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Shall We Change This?

By Carlyle B. Haynes

PERHAPS you are not quick at figures. But you will have no difficulty comprehending those contained in the following thumb-nail sketches.

Here is a church of Seventh-day Adventists. It has 29 members. It is located in a city of 40,000 population. A conference laborer on salary is located there to take charge of it and to preach the gospel to lost men. The duty and responsibility of that church is to warn that city. That is what it is there for. God will hold it to that responsibility. Instead, it demands and receives 75% of the worker's time and energy and strength. 29 people take three-fourths of a minister's effort, and hence consume three-fourths of the salary paid him. The 40,000 people get the remaining 25%. 29 people who know the truth consume 75%; 40,000 people who are yet to be warned receive 25%.

Here is another Seventh-day Adventist church. It has 175 members. It is located in a population of 400,000. A minister and a Bible worker are stationed there. Church interests, pastoral work, church affairs, require 90% of the minister's time and strength. The Bible worker is made church clerk, church organist, Sabbath-school organist, and leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society. She also discovers that 90% of her time and energy is required to take care of church interests. 90% for 175 people who are saved. 10% for 400,000 who are lost.

Here is a Seventh-day Adventist Conference. Fifteen churches. 800 members, 5,000,000 population. Eleven paid workers, four of them evangelistic workers, seven administrative and departmental workers. \$35,000 operating income. The evangelistic workers are located where there are churches-four of them. Their total evangelistic campaigns during the year cost nearly \$3,000. Most of their time is occupied in shepherding the flock.

800 Adventists consuming nearly all the time of eleven workers, and spending

\$30,000 on themselves, while sharing with the 5,000,000 lost people about 10% of the workers and the same proportion of money.

Here is a Union Conference. 20,000,000 population. 90 churches. 5,000 members. Combined operating income of five fields \$125,000. 75 workers. 22 of them evangelistic workers. The rest administrative and departmental. From 75% to 90% of time, energy, strength, effort and money of the

whole organization consumed on the 5,000 members. From 10% to 25% given to the 20,000,000.

Here is a Division. 65,000,000 population. 180 churches. 18,000 members. Spends \$500,000 a year on its work. How much of that is consumed on the 18,000 members? How much is used to warn the 65,000,000? I don't know. I wish I did. But if all churches and conferences should be operated on the basis of the illustrations given above you can form an idea for yourselves.

Here is a world. 1,700,000,000 population. 6,000 Seventh-day Adventist churches. 275,000 members. 17,000 laborers. Spending \$37,000,000 a year on evangelistic and institutional work. How much of it is being consumed in caring for the 275,000 members? How much is being used to warn the 1,700,000,000 lost men? I don't know. But it is worth thinking about.

Now, what is the matter? Well, *something* is. It seems to me that the facts call for the putting forth of the greatest effort of our lives to educate our church members to care for themselves, to stand alone, to become workers for God, and release our working force for the greatest evangelistic forward movement in the history of the church.

Why not begin right in your church?

STATISTICS are said to be cold, dead things; yet we all admit that they are not when they refer to our property, or our state of well being, such as a medical report; to our bank account, to the bushels of wheat or corn, or to acres of land or barrels of oil. Statistics are not dead, but much alive. It all depends upon our interest in them.—U. V. Wilcox.

MANY (church members) have been overfed with spiritual food, while in the world thousands are perishing for the bread of life. Church members must work; they must educate themselves.—Vol. IX, p. 140.

Value of Small Things

Though little I bring,
Said the little spring,
As it burst from the mighty hill,
'Tis pleasant to know,
Wherever I flow,
The pastures grow greener still.

And the drops of rain,
As they fall on the plain
When parched by the summer heat,
Refresh the sweet flowers
Which drooped in the bowers,
And hung down their heads
at our feet.

Though the drops are small,
Yet, taking them all,
Each one doing all that it can
To fulfil the design
Of its Maker divine,
What lessons they give unto man!

May we strive to fulfil
All His righteous will,
Who formed the whole ear:h
by His word!
Creator divine,
We would ever be Thine,
And serve Thee, our God
and our Lord!
—John Ryley Robinson.



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Take Time to Seek God

THE time spent in grinding the sickle or in sharpening the scythe, before going out into the harvest field to reap the golden grain, is not lost. Our work may be pressing and not a moment should be wasted, but still it is far better to spend a little time at the grindstone than to rush into the field with dull implements. Much more can be accomplished during the balance of the day with a sharpened tool, than could be done during the whole time, when the edge is dull.

Thus it is in the great harvest field of God. We have been asked to labor in His vineyard. The grain is ripe, ready for the sickle. The work is great, and no time must be lost. The sheaves must be garnered in before the setting of the sun. The workers must be pressed into service, and each one must do his best to finish the work.

But we must take time to sharpen our tools before we begin, or we cannot accomplish the part assigned to us. We must take time to pray. We must take time to study the Word of God. We must take time to get hold of God. We must take time to learn how to win souls. We must take time to sharpen our sickle, and by so doing we will be able to accomplish more when we enter the field.

