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Resources of Each Church for Self Support

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IN THE article last month it was made plain that every church has adequate resources in its own members for complete self-support.

It was pointed out that these resources of the Christian believer would be found, firstly, in direct communion with God; and secondly, in fellowship with his fellow Christians.

This month I want to emphasize that the resources of the Christian believer will be found, thirdly, in the written *Word of God*.

Do we, as Christian workers, sufficiently realize that because the Word of God is the Word of Life it is a matter of supreme importance that it should be accessible?

If we do realize this deeply, then the teaching of our converts to read becomes an imperative necessity and an undeniable duty. A sufficient number, at least, must be taught to read to have the reading of the Bible in each church.

Let a believer be dependent on a missionary or teacher for his daily food, and either the missionary or the teacher must be always available, or the believer must go hungry or starve.

If a church is illiterate, it will either often go hungry, and perhaps starve, or it will hinder or frustrate altogether the evangelization of others, for the hungry cannot for long be left.

It is self-evident, therefore, that if we are to retain our mobility in our Indian fields, as well as others where the percentage of illiteracy is large, and be enabled to spread out and be constantly breaking new ground, food must be made accessible to our members. Consequently every Christian should know how to read.

This does not mean, however, that the missionary, or even the paid mission helper, need forever stay and be teaching converts to read. The work of teaching believers to read must be largely the work of the church in some of our fields.

One should teach another. The missionary must teach the first converts, but afterwards this duty should be placed squarely on those who have themselves been taught. As partners in the work of God, as collaborators with God in the work of human salvation, this duty should be made clear to every convert.

I do not need to point out the bearing which this access to the Word will have on the strengthening of Christian character, on the strengthening of the church to stand alone, on the power to propagate the truth, and, consequently on the freedom and enlargement of opportunity for the missionary. That will be obvious to any one who thinks.

Whatever other aims a missionary may have, no matter how legitimate they may be, if they add to the difficulties of an illiterate, adult Christian learning to read, must be eliminated. To give them direct access to food, without the help of a paid intermediary, is in itself a big enough objective.

Without this, the possibility of self-support from the beginning is greatly decreased and a most vital link in an otherwise complete chain is missing.

The resources of the Christian believer for self-support will be found, fourthly, in *Christian service*.

On what does a church grow? It expands chiefly on the growing experience of its members.

When a believer ceases to grow it will be found that his experience has become stagnant. On the other hand, with every act of willing obedience and willing service there comes new experience, and with it more life.

He that *doeth shall know*. Shall know more, shall have more to tell, shall be more vital in the telling. Believers do not grow merely on preaching or teaching. They grow on *practising* what they hear or are taught.

Believers do not necessarily profit by *much* teaching. One truth heard and *practised* will carry a believer farther than many truths which are listened to but soon forgotten because left unpractised.

The emphasis today is liable to be laid unduly on services rather than on *service*. The believer who is busily engaged in practising is learning. He may be the worse for listening to a thousand sermons if he does not forthwith go out and do.

There are some things which need to be reconsidered. One of them is the idea that if a beginner is not constantly receiving new instruction he is in danger of going back. Such an idea does not accord with experiences. A very little that is worked out in terms of practical life goes much farther than a great deal which is heard but not practised.

A Religion That Costs

IN A multitude of ways life looks extremely difficult these days. The way out of its perplexities and problems seems very hard to find. But it may not be amiss to remember that easy ways are not always, perhaps very seldom, satisfactory ways. To say that a thing is difficult is not of necessity to condemn it at all; and to suggest that it is easy is not to pronounce in its favor. Sometimes the things that cost the most are quite the most worth while even at the cost.

Of all things that are not free our religion is the preeminent one. All the way through it has cost tremendously; and until it has cost us everything, it has really not meant anything to us. And there is nothing that we can do to make our religion look more unattractive to mankind than to insist that it does not make severe demands of people. Imagine trying to coax such men as Paul and John Knox and John Wesley and David Livingstone to become Christians on the ground that it would make life easy and comfortable and safe for them! Imagine Jesus telling the young man that if he would follow Him he should wear diamonds!—*The Christian Guardian*.

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The Medical Work Helps Advance the Evangelical

THE statement was made in my former article that the medical work is a wedge which opens the way for the entrance of the message. I shall now endeavor to emphasize this with some practical illustrations.

Prior to the instalment of our treatment rooms, from fifteen to twenty people attended the Sabbath meetings, all of whom were faithful members, but the majority had a very limited education. Shortly after the instalment of our treatment rooms, all classes of people began to come, some in luxurious automobiles, in coaches, and afoot; paraletics, lame, etc. The appearance of so many people at our door began to make the neighbors wonder, as they were accustomed to seeing the place deserted with the exception of the usual meetings on Sabbath.

I am confident that if a treatment room were attached to every meeting hall and more nurses trained as Bible workers were employed, this message would go forward much more rapidly, and we would obtain a better element in our community.

