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Divine Possibilities

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It is interesting to observe the reaction in various quarters to the appeal to take as our goal the making of the South American Division a self-supporting field.

Some, an encouraging number really, think we ought to set ourselves to work towards it. A few are outspoken as believing it can be done. Others are frank to say, "It can never be done." Others are inclined to express doubt about its possibility. Still others just look their doubts. And there are a few who just look pained when it is mentioned.

The thing that encourages me is that it is discussed at all, even to be ridiculed. I'm glad it is being talked about. That is a step in the right direction. I am writing about it again in order to get it talked about more.

Do not think for a moment that I fail to realize what a tremendous task it will be to make this Division self-supporting. I do realize it. I do not expect it to be done over night, nor without long-sustained, intelligent, purposeful effort. We will not, however, even start in that direction until we start talking about it, and until we believe it can be done. We are talking about it now. A little later we will believe and then God will demonstrate what He can do when we believe. It is in the hope of winning the belief of all that I expect to say something about it now and then.

Personally, I believe in it. I am sure it can be done. With every worker in South America believing in it, working towards it, planning for it, developing South America's resources to that end, and with God going on before us, nothing could prevent that goal being attained.

Possible? Of course it is possible. Will you just take up your Bible for a few minutes and allow me to lead you in a little Bible study. Turn first to Mark 10:27 and read, "With God all things are possible." That is a good passage to start with. It is an echo of what God Himself said to Abraham regarding the

promise of Isaac. The margin of the Revised Version of Gen. 18:14 has it, "Is anything too wonderful for Jehovah?" And that sends your mind to Jer. 32:27, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too wonderful for me?"

Blessed will we be here in South America if we can all reply in simple faith,

as Jeremiah did, "Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too wonderful for thee." Jer. 32:17.

But how are these divine possibilities to become human realities? Jesus answers that when He says, "All things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23. That is, everything is possible to him who has faith, who trusts, who reckons on God's faithfulness to do as He has promised. The link between our weakness and helplessness and God's omnipotence is faith. All things are possible with God, and all things are possible with the man who simply but really trusts God.

The Greek here (Mark 10:27) makes this still plainer. "With God all things are possible," means not only that to God's power all things are possible, or that God can do everything. It means more than that. The word translated "with" in this passage is "para," meaning "along with." It is this word which is compounded to make up the principal name of the Holy Spirit of God in the New Testament, "Para-kletos," or "one called to be along with," which is translated "Comforter" or "Advocate."

Hence the full meaning of the passage is, "Along with God, all things are possible."

Why not face 1928, and the making of the South American Division self-supporting, with *that* as our memory text? "Along with God, all things are possible."

WHEN in faith we take hold of His strength, He will change, wonderfully change, the most hopeless, discouraging outlook. He will do this for the glory of His name. God calls upon His faithful ones, who believe in Him to talk courage to those who are unbelieving and hopeless. May the Lord help us to help one another, and to prove Him by living faith.—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 164.

"HOPE and courage are essential to perfect service for God."

Be Strong!

Be strong!

*We are not here to play, to dream,
to drift.*

*We have hard work to do, and
loads to lift.*

Shun not the struggle; face it.

'Tis God's gift.

Be strong!

*Say not the days are evil,—who's
to blame?—*

*And fold the hands and acquiesce.
O shame!*

*Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in
God's name.*

Be strong!

*It matters not how deep entrenched
the wrong,*

*How hard the battle goes, the day,
how long.*

*Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow
comes the song.*

—Dr. Babcock.

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Experiences in Uruguay

RECENTLY our attention was called to an interest in the message by five or six families living at a small town called Canelones, an hours ride by train from Montevideo. Since then it has been my privilege to make weekly visits in these homes and study the precious truths of our faith with these people. Among them is a young barber who closes his shop at noon when I call and we study together. He seems to drink in the message as though his very soul thirsted for the news of salvation. He owns a Bible and a copy of "Our Day." Both of these he displays on a shelf in his shop as though he were proud of them, and we have heard that when some of his friends make disparaging remarks about religious life, he tells them they would be better off if only they would investigate the life represented in those books for themselves rather than to expose their ignorance and scoff at it. We feel that the Lord has directed us to this young man and we are confident that some day he will be a real witness for the truth.

Another person among these interested ones is a man who has used tobacco for forty years. When I found him, he was truly a slave to his pipe and tobacco, but he explained to me that he abhorred the bad habit but did not know how to free himself from it. I read with him many promises of God, among which was Phil. 4: 13, and after praying with him, he promised that by the grace of God he would stop smoking. After this I did not see him for three weeks, and when I did call on him, he was rejoicing and told me that he had the victory. He said, "Brother, the devil has tempted me a great deal for when I determined to give this habit up for Jesus' sake, the next day several of my friends who had not before done so, offered me cigars, but I said, 'No thank you, I don't smoke any more,' and I found great strength in repeating the promise, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'" We rejoice in seeing victories won by those whom Satan has held in his power for many years.