However, we must not take all our time to sharpen the sickle, we must also go out into the field. We must not take all our time to study the Bible, and never go out to work for souls. We should study and work, and pray while we work. Let us not forget to sharpen our instruments and then go to work. N. P. NEILSEN.

Camp Meeting at Porto Alegre

THE biennial conference session and camp meeting of the Rio Grande do Sul Conference was held in Porto Alegre, March 9 to 18. The camp was situated on beautiful grounds in the suburb of Gloria with street cars and omnibuses passing every few minutes. There was a good attendance of our people from the different parts of the conference, probably twice as large as in former years.

The presence of the Lord was felt during all the meetings, and the business of the conference session was marked with union and harmony. Elder A. C. Harder was re-elected president, and Brother G.

Doerner, secretary-treasurer. The treasurer's report showed an increase of 20:312 \$400 tithe last year over the preceding year. One hundred twenty-four were baptized last year, bringing their present membership to 1,118. The Lord has greatly blessed this Conference during the past year, and we found a spirit of courage and hope among our people.

Each day during the meeting the Catholics published a large bulletin against us and the truth. These were circulated by the thousands; but this helped to call the attention of the people to our meetings, and an interest was awakened to hear the truth. During the evening meetings hundreds came to hear the message, and many seemed to be interested in the truth. Plans were laid for Brother Siegfried Hoffman to follow up the interest by holding meetings in a hall.

Elders F. W. Spies, G. F. Ruf and the writer were the workers in attendance from outside the Conference. On the last Sabbath afternoon Brother Domingos Peixoto was set apart to the gospel ministry by ordination. He is one of our successful Brazilian evangelists. The Spirit of the Lord was present on this occasion and we believe placed His seal upon this solemn act. Five dear souls were baptized during the camp meeting, while others who desired to follow their Lord in this ordinance will be baptized at their homes.

Thus another annual camp meeting is in the past. May the Lord help all our people to be faithful unto the end, that we may all meet in that grand reunion above where parting will be no more!

N. P. NEILSEN.

Just Like Me

AT ONE time the question was asked, "Suppose all the members in our church were 'just like me' what kind of a church would it be?" The first thought that came to me was, "Well, that surely would be a church with which I could agree." But as I considered the question still further, different thoughts pressed themselves upon my mind. If all the members were "just like me," would any missionary work be done? Would any souls be brought to the Lord? Would there be any gossip in the church? Would the church be noisy during the services? Could we hold any weekly prayer meetings? Could we begin the Sabbath school on time?

Such a church surely ought to suit me—No, I am not so sure that it would suit me, for I am not entirely satisfied with myself, nor with what I have been able to do. Perhaps after all, it is a good thing that all the members are not "just like me." God has placed different gifts in the church. He saw that a difference was needed, even though all ought to work together as one harmonious whole. But

ask yourself the question, do it honestly before God and in the light of eternity. If all the members were "just like me," what kind of a church would it be? Are you satisfied with yourself? Would the present condition of the church be improved? Would such a church suit the Saviour? Ask the question, and see what the results will be. N. P. NEILSEN.

South Brazil Notes

IN FEBRUARY Elder A. E. Hagen baptized seven dear souls at Assunguy, Paraná.

RECENTLY Elder A. C. Harder baptized eight dear souls at Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul.

TWELVE persons were recently baptized at Itarare, and two at Jaguarihyva, Paraná, by Elder Alfredo Suessmann.

ELDER A. C. Harder baptized seven persons in Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul, a short time ago. About ten others will soon be ready for baptism there.

OUR total tithe receipts for 1927 in our union was 299:955\$250. This is the largest tithe of any year, and is an increase of 57:589\$240 over 1926.

DURING the last day of the camp meeting recently held at Porto Alegre five dear souls were baptized by Elder Domingos Peixoto. Others desired to be baptized in their home churches.

DURING the first part of this year Elder K. Kaltenhauser baptized three persons at Hansa Humboldt, four at Raial-Cunhas and two at Blumenau, Santa Catharina, and three others were taken in on profession of faith at Hansa Humboldt.

DURING the year 1927 there were 425 persons baptized in the South Brazil Union Conference. This is an increase of 171 over the year 1926, and is the largest number, by more than one hundred, of any year since the beginning of our work in this field.

DURING the annual conference meeting of the Santa Catharina-Parana Mission held at Rio Negro in March, Brother Alfredo Suessmann was set apart to the gospel ministry by ordination. The Spirit of the Lord was present and witnessed to the solemn act.

ON THE last Sabbath of the camp meeting at Porto Alegre Brother Domingos Peixoto was ordained to the gospel ministry. It was a solemn occasion. He is one of our successful Brazilian evangelists, and we are thankful that another native worker could be ordained to this sacred work.

WHEN the total reports were in we found that our book sales in the Sao Paulo Conference for 1927 were 283:999\$400. This is an increase of 78:091\$400 over 1926. These figures are a slight correction of the figures given in the South Brazil Notes in the April number of the BULLETIN. We thank the Lord for this good report which is about six times as large as the sales were in 1920.

ELDER G. F. Ruf baptized three precious souls at Piraguasse, Sao Paulo, during the month of February.