Some time ago two nuns came to the hall, and, after hesitating a moment, entered the building. We received them very courteously and interested them in our treatment rooms to the extent that one of them received treatment. Upon leaving they gave us an urgent invitation to visit the home for the aged which was in their care, to treat some of the sick among them. This we did, treating them with the utmost care, for which they were very grateful. Now our neighbors cannot understand how it is that the nuns enter the Adventist chapel.

At present we have some twenty persons receiving treatment. Among them is a lawyer, who is a representative of congress, two notary publics, a bank official, a school director, and other prominent citizens. Many of these persons have for the first time in their lives learned something of our doctrines and are showing an interest in them, all because of having come here for treatment.

On the last Sabbath of February sixty-one persons were present at the Sabbath school. Their offerings amounted to 35.00 pesos (about \$15.00 gold). Among those present were ten interested persons who are keeping the Sabbath as result of having come in contact with the message through the medical work.

In August of last year our treatment rooms were modestly installed, and from then till the end of the year we received 1085.00 pesos (about \$460.00 gold) for treatments given. It might be of interest to note that the money from this branch of work has made it possible to employ another worker, who is at the same time working with the sick, and, consequently, providing means to meet his own expenses. Our care of the sick leaves sufficient time for missionary visits and Bible studies, besides holding five meetings regularly in different places each week.

Through the medical touch the evangelical work is simplified, because in place of having to go out to look for people, they come to us, and, besides, pay for their visit. During last February we received about \$130.00 gold for treatments given.

It seems the directors of the work should carefully study the convenience of giving this branch of work the place it deserves in the proclamation of the message in South America. Faithful doctors and nurses are required to be at the same time preachers and pastors.

PEDRO BROUCHY,
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With Our Colporteurs in Chile

WHEN I was at the Chillan Training School during the first days of August, we organized a class of more than twenty young people who met once a week during the remainder of the school year to study methods for presenting the books they wished to sell during the vacation. There is a great interest among the students in the colporteur work.

In the first meeting several of the students who had former experience in the colporteur work expressed what the work meant to them. I wish to pass on to you a few of the most interesting testimonies that were given in that meeting.

Brother B. Bustos, who delivered \$1,080.00 (gold) worth of literature during the last vacation, said:

"The colporteur work has always been a delight to me, and more last year than ever before. I worked in Antofagasta with 'Great Controversy,' presenting it to the people in the clearest way possible. We should be sincere and frank with the people and talk to them concerning the eternal truths that are explained in our good books without any fear.

"A gentleman said to me when I showed him the book that I would not be able to do anything in that district, and advised me to seek other territory as it would only mean a loss of time to me to remain in that part. I then showed him a long list of prominent persons who had already subscribed to the book. He did not know what to think of that. They cannot account for how we are able to sell our

books, because God is the one Who does the work.

"The colporteur work has been a great help to me. I have learned more by selling our literature than I have learned these five or six years in school."

Miguel Lisama related the following experience:

"The colporteur work depends upon God and it is He that gives success. An ambassador is a person who occupies a position of great responsibility because he represents a nation. We are ambassadors for Christ and our work is of much more importance than that of any ambassador of any nation in this world.

"One day last summer I entered a farm of a lawyer and canvassed the superintendent. When I finished my canvass he did not purchase the book, but invited me to breakfast. During the meal he sent word to the lawyer that a man had come to sell some books. When I finished the meal the lawyer had arrived and expressed considerable irritation. He gave me orders to leave at once, stating that he did not permit anybody to molest his people. I looked at him directly in the eyes, without any fear, and said: 'Mr. B., if you are the owner of this farm I wish to speak with you personally for a few moments and will not be able to leave under any circumstances until I can tell you of my important mission.' He then replied, 'Let us go to my office.' When we were inside the office he told me he could not understand how I, only a youth, was able to enter his farm where entrance was strictly forbidden, and talk to him, the owner, with such courage. 'You must be well armed,' he said. I replied that I was, then taking out my Bible explained that it was my armor of defense because it is the Word of God. Then I gave him a canvass for 'Our Day,' and obtained his order. He begged my pardon for having offended me and asked many questions regarding our work and our school here in Chillan, and as I was leaving, expressed his desire for an Adventist minister to come to his ranch and preach to his workmen. He also invited me to stop at his home any time I was in that section of the country."

Brother F. Arriagada, who holds the world's scholarship record, having obtained sufficient orders for a scholarship in two hours while waiting between trains, and delivered them (amounting to \$345.00 gold) in about three hours, gave this testimony:

"Many believe that for me it is very easy to sell books, but it is not so. Before I begin my colporteur work I always ask God to send an angel to accompany and help me to touch the hearts of the people, and He has never failed me. For this reason I am able to do something in this important work of scattering the printed page."

These young people have learned to trust in God, and not to fear any man. Because of this their efforts have been crowned with success in the distribution of the printed page. J. D. LESLIE.

