, we found the same whole-hearted reception, the same happy, hopeful Christians, and the same desire to know more of the Word of God. Yet these people also are without a pastor. There is just one great lesson that I have received from these visits and that is, God is working. There is no greater evidence to me of the verity of God's Word, of the nearness of the return of Jesus than these countless evidences that people are changing from heathenism to the service and sacrifice of Christ, in such great num-

bers, and with such meager opportunities to know of Christ. God is waiting for His people to be ready to receive His Spirit in its fullness, and then the work will be finished in a short time and Jesus will come again. Let us as workers humble ourselves before God as never before, praying that God will give us a vision of the work we may do in Him, and a fitness for this work.

R. J. ROY,
Mission Station Director,
Lake Titicaca Field.

The Progress and Needs of North Peru

IT WAS my privilege recently to visit a number of churches and groups of believers in the north central portion of Peru. This section is often spoken of as the Trujillo district, for the principal coast city bears that name. The Trujillo district of Peru is of special historic interest, as it was here that the Spaniards first penetrated the mysterious unexplored kingdom of Peru, making that audacious but effective venture into the domains of the powerful Inca ruler. Cajamarca is situated about fifty leagues inland, which is the old mountain stronghold where the Indian monarch himself was captured by the invaders and killed after they had betrayed from him his many tons of gold as a ransom for his life. It may be of interest to know that we have believers at this place. Francisco Pizarro, the remarkable leader of the conquest, founded Trujillo and named it after his native town in Spain. In this city we also have about forty believers.

Elder W. F. Miller is in charge of the churches and groups of the Trujillo section which comprise four different centers of an organized church and several groups each. It is interesting and encouraging to see believers springing up in so many of these localities. In fact, it is only another witness to the effectiveness of our literature placed in the homes of the people.



The two most inland churches in the mountain sections of the Peru Mission

During my stay, we visited three of the churches and seven isolated groups. The baptized membership of the section is over two hundred. Elder Miller reports sixty others who are about ready for baptism. These believers are poor in material things and they do not have some of the advantages which the more populated districts enjoy, but they are God's children and we rejoice to see the work go forward among them.

On several occasions we had the opportunity of speaking to the public, and found an unusual interest. It seems with proper effort that new churches might be raised up. This is a fruitful section. The thing most needed among them, whether believers or unbelievers, is that same great need found in most all parts of South America. It is not the need of the public preacher. The most effective way of reaching these people is by personal evangelical work right in their homes, teaching them the principles of Christianity, of the Christ Himself. I would say that the greatest need here is for home workers and school teachers. The progress seen thus far has obviously been made on this basis. We greatly appreciate the self-sacrificing work of Elder Miller and others who have preceded him as again and again they have trilled those difficult roads in uncomfortable circumstances, going from place to place. But the needs are still great.

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On His Way to the Indians of Goyaz

ACCORDING to the Division recommendation, our young people's offerings in South America for 1927 will go to help open up the work among the Indians of Goyaz. At the time of our biennial Union Conference session, held in February, it was decided to invite Elder A. N. Allen, our Bible teacher at the Collegio Adventista, to go to open up this work. Brother Allen has had several years of experience in working among the Indians of Peru. He also felt a great burden to enter this line of work again, and we believe that the Lord will bless his labors to the salvation of souls.

After making necessary prepara-



Farewell meeting held at our Brazil Training School as Pastor A. N. Allen was taking his leave to begin work among the Goyaz Indians

tions, on Sabbath, April 9, the students and members of the College church had a special meeting out in the woods, asking the Lord for His special blessing to rest upon Brother Allen and the work among the Indians. Then on Monday morning Brother Allen left the Collegio and started on his trip to Goyaz. He will spend a few weeks at the end of the railroad, visiting our people and interested ones, baptizing those who may be ready, before going into the jungles to work.

While the heralds of this message are glad to go and carry the glad tidings to those who sit in darkness, still it is not so easy to say good-bye to loved ones; it is not a small matter to bid farewell to friends and civilization, and to enter the wilds of the jungles. But our workers go, yea, they go with a message of comfort and love. They enter the wildernesses, away from home and loved ones, away from modern conveniences, to carry the news of the soon coming Saviour to those who are without hope.