On Sabbath, September 17, two young men of Montevideo followed their Lord in baptism. One of these

has entered the colporteur work and promises to be a very successful worker. There are others in a baptismal class preparing to take the step, and by the help of the Lord we hope to have at least twelve more precious souls ready for baptism by the end of the year. Pray that we may be able to reach many honest hearts here in Uruguay.

W. B. MIRAMONTES,
Evangelist, Montevideo, Uruguay.

The Week of Prayer in the Chillan Training School

THIS year the Week of Prayer has meant a great deal to the school family. It is the second week of prayer during the school year. In the first the great majority of those who did not profess Christianity gave their hearts to God and many others began again to live the life that counts. During this second week many of the older students went out, at the invitation of the Conference, to take charge of the services in churches of nearby towns. All returned overflowing with courage because of the good spirit and the great interest in each place. Each one reported large numbers interested and anxious to continue studying. We are following up the interest in Chillan where there are some twenty persons studying and attending the Sunday and Wednesday night meetings conducted by the young men from the school. This gives them not only a practical experience in conducting public meetings but also the joy of winning souls.

In the school itself we were privileged to have Brother C. D. Striplin, the Union Educational and Young Peoples' Secretary, with us. Each chapel hour was given over to the reading as given in the *Revista Adventista* and each night to a study on vital points of the Christian life. Friday evening in the Vesper service nearly all took part, thankful to God for the blessings of the week, and resolved that the enemy should not be permitted to rob from them the blessings gained. Many asked that we pray for their families who are not Adventists. These boys and girls are definitely planning to do a work for God during the summer months in living the truth before their parents so that they too may accept and be saved.

Chile is ripe for the harvest and the workers are too few to gather in the grain. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest," and as you pray, hear that voice that says: "Whom shall we send, and who will go for us?" May it not be that God would have you answer: "Here am I, send me?"

J. M. HOWELL,
Director, Chillan Training School.

Austral Union Notes

A VERY interesting telegram has been received from W. A. Bergherm, our Union Field Director, who spent the Big Week working in the Uruguay Mission. It states as follows: "Viñolo [Uruguay Field Director] \$876 Argentine pesos with 'Nuevo Medico.' Bergherm, 'Nuestro Siglo' in combination with *Atalaya* \$627 Argentine pesos." We are certainly pleased to receive this good report and are sure there are many others to reach us from the various fields in this Union.

WE HAVE been receiving good reports from our Home Missionary Secretary, Brother Christman, regarding the work the Home Missionary Department of the churches are doing in the interest of Big Week. Only yesterday Brother Christman in company with four others sold one hundred of the small books which were especially arranged for Big Week. Brother Christman reports that with very few exceptions these were all sold in complete sets of three. This surely is making a good record and we trust that more of our church members will take up the work of selling these sets of small books in the future.

IN A letter received from Elder Oswald the other day he stated that they would reach their goal of 200 baptisms this year, and that he hoped they would reach the amount of 250. We are certainly pleased to receive this good report from Chile because it shows faithful work done on the part of our workers in that field. We trust that with the help of the Lord this will be one of the best years that the Austral Union has ever seen, as far as the number of baptized souls is concerned.

ANOTHER interesting letter was received from Brother Schnepper just recently, a few paragraphs of which we will quote herewith:

"Have just returned from a most profitable visit to Charata where I enjoyed one of the best experiences I have ever had. Sorry that I could not stay longer. I was able to hold twelve meetings. Surely there is a hungering for the truth at this place.

"As you know there were already a number of Sabbath-keepers in this place. Most of these however are ex-Adventists who are not now members of the church but who are keeping the Sabbath. Several new Baptist families from Germany who had heard a little of the truth in the old country, moved into the vicinity and by means of their contact with these Sabbath-keepers they began keeping the Sabbath."

"IT WAS a pleasure to see them drink in the truth as I presented the various points of faith to them from night to night. With the help of the Lord we were able to organize a Sabbath school of 35 members. There is also a fine group of young people and we organized them into a Missionary Volunteer Society of 24 members. These young people meet one night each week to sing songs, and when I was there, rendered a number of special selections which were very beautiful.

"BEST of all, it was a pleasure to see the new courage the old members received and they promised to be more faithful. Some said that they had just been waiting for a revival of this kind.

given courage to this people, as few had ever before attended an annual gathering. There seemed to prevail a spirit of harmony and love throughout the four days we were together.

The number present at the Sabbath school was 67 adults and 27 children. Notwithstanding that the people are poor and are at this time experiencing a drought, the collection amounted to \$102.95 pesos besides 38 pesos for the expenses of the hall. On Sabbath afternoon all joined in the observance of the Lord's Supper. The following day, after an impressive address on baptism by Elder J. H. Roth, eleven precious souls were conducted to the Amores River and buried with their Lord in baptism.