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Austral Union Notes

BROTHER Daniel Hammerly, a junior in our college at Entre Rios, has recently made the sacrifice of giving up his present year's school work to accept a call to the Alto Paraná Mission as colporteur director. This, however, is only temporary as Brother Hammerly wishes to finish his college course next year. He plans to remain in Alto Paraná until March, 1929. We greatly appreciate the sacrifice made by this young man and pray that God will richly bless him in the promotion of the colporteur work in that important field.

A CARD of greeting has been received from Brother W. E. Hancock and family, written in Santos, Brazil. Brother Hancock and family left for their furlough to the States a short time ago, returning via Europe. We trust for them a very pleasant journey, and wish them God's rich blessings.

THE following is taken from a letter received from Brother I. Kalbermatter, superintendent of the Mendoza Mission: "I have just returned from San Juan where I was visiting for several days among the brethren and interested ones. . . . We were encouraged to find some interested people who plan to be baptized on my next visit which I hope to make during the month of October. Our faithful Brethren Sanchez and Navarro are doing a splendid work. They present the book from the religious standpoint, and after it is delivered they visit the people, making inquiry about the book, and in this way have been successful in creating quite an interest in the truth. . . . These two colporteurs are sowing the Word of God in a territory that is very important. Without doubt the result of their work will demand a Bible worker to come and look after the interest in a short while. We have need of more such colporteurs in this field."

Let us pray for these colporteurs that their work may be abundantly blessed of the Lord.

RECENTLY word has come from Professor J. M. Howell, director of the Chilian Training School, stating that they have now finished the new dormitory for the girls, in which is also provided a dining room and kitchen for the service of the students. He adds: "We have been some time completing it, but . . . I tell

you it looks nice and we are happy to announce that we can now enter into it and begin to feel at home." Now we have hopes that the boys can also have better quarters. We trust that the Lord will bless this school in preparing workers for this field. C. L. BAUER.

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Story of the Work in Guayaquil

WE ARRIVED in Guayaquil, Ecuador, December 13, 1927. Having already been in Spanish countries for some fifteen years, we had no trouble in getting through the custom-house quickly, and stopped in a hotel until we could find living quarters.

Guayaquil at first sight is dreary and there seems to be little life, but after one has walked around and seen the business district, it is found that almost anything can be bought if you pay the price. Most of the houses are made of bamboo plastered over with cement. The people used to have the idea that this was the only kind of construction that would stand the earthquakes, which are frequent here, but now several cement buildings are going up in different parts of the city. The house in which we live is a cement building and on the main industrial street, near the river, the market, and of easy access by street car.

Very little time was lost in fixing up the hall which Brother Ford had rented in expectation of our coming. Benches, a fine pulpit and rostrum, an Estey organ, blackboard, etc., were secured. The hall is in the center of town in one of the best cement structures to be found in the city. Situated on the boulevard, it is in full view of all who pass. Five weeks from the time we landed in the city our first series of meetings were begun with an attendance of 120 the first night. These meetings continued with an attendance of from 80 to 100 for some time. On April 21, 1928, we organized a church of thirteen members as result of the first effort. On June 16, two others were baptized, and four more the 4th of August. Four others manifest a deep interest and we believe will become members as soon as they are able to get their business and family relations adjusted. These last ones are the result of the second effort held during May and June.

Not wishing to give the enemy an opportunity to counteract our work, we plan to hold another series of meetings in Guayaquil this year during August and

September. By much prayer and work we hope to build up a strong membership in this city. Since advertising is so expensive, we plan to hold some meetings in the best park in the city, showing stereopticon views on the life of Christ. In order to hold these meetings it was necessary to get permits from the authorities, four of whom we were able to obtain. What at first seemed almost an impossible task has, after much prayer and supplication before the Lord, been secured.

We had some very prospective people whom we felt sure would accept the message, but the pastors of their churches confused them on the meaning of the Scriptures until they confessed to their churches that they had been studying error and asked to be forgiven. In this way six of the most promising ones were turned away and shut their doors against us, making it plain that they did not want any more Bible studies. The people in this country are very indifferent in things pertaining to religion, and will, as a rule, listen to a whole series of sermons, without being able to make a decision when the time comes. Much time is required for them to assimilate the message, yet it is getting a hold on the people, and there are those who are really converted and are serving the Lord. Our hall is coming to be known in all parts of Guayaquil. Many have listened to the studies given in our meetings who have not as yet taken their stand, however the seed of truth is being sown which we are confident will sooner or later bear fruit for the kingdom of God.

We now have nineteen members which represent six months of work. I believe the Lord is working in a special way to finish His work here in Ecuador and that the next few months will show forth even more of His power in behalf of these benighted people. The prospects are good for a rich harvest of souls.

As we witnessed the attack of evil against the Word of God, our petitions were directed to Him, and His answer seemed to be given in Jer. 49:19: "Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?" We know that we are trusting in a God who never fails to comply with His promises and will never fail His servants, but very soon will manifest His power in our behalf, and the church that has been established here in Guayaquil will ride on the waves of victory to certain triumph.