RECENTLY two persons were baptized at Sao Joao da Boa Vista and three at Tatuhy, Sao Paulo, by Elder Luiz Braun.

ON SABBATH, February 11, Elder H. B. Westcott baptized twenty-two persons at Socorro, in the state of Sao Paulo. Of this number only three were children of Seventh-day Adventists. May they all remain faithful to the Lord, is our prayer.

BROTHER Domingos Costa, one of our faithful colporteurs, has been asked to go to the state of Goyaz to sell our books. There are no very large cities in this state; but still the Lord has blessed our brother in working in the villages and country territory. After having worked up there a little over two weeks he writes that he has taken orders to the amount of 4:295\$000 (\$536.85 gold), and in addition organized a Missionary Volunteer Society and reorganized the Sabbath school.

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Austral Union Colporteur Prospects

WHILE not all the reports from the local fields have thus far reached the office, yet judging from the reports of January, the year 1928 gives promise of good things. According to this report more colporteurs are at work in the field than were reported for the same period of either last year or 1926.

Two reports for the month of February that have arrived, one from the Alto Parana field and the other from Buenos Aires, each show a splendid gain over the same period of last year. The one from the Buenos Aires Conference merits a few comments. There are according to this report twenty-eight colporteurs at work. The sales amount to 16,472.30 pesos (\$6,993.42 gold) for the month. For the same period of last year the report reveals thirteen colporteurs and sales amount-

ing to 5,454.50 pesos (\$2,315.74 gold). The facts are, it represents by far the largest amount of sales ever reported by this Conference for one single month, and what is more interesting, it surpasses the sales of any one month of the two combined fields into which Buenos Aires was formerly divided, when each had a local bookman. This is especially gratifying in view of the fact that twenty-one of the twenty-eight colporteurs are working with religious books and magazines.

News from other fields of the Union are encouraging. Brother Jose Viñolo, the field missionary secretary of Uruguay, writes that he has three prospective colporteurs ready to be started and who will work through the winter months.

Although Alto Parana has been without a field missionary secretary for several months, yet there are two and probably three men awaiting the arrival of the new colporteur leader to get started in the work. One of these is a successful merchant of Corrientes according to a recent letter from the Mission secretary, Daniel Weiss.

The field missionary secretary of Chile, J. D. Leslie, writes that he plans to have ten permanent colporteurs at work in his field during the winter months.

We feel to thank the Lord for the bright prospects for the present year, and trust that as a result many souls may be won to the Lord.

W. A. BERGHERM.

Field Missionary Secretary,
Austral Union.

Church Organized at Reconquista, Argentine

IT WAS the privilege of the writer to visit the northern part of the North Argentine Conference during the first part of January, and to celebrate two baptisms and organize a church on Sabbath, January 14, in Reconquista, Santa Fe.

Some scattered believers were located in the district of the newly organized church and had created an interest

among their neighbors. In response to a call from this interest Brother Samuel C. Weber, a licensed minister, was located in Reconquista about a year ago. He worked faithfully in gathering the believers and bringing new ones into the truth, and as a result was able to baptize seven and organize a church of twenty-three members.

The following Sunday another baptismal service was celebrated at Las Garzas where two souls openly declared their belief in the message. This is the place where the writer helped in a public effort some months before and where twelve souls definitely cast their lot with the people of God. This company of believers will enjoy the privilege of a church school for their children the coming school term.

As we see the openings for evangelistic meetings over the Conference, we find ourselves unable to respond to them all. Our daily prayer is for more laborers to help answer the calls.

J. H. ROTN.

President, North Argentine Conference.

Another Harvest of Souls Garnered

NOT quite three months had passed since the last baptism celebrated in the Florida church for the churches and companies of the vicinity of Buenos Aires, when it became necessary to hold another. In the earlier service, held on the 31st of December, twenty-two souls signified in this way their new birth; in the later one which took place on Sabbath, March 24, eighteen more bore like testimony in the same manner.

In spite of the fact that some of the churches were holding services that afternoon, the seating capacity of the Florida church was not sufficient for the large gathering, and between twenty and thirty of those present were obliged to stand.

As the baptism proceeded, a dear grey-headed brother, for years deacon of one of these churches while the writer was



The newly organized church at Reconquista, Santa Fe.



elder, came and took me gently by the arm, as though he would share with me the joy that filled his eyes with happy tears and choked his voice. The fragile sister they were leading into the water was his life-companion, for whose conversion he and several of us had been praying for more than a dozen years. She had lately passed through the valley of the shadow of death, but the Lord had graciously restored her, and now she had given to Him the life He had restored.

Another sister from Tucuman, far up in the northern part of the Argentine, had received the truth through studies sent to her by correspondence. Having occasion to travel south as far as Rosario, she there felt impelled to travel on to the friends near Buenos Aires who had been sending the studies, and ask for baptism. She arrived just at the opportune time to take part in this service.

In all, eleven sisters and seven brethren were baptized. Of these, six were to join the Buenos Aires church, three that of Belgrano, three more that of Florida, and the remaining six will join the various others groups and churches.