But even the jungles may have attractions. We quote the following from a missionary who went into the wilds of Goyaz. It may give us a little glimpse of the feelings that may come over a person who is separated from the rest of the world. He says:

"I experienced peculiar sensations of joy and exhilarations of spirit as I journeyed through these strange, wild solitudes seemingly never before visited by men. I seemed to have left the world of men and the great gyrers of human activities, with all their excitement, anxiety, turmoil, strife

and feverish haste, forever behind me. The past seemed but a dream. Here nothing was visible to remind one that civilization, with all that it stands for, existed anywhere upon the earth. Life in the solitude carried me back to childhood with its freedom from care, and its entire ignorance of, or interest in what the great world was doing. Here the daily newspaper never comes with its alarming headlines and harrowing details of numerous crimes and disasters, financial panics and social convulsions, upon which the civilized world feeds daily, even hourly. I had got back to God, who through His word and His works, spoke to my soul every moment in sweetest music. . . . I dismounted and reverently knelt in some quiet, secluded, arboreal temple, built with never a sound of hammer nor voice of man, and where, perhaps, no human foot had ever before trod, here to adore the Most High, read and ponder His wonderful works. How delightful were those experiences! How often, in answer to prayer, He relieved physical distress, vouchsafed deliverance from dangers and guidance through difficulties, and opened doors to the hearts of the people."

Perhaps some of these thoughts came to Elder Allen as he went farther and farther away from home and loved ones. We quote the following little statements from letters written by him to his loved ones while on his journey: "All day it has seemed as though I was getting a long ways from you . . . and yet I have no desire to turn back if I could. I have the sweet assurance that God is leading, and so why should

we regret or become discouraged? . . . There is a peace in my heart and God seems very near. How I miss the children! Yet I am going to what I have dreamed of for years. It was the dread of separation which caused me for years to hesitate. But all which is of value costs something, and we are paying the price; surely God will give us many souls, and you have just as big a part in it as I, and possibly greater. If I did not have confidence in you and the children I could not leave; but I know God will care for you all."

Then writing from Viannopolis, at the end of the railroad, he says: "Viannopolis is a nice little town, well-built, clean and attractive, in the open country. . . Late Friday I took a walk into the bush here. Thought I knew about all the tropical plants, but there were so many new flowers and plants that I had to bring in a bouquet for my room. Wish you could see them. There were so many new things that it seems as though I were in a new world. But the gnats were thick also. The parrots were flying in flocks, making a great noise. . . Wherever one is there is always work to do. I have preached twice today, and visited most of the time between meetings. The people say that they have never seen the truth made so plain. I am glad to be where there is real need. . . I am glad to be here, and will now prepare for the mule journey into the unknown territory. I will probably not be able to write much more for quite a while, for where we are going there will be no mail service."

We trust that our people will remember the work among the Indians in their prayers, that the Lord may

direct His servant to the right place and that the way may open for a great work to be done for the people who have never heard this message. And may the Lord also bless our young people as they give of their offerings for this work. Soon the work will be finished in all the world, and then, if faithful, we shall be gathered home with the sheaves we have garnered for the Lord. N. P. NEILSEN.

Missions Pay

JOHN BLOND, so named because of his blond hair and complexion, is an isolated brother living many leagues from the railroad in the great state of Parana, Brazil. He was baptized about seven years ago. He was visited by missionaries only three times during all these years. John Blond never had the privilege of partaking of the Lord's supper since his baptism, knowing about this blessed ordinance only through his Bible study and the Sabbath school lessons.

Some may think that Brother Blond got discouraged and became cold, being left alone for so long, but this was not the case. I was recently called to his place to baptize nine precious souls, all largely the fruit of his faithful example and earnest Christian efforts.

John Blond pays an honest tithe. Every Sabbath he has his family Sabbath school and places aside his mission offerings. He has never had the opportunity of attending a large meeting with other believers. He has never had the privilege of associating with others of like faith, but he is earnestly planning to meet Jesus when He comes in the clouds of heaven, and to be present in that gathering of all

gatherings in the beautiful city of God.

Brother Blond has never been to school a day in his life, but, thanks to the gospel of Jesus Christ, he knows how to read the precious Book. The Advent message gathers people from all nations and from all walks of life, and I am glad that it does not despise such earnest simple souls as John Blond, away off here in the heart of dark Brazil.

John Blond is enough proof that missions pay. ENNIS V. MOORE,

*Director, Paraná Mission,
Brazil.*

Organization of a German Group in the City of Sao Paulo, Brazil

SABBATH, the 26th of February, was a good day for our German brethren in the city of São Paulo. Elder N. P. Nielsen, president of the South Brazil Union, Elder José Amador dos Reis, pastor of our church in the city of São Paulo, Brethren Alfredo Sussmann, and Francisco A. Belz, together with the writer, were present on this occasion.