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The Lima Training School

THE Lima Training School is operating its tenth school year. The growth has been slow, but we have now come to the time when there seems to be a great demand for such a school. Young people from all over the field are anxious to attend.

A strange feeling creeps over a teacher when he actually comes to the place where he must tell a promising student who has enough money to pay for a whole year's tuition in advance that we have no room to receive another student. That is what we are now having to do.

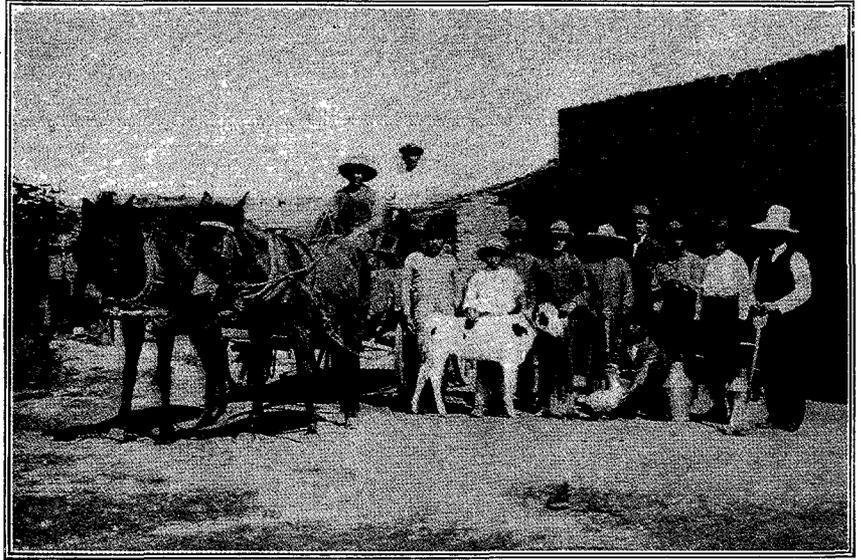
Our school has come to the eyes of the government and thus far we have been successful in giving a very favorable impression of our educational system in this country.

The young people attending school this year are a more dependable class than ever before. All our industrial departments have to be operated by student leaders and student work.

The many classes the manager is teaching, the sudden growth of the school, and business in general, makes it impossible for him to work with the boys or lead them as we were able to do in former years with a larger teaching force, however the work is proving more successful. For the first semester every industrial department had from 9.15 to 1500.00 soles net gain. The boys in the dairy hold a state certificate for producing the cleanest milk in Lima. Attractive furniture is coming out of the carpenter shop, managed and operated exclusively by students. Other departments are all well represented.

The good income from the departments made it possible to operate our institution as a self-supporting school for the first semester. We are hoping to do even better the second semester as we are forced to provide a girls' dormitory, and our name does not appear on the favored list of institutions receiving help from the Big Week fund.

A few days before school opened a letter came from a father in a distant village who described his boy in the following way: "I do not want to have any misunderstanding. My boy is lazy, steals, does not obey us any more, and the school here will not accept him, so I am determined to bring him down to you." We intended to write him to please not bring the boy, but the father was already on his way to the school when we received the letter. The father arrived with his boy, repeated the above statement before him, and the boy made no objections. He seemed accustomed to the idea of being told this. There was yet room in the school for more students upon their arrival, but we were fearful to admit the boy unless he would decide for what purpose



A group of farm boys of the Lima Training School.

he wanted a Christian education. He had not thought of that, so needed several days to think it over. We matriculated him and a few days afterward he came saying, "Sir, now I have decided what I want to be. I want to change my life and become a soldier of Christ, a canvasser." He is now in the baptismal class, a good worker, a good student, a trustworthy boy, living an ideal Christian life.

Today we are sending our first foreign missionary out to a different republic. All the students rejoice that their school is now represented in different fields. Each one knows the names of those who have gone out into service, and is anxious to finish his own training and enter actively into the work of the Lord.

DAVID E. LUST.

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Colporteur Work in the Inca Union

COLPORTEUR evangelism is indeed one of the greatest soul-winning agencies connected with our organization. Not only are many books placed each year in the homes of the various people in this Union, of whom we have very distinct classes, but many souls are baptized as a result of this faithful work.

The foreigners are the first class to be reached with our literature, and the pure Indians are usually the last. This is due to the fact that many of the Indians are unable to read or write. However, in many places their children are learning to read, and as a result our books are being placed in their homes. It is interesting to know that during the last twelve months we have made 100% advance in the sale of literature among both

the Indians and the white people of the Lake Titicaca field.

The Indian has always remained almost within sight of his hut where he was born, until death. When called upon to take a trip calling him away from home for two or three days, it is always a source for much sorrow and weeping. But since this message has come to them they not only give all that this world has to offer, but also leave home to be gone for months and sometimes years in their work of ministry.