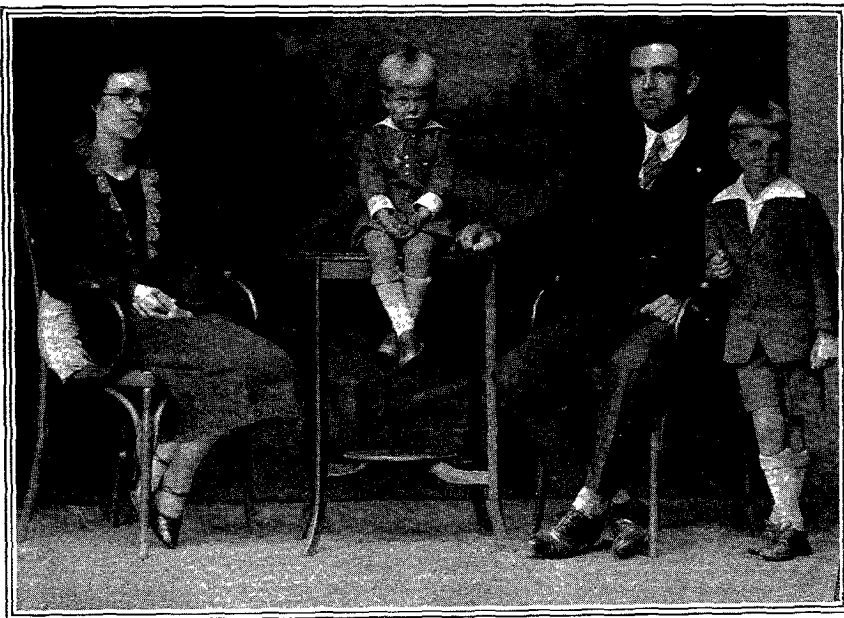
EDGAR BROOKS,

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Campaign Meetings in Ramirez, Argentine

BROTHER W. A. Ernenputsch, secretary-treasurer of the North Argentine Conference, and the writer held a series of meetings of over six weeks duration at Ramirez, Entre Rios. Excepting when it rained, meetings were held every evening. We have a church there, but our brethren all live in the country, and the meeting place is also in the country. There was a fair attendance from the beginning and continued until the close. The place of meeting was only a floorless barn built as an agency for Ford cars, the only place that could be obtained. Most of the people in and around the place are Russian Germans, so that the meetings were all held in German. The Lord's presence was often markedly manifested. To go over again the truths of the third angel's message and make Christ the center of it all served as a means of great blessing both to us and the church. When in speaking on the question of the nature of man we made Christ the exclusive source of our life now and always, and of every blessing, hearts were touched and a spirit of consecration rested on the entire congregation.

As the immediate result of the effort ten souls were baptized. Several others are keeping the Sabbath and will come into the church a little later. The bap-



Brother O. E. Schnepfer and family who were forced to return to the States because of the failing health of Mrs. Schnepfer.

tism was especially impressive. Between forty and fifty autos and wagons (mostly autos) formed an impressive funeral procession several miles to the place of baptism. Many of these were not of our people. The attention was excellent and respectful as we spoke to them of the history and meaning of this sacred rite.

We believe this is only the beginning of a larger work in that place. The seed sown will surely bear more fruit. Steps were taken to purchase a lot and erect a church building, which we believe will soon be an accomplished fact.

J. W. WESTPHAL,

Field Secretary, South American Division.

Shall We Forget

THERE is a Spanish proverb that says, "Man proposes but God disposes." As we have been forced to return to the homeland, we have been again reminded of the truthfulness of this saying. Though our furlough was due this year and we lacked only a few months of completing the seven years yet we had planned to remain at least one year longer. It seems hard to realize that the last few years have gone by so quickly.

Just as our boat was leaving Buenos Aires a telegram came from friends in Parana wishing us God's speed, and asking that we not forget the Argentina. No, we cannot forget it. We cannot forget the joys we have experienced in seeing those who were once in darkness find the light, and the renewed courage brought

to our own hearts as we saw them in their new-found joy. We cannot forget the many sincere hearts who yet sit in darkness longing for the light who must yet be sought out. We cannot forget the many friends who were so kind and attentive to us during the illness of Mrs. Schnepfer, and who were so hospitable during the last few days of our stay in Argentina. We shall never forget Argentina, and our prayers are continually for the work in this needy field. Above all else, our prayer is that the Lord may permit us to again return to the "Neglected Continent" which is the "Land of Opportunity," to share in the finishing of the work.

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My Three Weeks in The Pampa

IT WAS always my opinion that one of the secrets of success in the colporteur work is to get up early in the morning. That is why before leaving I assured myself of a good alarm clock. At 5:30 a. m. I was at the station to take my train (by the way, that is the time I have set my clock for alarm). The clock, not respecting circumstances, gave full alarm making all the people in the station look at the suitcase and at me with a peculiar smile.

During the first week I visited about five villages, taking fifty-one orders for our medical book. In many cases the people thought they could not afford to buy such

an expensive book, because there had been no rain for months in that section and the harvest was lost. But when they heard what a useful and practical book it was, they willingly made a sacrifice to obtain it.