After a sermon, setting forth briefly the plan of God for His church and the reason for its organization, the German brethren present were asked how many desired to become members of a German group of Seventh-day Adventist believers in that city. Some twenty arose to their feet expressing this desire. Others will undoubtedly join in the near future.

Brother Francisco A. Belz was chosen as leader of the group, and the other necessary officers were elected. Our hearts were cheered by this evidence of progress in behalf of those from the land of Luther who have chosen to sojourn here in Brazil.

The organization of this group was made possible by the faithful work done by Brother Alfredo Sussmann during the nine months or more that he worked in the Capital.

We believe that under the direction of Brother Belz this group will make progress.

H. B. WESTCOTT,
*President, São Paulo Conference,
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General Meeting at Campos dos Quevedos, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

ELDER Harder and the writer held a general meeting at the above named place. This is a country church among the hills, some fifty miles from the railway and the nearest post office. The road is indescribably rough. A motor truck gave us an extra free Swedish



John Blond is in the center of the row of men. Brother Moore is seen sitting in front of group

massage, and a lumber wagon did equal service over a rougher and hillier road on the way back. This church is usually visited only once a year. We had most excellent meetings. The Lord came very near, and the brethren and sisters received real help in their Christian experience. Five were baptized. The Lord's supper was celebrated, church officers were elected for the year, and arrangements were made to continue the church school another year. After the close of the meetings we spent two days visiting the brethren from house to house, praying and talking with them and encouraging them as best we could. A brother loaned us saddle horses for the purpose. As I led my horse to a knoll to mount, an aged sister of eighty-five years standing in the door, called to me and asked whether she should not get a ladder for me for the purpose. There was wit that age could not destroy.

On the return trip we went out of our way to visit a small company. Here we had two most excellent meetings. Through the work of Bother Longino Niz, a real missionary canvasser, there are a number deeply interested in the truth. A French-Swiss of Huguenot descent of some sixty years, who left his native land when a mere boy, came afoot a distance of one and one-half hours, with four adult children, two boys and two girls, to attend the meetings. They have recently begun to keep the Sabbath and hope soon to be baptized. Others of the family are interested. The way is open to do a good work in this place. Although the group is small, a church school is in progress. The church school teacher serves as leader and treasurer of the group. J. W. WESTPHAL, *Field and Ministerial Association Secretary, South American Division.*

Putting Legs Under O Atalaia

THERE are many different ways of putting legs under *O Atalaia*. A certain lay member wanted to help do this. He began by improving his spare time in selling single copies and taking subscriptions. During the past year he took 42 subscriptions and sold 70 single copies. Our brother relates the following experience with a business friend. He offered the business friend the paper but as the friend had recently bought a number of books for his library he was not interested. However by a little persuasion he bought the September number. On meeting the friend a few days later he asked about the paper and received the reply that he wanted to become a colporteur for *O Atalaia*.

I think the best week's record comes from Rio Grande do Sul where Arthur Nagel worked 54 hours, taking 156 orders valued at 4:25\$000 (\$607.00 gold). Rio Grande do Sul has some splendid colporteurs. Brother Wilhelm Doerner reports for the past year 44 weeks of work and 611 copies of "Nossa Epoca" delivered.

Two colporteurs report 43 orders in 67 hours for "Great Controversy" in a town which was worked thoroughly eleven months ago with "Nossa Epoca." Others have worked the same town the second time with "Nossa Epoca" and sold many more copies the second time than were sold at first. The experiences of today are proving that the circulation increases the demand.

C. L. BAINER,
*Field Missionary Secretary,
South Brazil Union.*

Baptisms in South Brazil

KNOWING that our people desire to hear of the progress of the work, we will mention the following baptisms during the last few weeks. There may have been other baptisms during this time which have not yet come to our notice.

Recently Elder H. B. Westcott baptized two persons at Pirassununga. In reporting this, Elder Westcott said that every time he has visited this place, he has been able to baptize some souls. On this same trip, north of Ribeirao Preto, he found in one place nine persons, and in another place sixteen persons keeping the Sabbath.

On Sabbath, February 26, Elder José dos Reis, pastor of the Sao Paulo church, baptized twelve precious souls into that church. The work is going forward in the city of Sao Paulo and many are being added to the Lord.