One colporteur in North Peru sold a number of books in a certain town which resulted in quite an interest being awakened among the people. Even the chief of the town became so much interested in our work that he donated a plot of ground to the Peruvian Mission for the construction of a Seventh-day Adventist church. Recently a certified letter came to the office directed to me, the contents of which I was unable to understand until after the second reading, as it contained a clear title to a church lot 12x40 meters. The colporteur, when later speaking of the occasion, said that upon his suggestion of a lot 10 meters wide to the chief, he at once replied, "two meters wider is better," so made out the papers for 12 meters in width. Upon the receipt of this deed our believers immediately assembled to lay plans for the construction of the church building. They promised 3,500 adobes, which will be sufficient to erect a neat little structure. When completed, this building will be our northernmost church in the Peru Mission, where only recently the first Adventist minister has visited.

Thus we see what the true and faithful colporteur is accomplishing. His

work is indeed constructive from beginning to finish. There have been many difficulties and persecutions to encounter throughout the field, but in spite of it all the Lord's work is going forward triumphantly.

J. D. LORENZ.

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Inca Union Notes

WORD from Brother A. R. Dennis gives the following regarding their work in Huacho:

"We are here in Huacho to see if we can help revive the work as it had been going down steadily for a long time. Three months ago when we arrived, twenty were attending on the Sabbath. Now we have a regular attendance of fifty. Our school and kindergarten are progressing steadily. The enrolment is now nearly thirty. Next month we expect to have eight or ten ready for baptism.

"Children from six of the best families are attending the kindergarten in English which we have started, so we think the time will be ripe in about two months to start our first public effort."

IN A recent letter from Elder Peugh, the following note of interest is quoted:

"At last Brother Pedro Kalbermatter has been permitted to return to his work in Huanta. He was away from his work and his family for five months. The government has given him every guarantee of protection, and I am hoping that he will now be able to develop his work."

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Sixteen Keeping the Sabbath

WE ARE living in the last days. We are in the time of the latter rain, when the Holy Spirit is to be poured out upon all flesh. The Spirit of God is at work upon hearts, getting them ready for the acceptance of the truth. We find Sabbath keepers springing up here and there, even in remote sections where we have never yet had a worker. Surely, God in His providence is going before us opening doors for the entrance of the message, and preparing hearts for the reception of the truth. We must press into these openings and gather the grain that is ripe for the harvest.

I was again forcibly impressed with this fact, upon receiving a letter from Elder A. E. Hagen of Curityba, in which he gives some of his recent experiences while on a missionary trip through a part of his district. I will take the liberty of quoting a little from his letter. Among other interesting things he says:

"It is really quite remarkable how God is working on the hearts of the people living in the coast zone; and it is one of the most remarkable evidences that God has set His hand to finish the work and that the Spirit is going before us. There

is a group of sixteen who are keeping the Sabbath on the Morato River. We have never done any work there, either by colporteur or minister; but the truth has entered through the contact of these people with members in other places. These people have held on alone and are winning others, without literature or sermons,—just by simple faith and witnessing. One of the strongest Baptist members, in whose home their Sunday meetings were held, has accepted the truth through the work of these interested ones, and he has offered the use of his house to them and they are now holding their Sabbath meetings there."

Thus we see the Spirit of God at work upon hearts even without the aid of literature, colporteurs or ministers. The field is vast, the laborers are few, and the time is short. God is using every agency at His command to prepare a people for the coming of Christ. We must do all we can under God to hasten the work. Surely, we will be remiss in our responsibility, if we do not press into these openings which the Spirit of God is preparing for us. Brethren, pray that God may send forth more laborers into his harvest field, laborers with a real burden for souls upon their hearts. And as we pray, let us be ready to do our duty when God calls us.

N. P. NEILSEN.

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THE canvassing work is ever going forward in our field, and we can see in a very marked way the Spirit of God at work moving on the hearts of the people, preparing the way for the onward progress of the message. Divine power is at work, and this is marked by a new spirit of consecration, a new interest in personal work by our God-fearing colporteurs. I was intensely interested in noting the progress, and in the experiences of our colporteurs as I summed up our work for this half of the year. We are forcefully reminded of the words of Zech. 4:6: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Surely it is the Spirit of the Lord at work.

Here are a few experiences just briefly given to show what our colporteurs are doing in sales and personal work in the field:

One colporteur writes, "In one home I took an order for 'Our Day,' seven helps, two hymn books, one Bible, and a subscription for *O Atalaia*, twelve orders in all. This order has helped me in obtaining orders from this man's friends and neighbors and especially his relatives."

Another says, "I offered *O Atalaia*, in combination, to a certain lawyer. He asked me where it was published. I told him at the Casa Publicadora Brasileira, Sao Paulo. 'Well,' said he, 'The Advent-



Teachers and students of the Lima Training School, directed by Brother David E. Lust.

ists are a very serious people, just put me down for a subscription.' He paid in advance."