Baptism at Villa Ocampo, Argentine.

Fifteen asked for baptism and a number of others would like to join the church on profession of faith."

C. L. BAUER.
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General Meeting at Villa Ocampo

A GENERAL meeting of the constituency of the churches of Villa Ocampo, Las Toscas, the groups of Villa Guillermina and Reconquista, was held at Villa Ocampo, Province of Santa Fe, Argentine, August 26-29. The services were held in a small hall near the center of town.

Special consideration was given daily relative to the missionary, Sabbath school, colporteur and medical forces of our work. Stirring gospel talks were given every night to a full house of respectful and attentive hearers by Elder J. W. Westphal. Many not of our faith also attended the meetings. This meeting has

About two leagues from Ocampo the Waldenses have built a small chapel which consists of a corrugated iron roof on poles. This was offered to us to hold public meetings. It was at this place that the majority of those who were baptized had accepted the truth. They are now calling for a church school and teachers. Two sisters have each offered five acres of land for this purpose. There are others interested and awaiting baptism. Brother Samuel Weber and wife have remained there to follow up this interest and establish the new members.

Among others present at this meeting were Pedro Peverini and his wife. Brother Peverini is now nearly 80 years old and has been in this truth for many years. They delighted the audience by singing a duet.

The workers present were: J. W. Westphal, J. H. Roth, W. A. Ernenputsch, R. R. Saunders, Samuel C. Weber, and the writer. Dr. G. B. REPLOGLE. Physician, Sanitarium, Puiggari, Entre Rios, Argentine.

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Among the Churches

FROM June 9 to August 14, it was my privilege to visit a number of churches and groups in the Santa Catharina-Parana Mission and the Rio Grande do Sul Conference together with Elder G. W. Schubert, Field Secretary of the General Conference, who spent about four months in Brazil visiting principally our German churches and getting acquainted with conditions in our field. The studies given by Elder Schubert were greatly appreciated by our people. In Parana and Santa Catharina, Elder Germano Streithorst, director of the Mission, accompanied us, and in Rio Grande do Sul, Elder A. C. Harder, president of the Conference, went with us.

On June 9, we reached Itarare where we met Brother Alfredo Suessmann, who is director of that district. Elder Schubert spoke in the church that evening to a house well filled with attentive listeners. From there we went to Curityba where we spent a short time holding meetings every day. Here, too, the Lord blessed us greatly. Elder A. E. Hagen is pastor of the church, as well as director of a district, and the Lord is blessing His servant in this important center of our work.

We also held meetings at Jaragua, Jounville, Benedicto Novo, Gaspar Alto, Brusque, Blumenau, Bom Retiro Lages, Uniao da Victoria and Bom Retiro Herval in the State of Santa Catharina. At each place we experienced the blessings of the Lord as we sought Him together.

At Bom Retiro Lages, Elder Streithorst baptized eleven young people who had given their hearts to God. About as many more expressed their desire to prepare themselves for baptism at the next opportunity. It rejoices our hearts to see our young people give themselves to the Lord. Brother Manoel Kuempel is elder of the church and teacher of our church school.

We were pleased to meet such a large number of young people at nearly every place. Surely God has a work for them to do in connection with His movement, and we believe that a number of them should plan to attend our College and prepare themselves for greater usefulness in the cause of God.

The first place which we visited in Rio Grande do Sul was Boa Vista do Erechim. Several of those in attendance had traveled on horseback for many hours over mountainous roads to reach the place

of meeting; and we can easily understand, that after putting forth such efforts to attend, they were eager to drink in the words of life which were presented. They returned to their homes with a new determination to walk worthily of the vocation to which they had been called.

We next visited our church at Nao-me-Toque. Here, too, good meetings were enjoyed. We have a large number of young people at this place. They have a good church school building and Brother Heinrich Khoener is teacher. Elder A. C. Harder baptized eleven dear souls while we were there and others hope to be baptized in the near future.

We also visited Ijuhy, Santa Maria, Santa Cruz, Fachinal de Dentro, Bom Retiro, Taquara, Rolante and Porto Alegre. The Lord blessed the message given and our people were encouraged to press forward in the way of truth. At Santa Maria we met Brother Domingos Peixoto who is laboring in this important center. He told us that there were seventeen persons ready for baptism in that city. One sister was baptized in Fachinal de Dentro, several others having recently been baptized there. We were pleased to meet Elder H. F. Graf at Bom Retiro. For many years he has labored in the cause of God. Though somewhat advanced in years, he is still strong in the faith and endeavors to do all he can to advance the cause we love.

August 10 to 14, was spent at Porto Alegre and good meetings were enjoyed with our people. While here the Conference Committee held meetings to consider the needs of the work in Rio Grande do Sul and to lay plans for its advancement.