Elder A. L. Westphal has been holding a tent meeting in Curityba, Paraná, for a number of weeks. During a part of the time he was assisted by Brother Enrique Simon. Brother Joao Moreira Jr., served as tentmaster. They have enjoyed a good attendance from the first, often scores had to stand up for lack of seating room. On Sabbath, March 19, Elder Westphal baptized fourteen precious souls into this message.

Again on Sabbath, March 19, Elder José dos Reis had another baptism in Sao Paulo. This time ten dear souls were buried with their Lord in this solemn rite. Others in this city will doubtless follow their Saviour in this ordinance in the near future.

There is joy in heaven among the angels when a sinner is converted, and there is also rejoicing among the saints of God on earth when souls are

born into the kingdom of God. Let us rejoice for the work of God moves forward. N. P. NEILSEN.

Souls Reached by the Right Arm of the Message

IN ORDER to get into a room we must open the door, and generally the right arm is used for this purpose. In the same manner, health reform, as the right arm of the message, will be used to open the door of the heart and reach many souls.

Several years ago there was an epidemic of fever in Brusque (Santa Catharina) and many inhabitants suffered severely. As I had spent many years in Africa and had often suffered with the fever, some came to me for advice. One day a certain woman asked me to visit her husband who was seriously ill. I went, offered some suggestions, gave some medicine in homeopathic form, and then knelt down with a brother and the wife of the sick man, in a season of prayer. The patient was soon well and gave a thank offering of 50\$000 for missions and promised to follow the Lord. But his company, working conditions, etc. brought him back to the old ways. The man, however, was dissatisfied and again began to attend the Sabbath meetings and to receive further Bible studies. As result the entire family is won for Jesus.

As all men love health, we may do a great work by reaching them through the work of health reform.

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The Harvest Ingathering Campaign in the Austral Union

WE ARE glad to pass on to the readers of the BULLETIN a partial report of this campaign in our field. From the reports that are coming to us from the different fields, we believe that this has been the most successful campaign we have had in the history of the Austral Union. For this we give all the praise to the Lord.

Buenos Aires Conference

The Conference goal was reached in less than six weeks. When all the reports are in it is thought that the Conference will go over the goal as

set by the Union about \$2000.00 Argentine pesos. Guatraché, our German church in the southern part of the province of Buenos Aires, doubled its goal of \$750.00 pesos. The Florida church went over their goal by about \$500.00 pesos. The Home Missionary leader of the Central Buenos Aires church tells me that only two members of the entire church have not taken part in the campaign this year. Most of the work was done by the laity. One sister sixty-eight years old, went out this year and was successful in securing over \$30.00 pesos. She filled two solicitors cards with names.

NORTH ARGENTINE CONFERENCE

Elder J. H. Roth, president of the North Argentine Conference writes:

"It is with a great deal of pleasure that I pass on to you the results of our work in Rosario with Mr. Winters, the manager of the Swift Packing House. On arriving at the school, Brother Marshall told me that he would like to have me answer a letter that had been received from Swift and Company. In the letter they stated that a Mr. Christman and a Mr. Roth visited them and that as a result of that visit they were sending free of charge a bill of goods, products of their plant. In the list they have two sacks of ham, so many kilos of lard, and so many kilos of lamb tongues and all kinds of meats. Brother Marshall will turn the things over to the Agrícola Regional to sell, and the Harvest Ingathering will receive the credit for them."

With what this field will get from the trip to be made to Tucuman, Salta and Jujuy, in the northern part of Argentine, they will go well over the goal that has been set for them by the Union.

URUGUAY MISSION

The writer went over to Montevideo about the 20th of April to help the Mission finish up the campaign and reach their goal. Upon arrival, he found that the goal of the Mission had been reached, and passed by almost \$100.00 gold. The goal of that field was reached in record time *four weeks*. Instead of spending his time in Harvest Ingathering in the Mission, the writer spent a little over two weeks assisting in a public effort in Montevideo with Elder W. B. Miramontes. Brother Miramontes is the pastor of the Montevideo church, and says that the members have cooperated better this year in the Harvest Ingathering than ever before. It is most encouraging to learn that the laity is recognizing the important part it has in making this campaign a success.