One of our young lady colporteurs entered a business house early one morning and canvassed a man for *O Atalaia* in combination with "Perolas Esparsas." The man listened with intense interest and when she had finished her canvass, he said, "I had a dream last night in which I saw a person coming up to me and turning the pages of a book, and here you are the first thing this morning with a book." While he was thinking and wondering about the incident, the young lady said, "This dream was sent to you from God." He at once agreed and signed for the combination. This same girl was taken seriously ill with the grippe before the date of delivery came due. When she was getting better she told the doctor how anxious she was to get up in time to make her delivery. The doctor said, "But you cannot get up by that date, you will not be well." The girl replied, "Doctor, God will help me to get up in time to make my delivery." The fact was that she got up and made her delivery on the very date set. She made a 100% delivery.

Another colporteur was canvassing for "Practical Guide" and made a visit to a certain minister with whom he had been acquainted for years, and obtained his order. The minister, knowing about the good missionary spirit of the colporteur, gave him his own horse and saddle and sent him out to visit the members and hold prayer-meetings with them. One day while visiting the preacher, the colporteur brought up the Sabbath question. The preacher finally decided that the colporteur was right in his views, but said this particular church would not allow him to keep the Sabbath neither preach it. Later this minister made the round of visiting his members and asked them if the colporteur was teaching them the observance of the Sabbath, and gave them literature against the Sabbath. This only aroused an interest, and when the colporteur came around the next time on his usual visits, the people were anxious to know what he believed regarding the Sabbath question. The colporteur then showed them from the Bible and their own prayer books the truth concerning the Sabbath. Three families at once decided the colporteur was right on the Sabbath truth.

A colporteur worker near the border writes, "The priest here is preaching day and night against me. He has nailed up on the door of his church a poster written in large letters advising the people to beware of this Protestant literature. This seemed to open the way for the colporteur so that he took orders from the better class of Catholics. One day a certain lady would not let him give her the

canvass, so he left, but was impressed to return. On returning he knocked at the door and waited for her with the prospectus open. When she came to the door he quickly called her attention to something very important in the open prospectus. She invited him in and then he got her order. At this moment a friend of hers came in from across the border, he canvassed her and took her order for the combination. Where the people were embittered he would give them Bible studies, and through his sincerity and earnestness in presenting the truth, some have given up their tobacco, images, pictures of saints, etc., turning them over to the colporteur. When he began his delivery the priest ordered the people to pray that God might destroy the Protestant work in this district. The result was that many who had only ordered "Our Day," at the time of the delivery took the combination. In three places he sold twelve books, seven of which were in combination. His delivery for seven weeks of work was as follows: 114 "Our Day," of which 89 were combination, 39 subscriptions for *O Atalaia*, 40 helps, 16 Bibles, totaling \$648.00 gold.

Another interesting report is from Brother Arthur Nagel, who is shown in the accompanying picture. He took 122 orders for "Practical Guide" in one week in the month of May. Brother Nagel says, "It seemed that the people were waiting for a book of this sort that would explain to them the principles of health." The total value was 5:850:\$000 (\$731.25 gold).

The outlook is encouraging. Our goal for the year is 120:000\$000, and at the close of the first six months our faithful colporteurs have already delivered 77:-462\$000 worth of literature. Thank God



Arthur Nagel, one of South Brazil's successful colporteurs.

for men and women who under trying conditions have the faith and courage to go forward and make possible such a splendid record of sales.

J. M. ZEROTH.

*Field Missionary Secretary,
Rio Grande do Sul Conference.*

An Interesting Experience in Soul Winning

ONE of our retired workers had a son of some fourteen years of age. This father felt it was time his son should learn something about the fundamental teachings of the Bible and the prophecies, in order that he might know what he believes when baptized. So they started some Bible studies, spending several hours a week thus, and the boy enjoyed them.

This boy had a chum whose parents were not Adventists. One day while out together this boy told his chum that his father was giving him some very interesting Bible studies. Then he related some of the things they had been studying together. This other boy became deeply interested and asked if he also could attend the studies. The son asked permission from his father and his request was granted.

Soon the friend became more deeply interested in the studies than the son himself, to whom these things were more or less familiar. The boy began keeping the Sabbath and attending Sabbath school. This at once awakened the most stubborn and violent resistance on the part of the parents; but in spite of all they could do, the boy held out firmly for what he knew was right.

Things developed so acutely that the matter was brought to the court. There the father conducted himself in such a way that the son was released from any further obedience to his father along religious lines. The boy went to work for a family where he could keep the Sabbath, and shortly afterward was baptized by this worker who had taught him the truth. Later he went to our college to study. He is now out in the canvassing field working hard to earn a scholarship to attend school another year; thus getting a training to become a worker in the cause.

Perhaps there are other boys and girls growing up in Adventist homes with whom the parents should study carefully the truths of the Bible and the fundamentals of our message, so that they might know what they are believing when baptized, and perhaps these young people could in like manner invite young people not of our faith to join them in such study, and thus win them to this truth.