From Porto Alegre, Elders Schubert and Harder visited Pelotas and Campo dos Quevedos, and from there Elder Schubert went to meet his appointments in Uruguay and Argentine. We are very thankful that Elder Schubert could visit these places in our Union Conference. We believe that our people were greatly benefitted by the instruction given by this servant of the Lord.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Christ is Our Pattern

Did you ever examine a schoolboy's copy book and observe that generally his first line on the page is written better than the others? Why is this? Simply because, instead of keeping his eye on the copy, the boy copies his own mistakes, and more and more so as he gets farther and farther away from the original.

Thus it is in our Christian experience. Christ is our pattern, our copy, which we should follow. The nearer we keep to Him, the more our lives will be like His perfect life. But the farther we get away

from Him and look upon others, the more of self will appear in our lives. Our only safety is to look at the Copy and follow it. Let us not follow the mistakes of others, but always look "unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." He is our pattern.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Colporteur Work in Rio Grande do Sul

I HAVE just completed a three months visit to the Rio Grande do Sul Conference. The greater part of this time was spent in the field with Brother Zeroth, the local Field Director, visiting a goodly number of the largest groups and churches in interest of the colporteur work. It was a very enjoyable trip for us and we feel, a profitable one. We are glad to re-

Alegre. We consider this one of the best institutes that we have ever held in this field in some respects. There were fifteen in attendance, and all will go direct to the field. I am sure that they were the most promising class of workers we have ever had at an institute. Elder Harder, the president of the field, was able to be with us only the last two days of the meeting. Brother Domingos Peixoto gave an interesting and helpful Bible study each morning and also held night services for the benefit of the colporteurs and members of the church. The last Sabbath of the meeting the colporteurs occupied the hour of the regular service, relating some of their experiences. The meeting was very much enjoyed by all. Some interesting experiences were related which proved the protecting care of God over these workers. Alfredo Doerner, who has been working



Institute in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

port a new interest manifested on the part of our churches in the colporteur work. It is hard to understand just what this means without knowing a little of the feeling which has existed in the past against this branch of our work. When I came to Brazil and for one year after I came, we did not have one colporteur in this field. After our first visit through the field we held an institute in Porto Alegre with two colporteurs in attendance. The last two days of the course, we encouraged the third one to attend. Brother Zeroth became almost discouraged with one of these when he learned that he had an old account of more than 700\$000. Since that time the work has gone forward very encouragingly, but not without difficulties. Brother Zeroth has worked hard and spared no effort to help his colporteurs.

From August 20 to 27 we held our annual institute for this territory in Porto

only a few weeks, related an interesting experience. While he was delivering a book, a man came to the house to whom he had already delivered a book, and demanded that he return his money and take the book. He was very angry, and the colporteur refusing to do this, the man grabbed him by the throat and compelled him to return his money. He thought it was a rather hard experience for his first delivery but he is determined to stay by the work. Longino Niz told of an experience of delivering a book to one of the poorest families that he thought he had ever met in his work. They lived in a place that could not be called a house, without bed, table, chairs, or even a plate to eat from. He had heard of the work of the colporteur through his neighbor and in some way had arranged the money for the book. He expressed his complete confidence that the book had a message of salvation for him and his family. The

colporteur became so impressed with the physical needs of the family and their interest in salvation that he returned to the man his money.

From all parts of the field interesting reports are coming of the results of our literature and we are sure that the future will reveal greater progress in this branch of our work in that field.

C. L. BAINER.

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Experiences in the Harvest Ingathering with our Brazil Pioneer Worker

By VOTE of the Conference Committee I was asked to engage in the Harvest Ingathering work in the region of Taquary, Estrella, Lageado, Teutonia and Bom Retiro in company with Elder H. F. Graf. On July 14 I started on this trip, and I was very glad to find that Elder Graf in his customary manner, even in his old days, was ready to place his strength, all his wishes, and all his means at the disposal of the work.

When I met Elder Graf I found he was remodeling his house, and this was the reason why I first visited a number of small groups where Elder Graf sometime past had baptized 28 souls, and then came to Porto Sangrador to begin the Harvest Ingathering with the Brazilian brethren there. I worked with Brother Domingos Cezar da Silva, and in five hours we were able to pass our goal. Brother Domingos told me he was very happy, for we were never refused an offering. He is now laying plans to enter the book work. After visiting a few more brethren, and returning to Bom Retiro I found Elder Graf ready to begin the Harvest Ingathering work. His baking-oven was not quite finished, and as he wanted to do this work himself, he finished this up the next morning, and on the same day we started our journey. After riding for five hours we reached Taquary, our first stop. Here we were to have our first experiences in the Harvest Ingathering. Our Brother Reinholt Preuss who lives at this place was a great help to us in the work. As the population of this little village is quite scattered we had to do lots of walking to find our donors. Elder Graf, although 72 years of age, walked with us like a young man, disregarding the exertion and the heat of the day. Our legs became tired, but we were glad that with the help of the Lord we passed our goal before the work of the day was closed. In this Catholic town no one refused us an