In a certain town I presented the book to a druggist. He did not want to know a thing about it, "for," he said, "when people read this book they will think that everything is swindle and will follow the treatments given in the book and consequently buy no more from me." But I just kept on talking and at last interested him to take a look at the "nice pictures" which later changed his viewpoint a bit. He ordered the book.

Many times those to whom I presented the book did not order, but others were present who were listening and they gave their orders, sometimes two at a time.

One physician said, "Your book is very nice for the common people but for me with the education I have, it is too elementary." I replied that this might be very true, for it was the aim of the writers of the book to present the subject in such a language that it could be understood by all. I explained to him that the book had been prepared by more than thirty physicians, and immediately spoke to him of the "food question," and how little had been said about this important matter. When he saw that real experts had compiled the book he ordered it.

In the district where I am working there are no Sabbath-keepers. The farthermost outpost in this territory is hundreds of miles away. At least that is what we thought. You may imagine my surprise when visiting the director of a bank in one of the towns to show him the book, to have him interrupt me with the query, "What is your religion?" When I told him I was a Seventh-day Adventist, he replied, "So am I." In order to make sure that he understood me, I added, "But I keep the seventh day." At this he assured me that he did too. Then he invited me to sit with him to talk further about our message. I was leaving the village that day for another town, so the banker gave me the address of his home, requesting that I visit his family before leaving. Upon arrival at the home I was surprised at the friendly way in which I was received as I was a total stranger to the family, but this was explained later when I learned that the banker had sent an employee to his home to notify them of my coming. For three years they had not seen an Adventist, and of course they were happy to meet another of their faith. I learned that this sister is very active doing missionary work and is a living witness to the truth even though her faith has often been put to trial because of their social position.

In another town I met a salesman. When I told him of my business he said he knew a gentleman in Misiones who did the same work as I. He was glad when he learned that I was acquainted with his friend and considered it quite an experience to meet in the Pampa a man who knew an acquaintance of his in Misiones. "Though having met that gentleman only once," he said, "his entire manner of life made such a good impression on my mind that I shall never forget him." I think this is the kind of person everybody should strive to be.

Thank God, my deliveries have been very good. Already I have delivered about 120 copies of the new medical book in this short time.

Next week I plan to make a trip by auto to a district about forty-two leagues from the last railway station. As far as I know, our printed message has not as yet reached that part. About five small villages are there, in which I hope to leave a goodly number of "Steps to Christ" and our Spanish *Watchman*. I am praying that I shall never forget him.

P. E. WENSELL.
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A Review of Beginnings in South America—Part 5

PRESENT DAY PIONEERING

A PIONEER, as well as his pioneering, is often recognized only in retrospect. Heroes are not usually proclaimed as such while they yet speak, nor are their deeds chronicled until they have first been forgotten. And it must be thus, for true heroes are either resting in their graves or lost and buried in their noble deeds

hidden from the view of the hero-worshipping world. He who is, while still living, proclaimed a hero may not be a hero, for it is easy to keep going while one is being cheered on. A true hero is more likely to be belittled or disregarded. Anyhow, human nature seems to be either too hyper-metropic or too selfish to give honors at close range.

Even still further removed from earthly honor or recognition is the hero of the cross of Christ. In fact, wordly honor and recognition have nothing to do with the success or the incentives of a true soldier of the cross. He expects no credit; he considers that he deserves none. Our silence will not discourage him; our telling it aloud will not flatter him. We tell of the deeds of gospel messengers rather than the works of God might be magnified and that others might be encouraged to good works.

There are present day heroes of the cross in South America. Even with incomplete data in hand, it is comparatively easy to tell of the few early pioneers who so valiantly set out to forge their way through in new countries and in new continents; and it is easy now to see the value of their efforts. Today the pioneers are almost too numerous to mention. We lose sight of them in the crowd. There are, however, many even now who are none the less pioneers in South America. There are those who are engaged in the various lines of work who are worthy pioneers and heroes, but there is one class of workers who in a special way have been and still are pioneers. They are those who carry the printed living Word. Even though it may be impossible to mention many names or instances, or to know much of what is really being accomplished by these messengers, yet a few examples can be given



Over the "divide" in Peru to visit a church of one hundred members found on the trail of a colporteur.



A church far in the interior of Bahia, Brazil, resulting from literature carried there by a soldier.

which show that there are present day pioneers. Why should we wait until their work is all done before mentioning it? Yes, the colporteur and the living printed Word is still pioneering in the southern continent.

Elder A. E. Hagen, in Brazil, South America, recently wrote, "I am surprised to find it in the most obscure and uninviting places. It lives and thrives and saves the people living among germs and grease, and bugs, where the living preacher would sicken and die. It makes no complaint about the 'rice and beans' . . . I like to meet these books, soiled and torn, away off in some dark corner. How did they get there? How beautiful are the feet of the colporteur; not in physical appearance, usually quite the contrary because mud, dust and sweat do not produce shine on shoes, and heavy tramping develops big feet, corns and bunions; but how beautiful in symbol, bearing precious seed to plant by earth's highway of sorrow and want."

In this statement Elder Hagen struck a note that is continually being sounded all over the continent of South America. Not only does the colporteur blaze trails into the distant dangerous "byways," but he wedges his way into the "solid" city blocks; and it is sometimes harder to blaze a trail to sealed hearts behind closed doors than it is to penetrate dense woods or to cross high mountains or swollen streams.