CHILE CONFERENCE

The last report that has come through from Chile gives us to understand that they have over \$25,000.00 Chilean currency toward their goal. Elder T. L. Oswald, the president of the Conference, writes:

"In the Harvest Ingathering campaign the Lord has blessed us far beyond our expectations. Our offerings have been larger than what they were last year. Our largest personal offering to date has been \$100.00 gold, or about \$825.00 in Chilean currency. We have worked less than one month in the campaign, and the prospects are bright. I went out at first with a good deal of fear because of the financial condition in the country. 'With God there is no crisis,' must be remembered, and how often He has demonstrated it to us."

ALTO PARANA MISSION

The campaign in this field was started about one month later than the rest of the fields in the Union. This was due to the change of superintendents of the Mission, and also other changes in workers just about the time of the beginning of the campaign. However, from word received from Brother O. E. Schnepfer, the director of the Mission, the prospects are bright. He writes:

"The Harvest Ingathering is going nicely in our field. To date we have about \$1000.00 pesos which is just about half of the goal of the Mission. As yet, we have not worked the cities of Asunción, Paraguay, nor Corrientes, where our office is situated. In Resistencia, Brother Weiss and myself worked the factories. Two of them gave us offerings of \$50.00 pesos. Mrs. Weiss and Mrs. Nazar in one day received \$135.00 pesos, and another day's work was represented by \$72.00 pesos. We feel this is good in view of the financial crisis in the Chaco, due to the cotton crop failure."

It cheers our hearts to receive these splendid reports from the fields, and it shows us that God has not forsaken His workers and people in spite of the fact that there is a real financial crisis in some parts of the Union. To God we give the praise for this splendid success that has attended our efforts this year, and pray that the funds gathered will be the means of winning souls and advancing the cause of God in our field. We believe that we have not touched the possibilities in our Harvest Ingathering work in the Union with our finger tips. It can be made a mighty factor in the winning of souls. L. E. CHRISTMAN.

Home Missionary Secretary,

Austral Union.

The Buenos Aires Conference

THE report for the first quarter of the year can be summed up in three words: blessing, courage and progress.

Special blessings have attended our committee meetings in making plans for the work of the field. Harmony and cooperation have prevailed among the workers and laity, which have brought new courage and enthusiasm into the work. The aggressive plans carried out in evangelistic work resulting in the larger number of baptisms, mark progress which give fair prospect to reaching the goal of 120 members net for the Conference during the year.

Thus far there have been 56 persons baptized and a number received by profession of faith and letter, which bring the membership to 530.

The enthusiasm with which our brethren have taken hold of the Harvest Ingathering, is encouraging. The goal set for the field was the highest of any in the Union when considering the membership and former experience in the Harvest Ingathering work. For years, because of lack of workers and direction in the field, the goal had not been reached. However we determined to do what we could toward reaching it this year, and the results have been far beyond our expectation. Already we have raised more than the quota and the prospects are that we shall go \$1,500.00 Argentine pesos beyond. Some of the churches have done remarkably well.

The progress made in the tithe and offerings have also been encouraging. The mission offerings made an increase of \$1,442.14 pesos over the first quarter of last year, and the tithe has made even a better increase. For 1926 the tithe was the best in the history of the Conference, having made a gain of over \$5,000.00 pesos during the year. We hardly dared hope to see such a gain this year over 1926, however at the end of the first quarter, to our surprise, the tithe has sprung to an increase of \$2,525.83 pesos over the corresponding months of last year. We thank God for this increase of faithfulness, and consecrate ourselves to Him to be faithful, not only in the payment of our tithe and offerings, but in all other Christian duties as well.

Our workers are making definite plans to hold evangelistic meetings for the public in all parts of the Conference where workers are located. The prospects are that this year will see the largest number of souls baptized within the history of the work in Buenos Aires.

Surely the fields are ripe for har-

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vest and it was never more needful to pray the Lord of the harvest to send reapers into the field.

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Opening New Mission Stations

By Carlyle B. Haynes

IT IS a genuine satisfaction to report that provisions have been made in the Union sessions held since January, to open work and establish mission stations in five new fields in the South American Division.

At the Inca Union session at Lima, a new mission field was created, to be known as the Upper Amazon Mission. Elder F. A. Stahl was appointed by the Division as superintendent. Associated with him in this important enterprise will be Brother and Sister Wm. Schaeffler, formerly superintendent of the Pernambuco Mission. Iquitos, Peru, will be the headquarters. The construction of two small homes in Iquitos was authorized. Brother and Sister Schaeffler are already in Iquitos, and Brother and Sister Stahl are on the way.