offering. The Lord sent His angels before us, and hearts were opened for the truth, and pocket-books were opened for the work of God in the earth. That evening we were surprised by a heavy rain, and afterwards a cold south wind arose. On the Sabbath at the home of one of our brethren we refreshed ourselves by studying God's word, and He gave us new courage and good weather in answer to our prayers. On Sunday morning, just as we were ready to mount our horses and start on the return trip, a young man came running up to us wanting to give an offering for the poor Indians.

On the way back we also received a nice gift for God's good cause. All this the Lord did, but we had to be up and doing. After a five hours ride we were again in the home of Elder Graf where we were now to make preparations for the trip to Estrella. At this time a friend of the truth placed his automobile at our disposal. On account of the rain this was a difficult trip, and we reached Estrella as unwashed people. But our labor was rewarded by the advances of the many good and willing hearts. We reached our goal and continued our trip on to Lageado. Here we were very kindly received by one of Elder Graf's former students at the time of his teaching activity in Curityba, Mr Robert Stahlschmidt, who was at our side with counsel and action, so that we easily passed our goal. In the darkness we made the return journey that we might go to Teutonia the following day.

Before we reached the colony, the angel of the Lord had visibly gone before us, and by the time we reached Teutonia we already had more than half our goal. There we also found willing givers. That night we returned to Bom Retiro. Our stock of Harvest Ingathering magazines was getting low, but we had enough to reach our goal, and with the last number we were able to receive a number of gifts. I sent these last ones the magazines after my return to Porto Alegre. In closing I can say: Thank the Lord, for he has done the work. The goal which was set by the Conference and which seemed somewhat high, was doubled. We will try to set it even higher next year.

It gave me great joy to stand by the side of him who started the Lord's work here in the year 1895, and share the work with him. Greater was my joy to be able to do the Harvest Ingathering work with him in a region where this work had not been done before. It is to be admired that Elder Graf at the age of 72 years can keep step with us younger workers. With

joy and with ease he takes up the difficulties of the journey. With courage he approaches the people, trusting that God does His work Himself.

What have we done in the Harvest Ingathering work this year? What has been our experience? Let us take an example from our Elder Graf, and with courage and joy let us do more in the future than we have in the past. Let us be faithful in doing that to which the Lord has called us.

GUILHERME DOERNER.
*Secretary-Treasurer, Rio Grande
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More Atalaias, More Souls

SABBATH, August 20, I noticed a well dressed man enter our church with his wife. After the service I shook hands with him, asking him who he was etc., and learned that he was interested in our truth. Upon inquiring how he had come in contact with our faith, he replied that a colporteur had passed his way selling the *Atalaia*. He stated that for years he had not been satisfied with the light of the Roman Catholic Church, but as he conversed with priest, parent and friend he found no one to give him help.

He finally set about formulating certain theories regarding life and conduct, and as he was meditating day by day he received the magazine. He said that his joy was great when he found a paper advocating what he believed. Arriving in Curityba, he sought our office, directed by the address given in the *Atalaia*, and bought several books and a Bible.

He has been attending our public meetings and studying with me in my home, and although he has overstayed his time and has urgent business matters calling, and also he and his wife are very anxious to return to their children, he is staying until next week in order to attend the Sabbath service and two public meetings in the hall.

This man will be a pillar in the church if fully converted. Our best help is literature and it wins souls in such a quiet unassuming way. Let us give our literature its place in every branch of Christian endeavor. More power and circulation to the *Atalaia*.

A. E. HAGEN.
Evangelist, Curityba, Paraná.

The Value of a Tract

WE HAVE heard of the discussion between the penny and the dollar, as to which was taken to church most often. Of course the penny won in the discussion, for more pennies find their way into the church collection, than do dollars.

So it is with tracts and books. More tracts get into the homes of the people

than do our books. Many very interesting tracts are printed which any one would enjoy reading, and at the same time the truth is so clearly set forth that persons reading them would be brought to the light. Many have come to the light in this way. Business men may take the time to read a tract with an interesting title, where they might not read a book.

Let us scatter the tracts like the leaves of autumn and God will water the seed which is sown.

WINIFRED ALLEN.

— • — Cheer Them On

IT IS a good thing to speak a word of cheer to the weary worker as he toils on to finish his task, if possible, before the setting of the sun. A few words of cheer from a passer-by will give him new courage, and will help him to reach his goal. Did you ever work in the harvest field, binding the golden sheaves of grain under a burning sun, and long for the sun to sink in the west that you might lay down the work for the day and rest your weary limbs? And feeling thus, did you ever have someone speak an encouraging word to cheer you on? If so, did you not feel inspired with new strength and hope by the kindly word spoken, until you almost forgot your tired condition and you hastened on to finish your work?