(To be continued)

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Austral Union Notes

ELDER I. Kalbermatter in a recent letter to the office tells of a visit he made to the city of San Juan. He was in the city for ten days during which time he found a goodly number of people interested in the message. He studied with more than twenty who manifested a deep interest in the Word of God, three or four of whom had already begun to keep the Sabbath. Two were well informed regarding the message and were baptized and united with the mission of Cuyo. The Lord

blesses the faithful work of our colporteurs, as the results above mentioned came from the faithful work of two of our colporteurs, Manuel Sanchez and Santiago Navarro, who have been faithfully working and giving studies to these interested ones. Brother Kalbermatter also assisted them on his visits to San Juan. May God bless our faithful colporteurs as they go forward in the fear of the Lord.

PROFESSOR C. D. Striplin, the Educational secretary for the Union, was recently called to the River Plate College to teach Bible and History for a few weeks during the illness of Brother H. C. Brown. We are happy to learn that Brother Brown has now sufficiently recovered to take over his regular duties and thus relieve Professor Striplin for his field work.

WE ARE very happy to announce to our many friends the arrival of Elder Maxwell and family in Florida the night of March 28. They are at home in the Union bungalow provided for them. Elder Maxwell immediately took up his duties as president of the Austral Union and is making very definite plans for the progress of the work in the Union. We were pleased to welcome them to our needy field, and it is our prayer that God will bless and use them mightily in the closing of the work of this field.

ELDER C. E. Krieghoff, superintendent of the Uruguay Mission, writes the following regarding the Harvest Ingathering work in his field: "I have had many good experiences in my travels throughout the Mission in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work, and found in all parts that our brethren were very willing to help. As a result, God has blessed in all sections and we lack only \$233.64 of reaching our goal of \$1,443.49 (gold). Montevideo has passed its goal of \$700.00. The prospects are good in the field and I believe that we will see a more abundant harvest of souls this year than in years past."

THE Harvest Ingathering work in Chile is also going forward encouragingly. The Santiago church made its goal of 7,000 Chile pesos (\$875.00 gold) in a little over two weeks of hard work. When the writer left Chile, March 29, Elder Oswald had reported that he together with Brethren H. F. Brown, G. W. Schubert and A. Ascione, collected 1,235.00 Chile pesos in the city of Valparaiso in about four hours.

WE ARE happy to announce that 534 persons were baptized into the faith in the Austral Union during 1927 as a result of our faithful workers having consecrated their lives to a deeper and greater evangelism for the saving of souls. In spite of the fact that the fields very

strenuously revised their lists, we are pleased to find that a gain of 264 appears in our membership, making the total at the close of the year stand at 3,779. May the Lord grant that our workers will be used for the promotion of a far greater work during 1928.

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The Book Work in East Brazil

THE colporteur work in the East Brazil Union has surpassed all former records. Surely God is blessing the faithful men and women who are leading out in this important line of work.

The first sales record made during 1927 was that of our colporteurs in the new Lower Amazon Mission. In a few hours they sold and delivered several contos (one conto is about \$125.00 gold) of books. This note of courage went from field to field giving courage to our men. Then came the news of still other wonderful records made by two lady colporteurs working in the Bahia Mission. These two ladies working in one small village in seven hours sold three contos worth of books, and in twenty-two hours they each totaled nine contos worth of books sold. The enthusiasm kindled spread like wildfire till even the superintendent of our Minas Geraes Mission led the colporteurs into the battle, establishing a record for that field of nearly three contos worth of books sold in 109 hours. The secretary of the Mission followed by making a still greater record. Then came the word that our Rio-Espirito Santo Mission in one month had sold over sixteen contos worth of books.

Time will not permit to relate the experiences of our faithful magazine workers. It is sufficient to say that many interesting experiences could be given of record sales having been made.

As we contemplate the record sales made, let us not forget to give thanks to Him who has given them. He says, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end." He has given health and strength. He has sent the good angels to prepare the hearts and to open doors. Let us not think only of the amount in money value, but of homes supplied with message-filled books. These books stand as a witness day and night. Let us pray that we may see souls saved as a result of the work accomplished by this army of faithful workers.

E. H. WILCOX.

Lower Amazon Mission

NOTHING rejoices our hearts more than to see souls converted to God and the banner of truth unfurled in dark places. My heart has been refreshed by showers of blessings as I have seen how the spirit of God has worked through the sincere and soul-winning efforts of two isolated and forgotten believers.

Although these two brethren for several years have lived in Sao Luis, far from those of like faith and having lost all contact with our organization, they remained true to their God. God blessed them richly as they endeavored to tell the story of salvation to others, and through their efforts souls have been led to the Saviour.

Not long ago one of our colporteurs went to Sao Luis, and while working in that city he came in contact not only with these two isolated brethren but also with a group of believers that had been won to the truth through their efforts. During his stay in that city this faithful colporteur helped these newly-found believers in their spiritual needs, teaching them more concerning the things of God.