G. F. RUF.

*Educational, Missionary Volunteer, and
Home Missionary Secretary,
South Brazil Union.*



Dedication of the church school building at Limeira (near Brusque), Santa Catharina, Brazil, May 27, 1928. Elder K. Kaltenhauser is seen standing at the extreme left.

An Encouraging Report

WE DESIRE to pass on to our people the encouraging reports that come to our office from time to time. The third angel's message is a living movement, that will continue to grow until the work is finished. While we are glad to report the progress that is being made, it is not for the purpose of bringing honor or glory to any man; for all glory belongs to God who is the Great Director of this work. Our hearts rejoice as we hear of what God is doing in the earth, and we thank the Lord for a loyal and faithful band of workers in our field; yea, we thank the Lord for our faithful members, whom God is using in the finishing of His great work.

This time I desire to quote a little from a letter written by Elder Germano Streit-horst, superintendent of the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission, under date of August 1. He says:

"I desire to send you a few items regarding our funds and work for the first six months of this year. Our tithe was 27:410\$000. Last year for the same period it was 21:550\$000, hence an increase of 5:860\$000. Our Sabbath school offerings were 7:703\$400, as against 5:604\$500 last year, an increase of 2:098\$900. However, our offerings for missions were less—only 3:119\$600, as against 4:315\$000, or a loss of 1:195\$400.

"Thus far we have baptized sixty-seven souls. Brother Hagen is going to Assunguy, to baptize thirteen persons. At Faxinal de Sebastiao there are twenty-six who are waiting to be baptized; in Jararaca, nine; in Sao Francisco, ten; in Cruz Machado, about seven; and here in Curitiba about five. Thus we are hoping soon to have seventy more baptized. Our membership at the close of June was

1,378. Our book sales at the close of July this year were 26:000\$000, while for the same time last year they were 19:000\$000, an increase of seven contos [\$875.00 gold]. We have good hopes of reaching our goal in the colporteur work before the end of the year. We will go forward with courage in the work for the future."

All about us are souls who are tired of the vanities and uncertainties of this world and are longing for something better. Let us, who know the truth for this time, do what we can to lead them to the Lord and His blessed light. We are thankful for what has been done, but there is much more yet to be done. God grant that we all may do our part.

N. P. NEILSEN.

The Message is Spreading

LEOPOLDINA is a small village situated on the banks of the great Araguaya River, in the state of Goyaz. It is about 450 kilometers from the end of the railroad at Viannopolis. It has mail service about twice a month. The country between Viannopolis and Leopoldina is very sparsely settled, and a person may travel for many kilometers through woods or bush country without seeing a house.

Last year Elder A. N. Allen stayed at Leopoldina about two weeks, making final preparations for his trip down the river to the Indian villages. While there he held several meetings, and as a result two or three persons began to keep the Sabbath and others were deeply interested. This year Elder Allen and his company again passed through Leopoldina, spending a short time there before going down the river. He found those who began to keep the Sabbath last year still

faithful, and the interest growing. Writing from there just before he left, he says:

"We are all well and of good courage. Many details have delayed our getting away; but we are now just about ready. All have been working very hard during the day and holding meetings at night. Several have promised to keep the Sabbath, among them some large land owners. Surely God has a work to do here. Our delay in getting away from here is resulting in souls being saved, persons who will greatly strengthen our work here in Goyaz."

N. P. NEILSEN.

Progress in the Sao Paulo Conference

KNOWING that our people are always glad to hear of the progress that is being made in the work of God, and of souls who are being won for the truth, we take the liberty of copying the following from a letter written by Elder Ennis V. Moore, president of the Sao Paulo Conference, under date of July 31:

"I am sure you will be interested to know how the work is progressing in the Sao Paulo field. We are glad to report that it has been greatly blessed during these first six months of this year. By the grace of God the gains made over the first six months of 1927 are as follows:

Tithe	81:848\$400	Gain of	11:820\$100
Miss. offerings	24:446\$150	Gain of	5:403\$450
Big Week	2:358\$800	Gain of	1:384\$100
Missions	5:272\$200	Gain of	2:726\$400
Miss. Volunteer			
(Goyaz)	2:910\$200	Gain of	2:117\$400

"The Sabbath school offerings just about held their own. There should be a better gain in these offerings.

"The total literature sales in our field from the publishing house were 165:535\$400, or a gain of 51:128\$800 over the first six months of 1927. Our book and Bible house made a net gain of 8:566\$030 during the same period.

"So far this year we have baptized eighty-four souls and have many more waiting instruction and baptism; but due to our large territory and scarcity of workers we have been unable to get to them.

"On June 24, I baptized nine persons at Ibitinga. It was very fitting to have this baptism at the time of the dedication of their beautiful church building.

"Our workers are of good courage, but we should have more workers to press the truth to the ends of this vast state with its teeming millions, and to encourage the hundreds who have accepted it as well as to give the needed instruction to the scores who are earnestly calling for more light and truth. May the dear Lord make us faithful and diligent in our service for Him."