Thus it is in the great harvest field of the world. The sun of mercy is sinking in the west, and the day of probation will soon be ended. Though we may sometimes feel weary, we need to hurry, for the gospel work is not yet completed; our task is not yet done. It must be completed before we go home! Sometimes the faithful worker in the cause of God is sorely pressed beneath his load. Let us cheer him on. Rest comes sure and soon to the weary toiler in life's harvest field. Let us tell him so.

We may listen to the sweet words of encouragement spoken to us by the Lord of the harvest as He seeks to cheer us on. He says: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Let these words cheer us on until we forget the thorns that wound our hands and the rocks that bruise our feet, and let us hasten on with glad hearts to do the work He has appointed for us to do until it is finished.

N. P. NEILSEN.

"THE worker for God needs strong faith. Appearances may seem forbidding; but in the darkest hour there is light beyond. The strength of those who, in faith, love and serve God, will be renewed day by day."

South Brazil Notes

AT THE close of the second trimester ten students were baptized at the Collegio Adventista by Elder G. F. Ruf.

THE director of our Collegio Adventista recently made the following statement: "Our Harvest Ingathering goal was reached in less time and with more interest on the part of the students than in any other year."

ELDER A. E. Hagen, assisted by Jose R. dos Passos, has just commenced a series of public meetings in a hall in the city of Curityba. The first evening about 450 persons were in attendance. The prospects are good. Let us pray for a rich harvest of souls.

AT THIS writing our Publishing House at Sao Bernardo is being rushed with work and it is necessary to run at night to keep up with the orders that are being received. More than 200,000\$000 (\$28,570.00 gold) worth were shipped out during the months of July and August.

SPEAKING of the enrollment at our school, the director recently said: "Our enrollment is the highest and our attendance is the largest in the history of the school for this date of year, with the exception of 1924. Our increase over last year is twenty-two in enrollment and thirteen in attendance.

BRETHREN C. L. Bainer and J. M. Zer-oth held a successful colporteur institute in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, the last week in August. Sixteen colporteurs were in attendance.

RECENTLY Elder A. E. Hagen baptized seventeen persons at Pindaiava, Sao Paulo, where Brother Jose R. dos Passos has been working for some months. This part of the State of Sao Paulo belongs to the Santa Catharina-Parana Mission. Others are keeping the Sabbath and we understand that a Sabbath school with more than thirty members has been organized.

ELDER R. R. Breitigam, Home Missionary Secretary for the Division, and Elder G. F. Ruf, Departmental Secretary of the Union, are visiting some of our churches in Parana, Santa Catharina and Rio Grande do Sul, in the interest of Home Missionary and soul-winning work.

DURING the Young People's Week, August 14 to 20, Elder Breitigam, held meetings with our student body at the Collegio, with excellent results. A number of the students gave their hearts to God. Brother Breitigam reports that he found an excellent spirit among the students and teachers. We are sure that the school will welcome Brother Breitigam back again some other time.

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Why are Many Calls Unanswered

AS THE poor Indians clamor for teachers, so the Lake Titicaca Mission in turn clamors for workers. Sometimes I ask myself the question, Why is it that more workers do not come to this field in answer to the call of the Division and the Spirit of God which says: "Whom shall I send and who will go for me?" Is there not a young, courageous person graduated from one of our institutions, who will answer, "Here am I, send me"?

I overheard a "Christian" woman remark on one occasion that her husband was too well educated to work among the Indians and that what he needed was a different environment, another society, where he might utilize it to advantage. Ah! thought I, that "too well educated" must be a one-sided, unchristian education, an education which does not apply God's idea to social life, to that simple social life which makes us "one," which makes us brethren.

The most highly educated of men, He who descended from heaven, and whose shoes latchet the greatest prophet of all time considered himself unworthy to unloose, the sublime Teacher of Galilee, never failed to apply God's idea to social life, to the human brotherhood. In His last solemn prayer to the Father, He said: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through thy word, that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17: 20, 21.

The caste barrier should disappear forever from Christian society, or at least from the criterion of the Christian.

The most ignorant of beings, whatever may be the race, have a right to acquire knowledge from the educated, and the educated man is duty bound to teach the ignorant. This is true to a greater degree with Christians.

On the other hand, our "too much education" may oxidize us, make us rusty so to speak, and this coat of rust makes us insensible to the clamors, to the needs of our brethren, the aborigines, those poor suffering Indians for whom Jesus prayed, and who can believe on Him only as we instruct them.