A few days ago I returned from my second visit to Sao Luis. The believers had rented a good hall for a short series of meetings of two weeks. Every night a meeting was held for the public and every night the hall was crowded and a great interest in God's word was manifested.

Two days before the close of the meetings I had the privilege of baptizing twelve precious souls and receiving one on profession of faith. There in the silent forest beside the clear waters of the creek, a consecration service was held in which not only the newly-baptized ones but also a number of interested people took part, manifesting their desire to walk with God.

Before closing our meetings a plea for surrender to God and accepting Christ as a personal Saviour was made. Fifteen dear souls manifested their desire to follow the Lord in baptism at the next opportunity and to keep God's commandments.

We also had the privilege of organizing the Sao Luis church and Sabbath school. One of the candidates for the next baptism is a school teacher. She has offered herself to teach the children of our believers. Our brethren plan to build a chapel that will also serve as a school. To be sure this young lady needs training in the right methods of pedagogy, but it goes to show the spirit of enthusiasm and good will among the brethren. Although they are poor in the matter of worldly goods, they are rich in faith and willing to co-operate in the Master's cause.

I look for a good growth in Sao Luis. In another place in the interior a company of six embraced the Sabbath truth and Advent message, and they desire to re-

ceive instruction and spiritual help. Recently I received a letter from a man who lives away up on the Amazon, pleading for a visit. We sent him our truth-laden literature and now he writes that he is teaching the truth to his neighbors and friends.

God is doing His work. The seed of this blessed message is being sown, and we know that the harvest will be sure. Let us remember the work in this dark Amazon region before the throne of grace. We are praying the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His harvest to finish the work and to hasten the day of His coming. J. L. BROWN.

Superintendent, Lower Amazon Mission.

The Minas Geraes Mission

THE Minas Geraes Mission does not include the entire state of Minas, however its population numbers better than four million. This mission forms a part of the East Brazil Union, and is directed by Elder E. M. Davis. He is accompanied by a tract society secretary, Brother Langenstrassen, and three native workers.

The state of Minas Geraes is the great milk and butter state of Brazil. Many cheese factories are located in different places. The state is well watered and produces a good grass for stock raising. The land is rolling and mountaneous but quite productive. The climate is excellent. The city of Bello Horizonte is the capital and is situated in the mountains at an elevation of nearly two hundred feet above sea level. Minas produces coffee, corn, potatoes, beans and a good variety of fruits.

Several small churches and groups are dotted around in different parts of the state. Most of the members are poor, and live in the country on rented land. The entire membership of the mission is small, remaining under the two hundred mark. This is brought about in part by the fact that Satan has made this field his battle ground. Just last year a native worker of that field left the truth taking three of our churches with him. Surely Satan is doing his best to bring discord and discouragement into this field where funds and workers are scarce. The great distances between churches and groups make the field expensive to operate and also one that requires a great deal of the time of the one who visits the scattered members.

At Capin Roxo in the southeast part, Brother Jose Garcia has just recently deeded to the Mission a fine piece of land. The land is well watered and also has a beautiful stream of water that furnishes power for a grist mill and may be used for an electric light plant if desired. This land was given in benefit of the church school we are operating in that place. There are about seventy-five acres of rich farming land in this donation.

Brother Garcia is a well-to-do farmer who has recently accepted the truth. His farm will supply homes for fifty families. He has twelve families living on his land already. Some of these are Adventists and others are not. All who are not, are studying the truth and deciding for it. He plans on giving work and the use of his farm land to many more believers who are worthy. God is opening the way for a good school at his place.

Elder Davis is working hard to build up the work in this field, and we feel that in the near future we shall see good results. Baptismal classes are now being formed in different places with a good enrolment. Your prayers are appreciated in behalf of the work here.

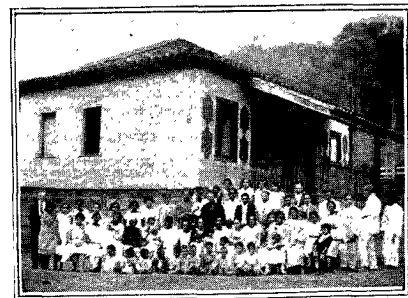
E. H. WILCOX.

East Brazil Notes

JUIZ de Fora of the Minas Geraes Mission was the first to receive help from a new church building from the Harvest Ingathering offerings. Elder E. M. Davis, director of that Mission, writes us that prospects are good for a new church building this year. Both members and business men are contributing loyally to this end.

THE Bahia Mission was the second field to receive help from the Harvest Ingathering. This help will not come to them until next year, however, study is already being given to the erection of a new church building in the city of Bahia. For years we have needed greatly some assistance in these large centers. Our work in such places can never prosper until it is founded on a firm basis. These new churches, if possible to erect, will stand as a light where they are.

A JOINT colporteurs' institute of the Rio-Espirito Santo, Minas Geraes, and Rio City Missions was held in the central church of Rio. Thirty-one colporteurs were present. Elder J. B. Johnson, editor at the Publishing House; E. H. Meyers, Division Bookman; M. Margarido, and Benedicto Silveira were in charge of the



Home of Jose Garcia and a group of interested people and believers living on his place. Brother Garcia is in the center of group, dressed in black. He is the giver of the land mentioned in the article.