In or near Ayacucho, Peru, Brother Pedro Kalbermatter is to open a new mission for the Quichua Indians of that territory. He is already on the ground.

It was also found possible to begin the long deferred mission for the Yungus Indians of Bolivia. Brother Joseph Replogle, of Uruguay, has been called to take charge of this new work.

Elder A. N. Allen has already gone into the state of Goyaz, in Brazil, and is engaged in opening a new mission enterprise there among the Indians of that territory. We await word of the progress there with much eagerness.

Elder and Mrs. J. L. Brown are opening work in Belem, Pará, at the mouth of the Amazon River. We look for encouraging word from them before long.

Division Notes

IT IS with genuine regret that we announce the return to the United States of Elder F. L. Perry, the superintendent of the Inca Union Mission. This was made necessary because of the condition of Sister Perry's health. Ordered by her physicians to immediately return to the United States, there was nothing for the Division committee to do but reluctantly consent and release Elder Perry from his duties. He and Sister Perry sailed from Lima on May 18. Our sincere good wishes go with them as they once again take up their residence in North America.

To fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Elder F. L. Perry, the Division committee has called Elder V. E. Peugh, of the Peru Mission, to the superintendency of the Inca Union Mission. Elder Peugh has accepted the call, and entered upon his duties.

Brother H. B. Christianson, Union Field secretary of the Inca Union Mission, has been released from that Mission to engage in ministerial work in the Peru Mission.

ELDER J. D. Lorenz, pastor of the church at Lima, Peru, has been called to the position of Field Missionary secretary of the Inca Union Mission, and has accepted.

ELDER H. D. Isaac, of the Peru Mission, has accepted a call from the Division committee to the secretaryship of the Educational department of the Lake Titicaca Mission.

ELDER Carlyle B. Haynes, the Divisional president, accompanied by Professor C. P. Crager, Brother E. H. Meyers, and Brother and Sister C. D. Striplin, arrived in Buenos Aires May 14, from his visit to Peru and the Inca Union Mission.

PROFESSOR C. D. Striplin, for several years secretary of the Educational, Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School departments of the Inca Union Mission, is to live in Florida, and take the same departments in the Austral Union. He has exchanged places with Brother H. B. Lundquist, who is now in the Inca Union.

ELDER G. W. Schubert, one of the Field secretaries of the General Conference, is now visiting our German-speaking churches in the East Brazil Union Mission. From June 14 to 21 he will be in the Sao Paulo Conference; from June 23 to 26 in Curitiba, Paraná; from June 28 to July 27 in Santa Catharina; from July 29 to August 20 in Rio Grande do Sul. The latter part of August he will begin his

work in the Austral Union, starting in Uruguay, and later visiting Buenos Aires and the North Argentine field.

ELDER J. W. Westphal is visiting churches in the Rio Grande do Sul Conference.

ELDER R. R. Breitigam, the Home Missionary secretary of the Division, is spending June and a part of July in Home Missionary activities and promotion work in the Bolivia and Lake Titicaca Missions. In August he will make his first visit to Brazil to assist there in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and in holding Home Missionary conventions.

South Brazil Notes

ELDER Germano Streithorst baptized two dear souls at Jaraguá, Santa Catharina, some weeks ago.

ELDER A. L. Westphal writes that arrangements have been made for the construction of a church building at Pirahy, Paraná.

A SERIES of tent meetings is being held at Mogy Mirim, São Paulo, by Elder Luiz Braun and Brother J. G. Garcia. The attendance thus far has been excellent, at times the tent has been filled to overflowing with many people standing outside. Let us pray that a good harvest may be gathered in that place as result of these meetings.

RECENTLY Elder A. L. Westphal baptized four persons at Wenceslau Braz, and two at Affonso Camargo, Paraná. He writes: "At Affonso Camargo, I also received a brother who had been baptized many years ago by Elder Graf; but who had gone off with the Independents. At Wenceslau Braz, a man has offered a piece of land on which to erect a church. The outlook there is good and I believe souls could be won if some work were done there."

A LETTER written March 6, 1927, from Salitre, a place in the far interior of the state of Minas Geraes, requests that some minister be sent up there to visit and baptize those who are ready. The writer says, "I wish to take my stand for the truth together with my family. There are ten persons here who wish to unite with the truth." Thus the message spreads far beyond where we have our work established. Often we are perplexed to know how to answer the many calls that come to us for help. But this is the cause of God; He still directs His work, and it will continue to advance even in spite of our limitations.

N. P. NEILSEN.