I appeal to you, young Adventists. Cast aside your personal feelings, the love of comfort, the hope of working only in



The two groups of new believers in Peru, shown in the accompanying pictures, were raised up by two colporteurs, and form the fourth link in the chain referred to in the article "Colporteur Chains."

some easy field where you can go about in an auto on your rounds, have a radio set for your lectures, etc. Resolve to accept the first invitation which comes to you from Peru, Bolivia, or Ecuador to help these poor, needy Indians. If you are well educated, so much the better, for you will have opportunity of making good use of all your knowledge as your duties will embrace all, from Bible worker to preacher, bricklayer to judge, lawyer to doctor. And more than all, you can apply God's idea to all phases of social relationship from the simple social relations with the Indians. And you will sense a real brotherly ambient and find that your sacrifices will be well compensated by seeing the fruit of your efforts.

Emilio Castelar said: "The application of God's idea to the social life will make us brethren."

Pray for more workers for these aborigin fields and help God to answer your prayers by saying: "Here am I, send me."

FRANCISCO BROUCHY.

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Another Little Chapter in Indian Mission Work

THE following is an experience Brother W. W. Wheeler of the Lake Field wrote in to the office under date of August 30:

"Last year I promised the governor of Acora that our schools in his jurisdiction would celebrate the 28th of July [national holiday] in Acora this year. Some days before the 28th this year I went to see him to find out what his program was and how we could fit into it. He told me that the mayor of the city had charge of all the program and that he was the officer to maintain order. . . .

"The governor told me that the mayor had sent out word to all the schools, public, private and Adventist, to be present from 3:00 p. m. of the 27th onward, and that any teacher who failed to be present with his pupils would be fined 50.00 soles

(\$20.00 gold). 'But,' I said, 'Señor Governor, certainly you do not expect that all the *small* children of our 11 schools in your jurisdiction must be present from the 27th on. You mean the larger ones.' He informed me that it meant *every one*. That patriotism must be instilled into the breast from the very earliest years.

"I then spoke to him about the mass, that many of our pupils could not conscientiously take part in it, and asked him that we might remain in the plaza in formation, in order and quiet, during that time. 'No, no. Everyone must attend. You may think as you please inside, but in obedience to the government you must all attend the mass.' I then called his attention to the fact that if we should enter with the others into the church, when certain parts of the mass were reached, all the Catholic children would kneel or cross themselves, and that some of our children could not do that, and that to remain standing might provoke. But he was still obdurate and would not grant my repeated request that we be allowed to remain in the plaza.

"Now the real seriousness of the situation will not appeal to you until I tell you that the mayor, who had charge of the whole program, is the *priest* of the town. He it was who had established the 50.00 soles fine, and the governor stood back of him to enforce it.

"Naturally it would have been more than useless to have visited the priest and asked for any consideration, so I went to Puno and consulted with the Prefect. I told him I had come to ask counsel for it was always my desire to avoid troubles rather than to get into them. I told him of the conversation with the governor. The Prefect said that naturally the authority of the mayor extended to the public schools but not to us in this matter. As regard to the fine, he said: 'Let them try it once and we will see.' His advice to me was for us not to appear on the scene at all until in time for the civic procession. I notified the schools to that effect, and so they did. All passed off nicely.

The schools, at the governor's indication, returned and had exercises in the town on the day following also.

"At the time of my visit to the Prefect, he told me that he would personally see the governor in one or two days and talk with him regarding the matter.

"Our friend, the priest, is one who tried to get into our schools to teach religion. He apparently thought that as mayor he had us in his grip this time, but when he found that he could not work his plan, had no mass on the 28th, nor did he appear in public. It was reported that he left town and went to Puno.

"So did prayer again obtain for us the protection of the higher authorities and avoid trouble. To God be all the praise. The enemy is almost constant in his efforts against God's work, but our God never sleeps."

Colporteur Chains

IN THE past reference has been made many times to the remarkable results of our literature ministry in Peru. New chapters are continually being added to the already interesting story of how the truth is reaching people there by means of literature and the colporteur.

Sometimes there are series of experiences linked together in a chain. For instance: a colporteur who learned the truth through literature, sells a book to an ex-captain in the Peruvian army. This ex-captain accepts the truth and enters the colporteur work, and now comes a report of quite a number of souls as the result of his work with literature.

Sometime ago a young man in North Peru bought a book. He walked fifty miles to Lima to study the truth further. This brother was at our institute two years ago when I was in Lima. He soon afterward had an interest in a rural district where over a hundred began to keep the Sabbath. Among the first of these to be baptized were two who are now also in the colporteur work. Last week I received a photograph from R. R. Coble of two different groups of new believers resulting from the work of these two colporteurs. We may say these groups are the fourth link in this chain. Who knows but what more links will be added in the future. Eternity will no doubt reveal



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many other golden chains of this character. The testimony of Jesus says on page seven of "Colporteur Evangelist," "Let canvassers go forth with the word... and one soul truly converted will bring others to Christ. Thus the work will advance into new territory."