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institute, assisted by the field leaders from the fields represented. Prospects were never brighter for the colporteur work than at present.

AT THE time of the colporteurs' institute held in Rio de Janeiro, a very interesting teachers' institute was in session at the Meyer church in Rio. Seven teachers were present from Espirito Santo, Minas Gerais and Rio. Professor L. G. Jorgensen was assisted by Sister Jorgensen as well as local and union workers. Many important fundamentals on Christian education were spoken of and studied. The salvation of our children depends largely on the early training. May God help in a special way our faithful church school teachers, and may our brethren and sisters co-operate shoulder to shoulder with them.

THE visit of Elder Carlyle B. Haynes, president of the South American Division, at the time of our Union Committee meeting was greatly appreciated. The timely instruction then given is bearing fruit today. While with us he spoke one night at the Nicherooy hall and one night at the center church.

BROTHER Fernando Fernandez of the South Brazil Union has accepted work in the Rio City Mission. He is now in charge of the Olaria church and plans soon to hold a series of meetings in that district.

THE Olaria church found it quite hard to give up Brother Franklin Mendoza who for three years has been their leader. Because of health conditions Brother Franklin found it necessary to retire to Minas. We sincerely wish our brother God's richest blessings, and that he may be able to win souls while in his new location.

ELDER Richard Wilfart has begun his first public effort of the year in Juiz de Fora. Meetings began the first of March.

ELDER Enrique Stoehr reports a goodly number of souls ready for baptism as a result of the Nicherooy effort. He will also hold a new effort there.

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Antonio

ANTONIO is one of our students. He is an orphan boy of about fourteen summers. One day Antonio's teacher told me that the boy and another student were getting into some mischief in their classes. It was agreed that if Antonio transgressed again his teacher would send him to the office to get his case examined.

Antonio must not have known about the agreement between his teacher and the director, for he went right into the old sins again. His teacher informed him that he was to report without delay to the office. He entered the office with a rather down-cast expression.

To the question: "Very well, what is it?" Antonio began to make the first unraveling of his story. After we had talked over the experience, and when Antonio saw his wrong course, he was advised to go back to his room. It seems he could not bear to see his teacher and fellow-pupils again. As he reached the head of the stairs he turned and went down outside. I called to him that was not the way to his room, but he said he had to go to another part for something. On this presumption he was left go.

After a while Antonio's teacher came to inquire where he was as he had not returned to the room. The next time Antonio came around he was "called in" again. When questioned as to why he did not go to his classroom he, with trembling lips, said: "Hermano director, I went to the mountain to pray. I realize I did wrong and could not go on till I went to the mountain to pray."

If there is one precious lesson our boys and girls can learn in our own schools, it is to go to the mountain to pray.

W. E. MURRAY.

Director, Juliaca Training School.

Juliaca School Notes

MARCH 13 was a special day for the Juliaca school as it was on that day that the first tree ever placed on our farm was planted. It is an eucalyptus tree.

MRS. MURRAY has been obliged to go to Arequipa with her youngest daughter, Clotilde. This little girl has suffered from pneumonia three times since in the altitude.

OUR school family was saddened by the death of Sister Margarite Ruiz, wife of

Felipe G. Ruiz, one of the teachers. Sister Ruiz died the morning of March 15 and was buried the same day in the little cemetery on the hill.

THE visits of Professors C. P. Crager and J. S. Marshall were greatly enjoyed at the school. These men of ripe experience have been able to help us materially in solving the many problems that continually confront our work.

Division Notes

THE evangelistic effort for the English-speaking residents of Buenos Aires, conducted by Elder Carlyle B. Haynes, the Division president, began on Sunday night, April 8. Between three and four hundred people attended this meeting and listened with profound attention to the address. The offering was \$164.65 m/n., or \$69.85 gold.

Since then the attendance has kept up most encouragingly, and the interest manifested by those in attendance is most marked. A good class of people is in attendance, and they give every evidence of deeply appreciating these meetings.

At the time this is written six meetings have been held. The offerings at these six meetings have amounted to \$686.65 m/n, or \$291.48 gold. 208 books have been eagerly bought by the people.

One most encouraging feature has been the liberality of the *Buenos Aires Herald* in giving space to reports of the meetings. These reports have averaged three columns for each address, and this paper goes into 13,000 English-speaking homes.

BROTHER W. H. Williams, the Division treasurer, is in Brazil auditing the books of the two union fields there. He will be back in the office about the middle of May.

PROFESSOR C. P. Crager, the Division Educational secretary, is again preparing to engage in another evangelistic effort in the territory of the North Argentine Conference, beginning the latter part of May. A good example, departmental secretaries. Why not follow it?

ELDER R. R. Breitigam is still at work in the Inca Union, and will be away from home several weeks yet.

A FAREWELL reception was given Brother and Sister E. H. Meyers and their children on the night of Monday, April 16. They sailed for the United States on the "American Legion," Thursday, April 19, after ten years of service in South America. They will be truly missed at Divisional headquarters.

ELDER J. W. Westphal, the Division Field secretary, is visiting the churches in Brazil.