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It rejoices our hearts to see progress made in the different departments of the Lord's work. May the Lord help us to be faithful in all our duties and responsibilities until our work is done!

N. P. NEILSEN.

South Brazil Notes

RECENTLY Elder K. Kaltenhauser baptized two souls at Urú, Santa Catharina.

SOME time past Elder A. E. Hagen baptized four precious souls at Assunguy, Paraná. This is the second baptism at Assunguy this year.

ELDER A. E. Hagen is at this writing making preparations to hold a series of tent meetings in the city of Curityba, Paraná. Let us pray that God may give him success and that many souls may be led to accept the truth for this time.

AT THIS writing Brother Rudolph W. Belz, department secretary of the Sao Paulo Conference, is holding a series of meetings at Brigadeiro Tobias, Sao Paulo. We understand that there is a good interest and that a number are beginning to keep the Sabbath.

WRITING about the Harvest Ingathering campaign in the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission this year, Brother Germano Ritter, secretary-treasurer of the Mission, makes the following interesting statement:

"The Harvest Ingathering in our field has been a campaign that deserves to be mentioned for the encouragement of all who took part in this work. In five weeks of work we succeeded in passing our goal of 12:500\$000 by 238\$700. There are yet a number of churches from which we have not received any report, and I believe if we had heard from them the amount received would have been much larger. Thus we can see what great things we can do if we undertake it for God. The campaign this year was a record for our field, and a blessed work for all who took part in it."

PLANS are being laid for an evangelistic effort to be held at Socorro, Sao Paulo, during September and October, conducted by Brethren J. G. Garcia and R. W. Belz.

THE work is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible on the church building which is being erected in the city of Sao Paulo. At this writing the brick work is practically finished, and the roof is being put on.

ON THE eighth of July Elder A. L. Westphal baptized four precious souls in Teixeira Soares, Paraná. He writes, "I hope to baptize four or six more in Teixeira Soares before the end of the year. Also here in Ponta Grossa we have a number who are preparing for baptism."

ELDER J. W. Westphal, field secretary for the South American Division, is visiting some of our churches in Santa Catharina and Paraná together with Elder Germano Streithorst. We know that our brethren in the various places are pleased to once more have the privilege of hearing the message from the lips of Elder Westphal, who for many years has been laboring in South America.

PROFESSOR T. W. Steen, who has been director of the Brazil Training School for a number of years, received a call from the General Conference to be president of the Broadview Theological Seminary, situated near Chicago. He accepted this call, and now he and his family have returned to their homeland to take up this new responsibility. The Broadview Seminary is a large school where our students of the different foreign nationalities in the United States receive their training for the work in the various foreign languages which are spoken in that country. We know that the prayers of our people will follow Brother Steen and his family as they enter upon their new work and heavy responsibility.

ON SABBATH, August 11, Elder Domingos Peixoto baptized twelve persons at Giruá, Rio Grande do Sul. He believes that about as many more will be ready for baptism there before the end of the year.

A Missionary Equipment

A LIFE yielded to God and controlled by His Spirit.

A restful trust in God for the supply of all needs.

A sympathetic spirit and a willingness to take a lowly place.

Tact in dealing with men and adaptability toward circumstances.

Zeal in service and steadfastness in discouragement.

Love for communion with God and for the study of His Word.

Some experience and blessing in the Lord's work at home.

A healthy body and a vigorous mind.—
J. Hudson Taylor.

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Annual Meeting at Recife, Pernambuco

OUR annual meeting was held at the capital city of Pernambuco. There were twenty-seven church officers in regular attendance, most of whom were from districts outside of Recife. In addition to these a large number of members attended from the city churches. All the departments of church organization were given due consideration, and as the question box was opened, many questions were answered by the visiting brethren who were with us. The church officers manifested a real interest in all the topics discussed, and returned to their several churches and groups determined to put into practise the many things they had learned. Every state in the Mission was represented at this meeting, some having come from far-away Mossoro in the northern part of Rio Grande. The colporteurs were also called in to share the blessings of the conference, and remained over for the institute which immediately followed.

Those rendering special help during the convention were: Professor C. P. Crager, the Division Sabbath school, Young People's and Educational secretary; Elder R. R. Breitigam, Home Missionary secretary of the Division; Elder E. H. Wilcox, superintendent of the Union; Elder L. G. Jorgensen, the departmental secretary of the Union; Elder J. B. Johnson, from the Brazil Publishing House; and Brother Benedicto Silveira, Field Missionary secretary of the Union.

The closing hours of the meeting were dedicated to a praise service in which all took part. Great joy was expressed for the privilege of attending their first annual meeting, and many resolved to return to their homes to do greater things for God. We believe it was money well spent and expect to see a new impulse given to the work and many souls won as a result. Already requests have come in from interested ones that Sunday night meetings be continued. We are planning for a larger and better annual meeting next year.

E. P. MANSELL.
Superintendent, Pernambuco Mission.