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Evangelism in the East Brazil Union

WITH one exception, every local mission director in the East Brazil Union has either directed or is directing one public effort for the year. God has blessed these men in a marvelous way and has brought to them new courage and a strong desire with God's power to save souls.

In a letter received from Elder J. L. Brown, of our new Lower Amazon Mission, he feels keenly the need of help for the work there. He is calling for one good school teacher, six canvassers and someone to help him direct a public effort in the city of Belem. The governor of Belem has offered a theater in the city for holding meetings, and has himself expressed that he hoped the meetings would be a means of bringing peace to his state, and also that all the people of the state would keep the Sabbath. Brother Brown says:

"We are about thirty years behind. This field should have been entered a quarter of a century ago. We might have a great work in all these states, but now in the last hour, and time seems so short, we are here striving to give the message to such a great territory almost in a nervous rush. How we are ever going to reach these large cities and all this great

Indian territory and still put it off this year and the next, and on for an indefinite time, I cannot understand."

Let us pray that the Lord will soon open the way for this work to be accomplished. Brother Brown in this new territory is one lone man among five million inhabitants, most of which are Indians. We strongly plead that God may help this new Mission.

Elder L. B. Halliwell, of the Bahia Mission, says that public efforts bring real joy. He and Elder Storch held an effort in Aracaju, Sergipe. Two young ladies of a good family accepted the truth as results. The older one, a normal school graduate, has been teaching for three years but has closed her school now and is planning to attend our College in Sao Paulo next year in order to take a six months course in Bible. She will then be ready for work in our school. The other sister has also three years of normal training. There are three or four at this place who plan to attend school the coming term. Elder Halliwell leaves Elder Storch preparing about twenty people for baptism in that place.

Elder E. P. Mansell writes of a town where his worker was attacked by bandits. The bandits robbed the entire town. While in a house giving Bible studies to a company of people, in order to avoid being shot they all laid flat on the floor, letting the bullets pass over them. In certain parts, entire villages have fled from their homes, escaping to the woods. While people were robbed on all sides, the house where our worker was holding the meetings, was not touched. Surely the angels of the Lord encamp round about them that seek Him.

Elder C. C. Schneider writes of the results of the public work with which he is connected. He states that he never had an attendance of less than 200, and that on the last night over 300 people were present. He is giving Bible studies and forming a nice group for baptism. These persons are from the better class of people.

Great things are being done these days in the colporteur work. Our new Lower Amazon Mission has already ordered 60,000\$000 (\$8,570.00 gold) worth of books. Our two faithful colporteurs there have been selling about 4,000\$000 (\$570.00 gold) worth of books a week. Brother Brown states that what these two colporteurs are doing, a dozen others might be doing.

Sister Halliwell, working in Bahia, has marvelous success selling the "Practical Guide." Sister Minan is enjoying equally good success, working in the same city. Our Brazil Publishing House had to work day and night so as to fill the orders coming in from the different fields.

Brother L. G. Jorgensen and the writer are now visiting the churches and groups

in the missions of Pernambuco and Bahia, and holding church officers' conventions in the different places.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign in the East Brazil Union is still onward. Many good experiences are received from individuals who are taking part in this work. Of all who have shared in the campaign, Elder Richard Wilfart holds the record in the amount received.

E. H. WILCOX.

Division Notes

THE literature sales for July, this year, show an increase of about \$5,000.00 gold over the corresponding month of last year.

BROTHER E. H. Meyers, Division Publishing Department Secretary, returned to the office September 12 after having spent six weeks in Chile. He reports an encouraging outlook for the literature work in that field.

PUBLISHING Department Recommendations for the South American Division have recently been printed in pamphlet form. This is the first publication of its kind to appear in the Spanish language for the Continent.

ELDER C. P. Crager, Educational, Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School Secretary for the Division, went to the North Argentine Conference the first of September to connect with a public effort with the president of that field. The report from them is that the meetings are well attended and a good interest is manifested.

OWING to a cablegram received announcing the serious illness of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Miramontes sailed for the States on the S. S. Vestris, August 15, thus leaving unexpectedly their work at the Spanish Publishing House in Argentine where they had rendered efficient service for a number of years.

ACCOMPANYING Brother Meyers from Chile were Brother Maximo Salvini and family who because of illness were obliged to return from Peru, where Brother Salvini served as Publishing Department Secretary of the Peru Mission. According to the doctor's orders, they plan to rest a few months before taking up further work.

ELDER G. W. Schubert, Field Secretary of the General Conference, arrived in Buenos Aires September 27 after having spent a few days with the German-speaking churches of the Alto Parana Mission (Argentine). Elder Schubert has been in South America since May 6, and reports having experienced excellent meetings with the German constituency of the various fields.