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Every Convert a Convert Maker—No. 2

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THE church of Christ, founded by Himself, has a double vocation.

First of all, it is to assimilate to itself more and more closely the teaching and the life of its divine Head and Founder. It is to be joined to Him by tender and most sacred ties. It is to grow in knowledge, in charity, in love, in holiness.

Secondly, it is to carry to men everywhere the light and glory thus kindled in each member's heart, so that it may illuminate and vivify all who will hear and receive it.

Hence it is to purify itself within and to extend itself without.

And it has the centuries of the Christian era, now drawing to a close, in which to accomplish the two-fold task.

Today we are members of this divine institution, the Church of Christ. That is the highest privilege men can have conferred upon them.

More than that, we are workers in that Church. That should be true of every member. Not merely a member, but a worker.

Not merely to the Church as a whole, but to every individual member in the Church, the divine Head of the Church issues this command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Every one is to "go." Every one is to "preach."

And in the doing of this we have divine assistance. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The Church is clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit, which is all-sufficient for the complete accomplishment of its work. Acts 1:8.

Power for witnessing and preaching is given by the Holy Spirit. 1 Pet. 1:12.

Power for cleansing, first. Then power for witnessing. It is all there, in the

blessed gospel of our Lord. Oh, that God would move us all to take it, and at once.

As workers in the Church of Christ, what are we doing? What are our objectives? Should they not always be the original objectives of the Church itself an ever-enlarging life in Christ, and an ever-increasing activity in Christian service?

Then, as a Church, what are our objectives in South America?

We are here to extend and enlarge the Church of Christ. We are here as His witnesses. We are here to save men.

To do this we preach the gospel. To do this we plant churches.

What is our purpose in planting churches? What goal do we have in mind for them, and what goal do we place before them when we establish them? Is not the true goal of the Church an ever-enlarging life in Christ, and an

Tell What God Has Done

The BULLETIN is small,
It cannot publish all;
But well it understands
The concentration plans.
It likes to hear from you,
And that real often, too—
Not one big, long report;
But many, sweet and short.

It has some shears, I'll say,
To clip some things away.
So, whether long or short,
Just send in your report.
Tell of the progress made;
Tell of the plans you've laid;
Tell what the Lord hath done;
Tell of the victories won.

—N. P. Neelsen.

ever-increasing activity in His service?

In establishing churches they should be instructed and prepared and trained in such a careful way that they are assured of reaching these objectives. They are not to be dealt with in such a way as to make them weak and dependable. They are to be trained to be strong, vigorous, active and able to stand alone.

"Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty." *Vol. 7, p. 30.*

There it is.—*Every Convert a Convert Maker.*

"The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people. There must be concentrated action. *Every member* of the Body of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him."—*Review and Herald, Dec. 2, 1890.*

Are you as a worker telling the churches their duty? Are you training them in that duty? This message has been sent to our workers: "Those who labor in visiting the churches should give the brethren and sisters instruction in practical methods of doing missionary work."—*Vol. 9, p. 117.*

Is that what you do when you visit the churches? Is it what you do when you prepare members for baptism?

"There should be no delay in this well planned effort to educate the church members." *Vol. 9, p. 119.*

"The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on Him, not on the ministers." *Vol. 7, p. 19.*

That is the greatest help you can give the churches, and there should be no delay in giving it.

Between now and next month I want you to be considering this question: Has God given us any pattern which will serve as a guide in establishing churches on a right basis, and training the members in carrying forward the work of God? Is there a model given us for making *Every Convert a Convert Maker*?

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Dedication of the Juiz de Fora Church

SABBATH, January 19, was a day of real rejoicing for our brethren and sisters of the Juiz de Fora church in Minas, Brazil. For years they have longed that a good Seventh-day Adventist church might be constructed in that city, the same to stand as a monument from which the light of the third angel's message is to radiate.

In the year 1917 Brother Henrique Goebel assisted by Brother Antonio Marinho gave to the mission a very desirable lot in a good section of the city. At the time the donation was made the brethren desired to erect a church building on it, but as all were of small financial backing nothing could be done at that time. The lot was left untouched for a period of over ten years. In 1928 our brethren again renewed their courage and began to talk of a new church building. Times were more favorable. At this time the East Brazil Union was given 40% of the Harvest Ingathering money raised in its territory to help in the construction of churches in cities where our members were unable financially to take the entire responsibility. The union was, therefore, in a position to help with 12:000\$000. The Division came to the assistance of our Juiz de Fora brethren with 6:000\$000. Then they were all the more encouraged and felt that God could help them in securing more funds, so with a willing mind they all went to work, soliciting friends, canvassing, and doing different things to bring in money. Our workers responded nobly with 8:000\$000, largely earned by canvassing. Practically 31:000\$000 were soon in sight, and the contract was let; today we have a nice two-story church and office building which stands as a permanent home for loyal Seventh-day Adventists. The mission office will be located on the first floor, and also the church school. Plans are on foot for starting a good church school this year in the nice room designed for that purpose. The second floor is one large room 8x12 meters, providing a nice chapel for divine worship.

January 19 was the day set for the dedication. God added to the beauty of the occasion by sending forth the beautiful rays of the golden sun to gladden the hearts of all. The new chapel was beautifully decorated. The ladies of the

Dorcas Society had purchased vases and bouquets of beautiful flowers, painted by God's own hand, which gladdened the eye on every side. Elder Richard Wilfart gave the dedicational address which brought inspiration and a new desire to all present. As the Book of Life was read hearts were filled with a desire to walk closer to the Master that the light of His presence might radiate forth to gladden the weary with whom we associate day by day. As we prayed that God might fill His temple, and fill our hearts with His presence, He came very near to us. May God keep every member clean and pure that His temple may not be defiled, and that each member may be a fit subject for the kingdom of God.

We are indeed glad to add this sister church to our list of permanently organized churches of the East Brazil Union. Plans are on foot for the construction of several new church buildings in our union. Of course tithes and offerings for foreign missions do not enter into these buildings. They are all to be constructed by donations from other sources. We can not construct in many places in the course of a year, but God will bless those who in earnest feel the need and begin working. We have many centers in our union where good substantial church buildings should be constructed. We believe God will open the way. Let us pray that more such monuments may be erected. Our work should be established on a firm, solid, substantial basis in all of our cities. Let us work and pray, and God will give results. God will help our brethren in the cities to have their own buildings.

E. H. WILCOX.

Try the Combination Plan, Colporteurs

Carlyle B. Haynes

LISTEN to Elder L. B. Halliwell, superintendent of the Bahia Mission, as he gives his biennial report for that mission at the recent Union Committee meeting in Rio de Janeiro. He said:

"In our field we have made a special effort to encourage all the canvassers to work with *O Atalaia* in connection with the other books, and as a result we have at present a list of over 1,000 subscribers in our mission. Nearly every week we receive letters telling us of interests springing up in different parts as a result of *O Atalaia*. One colporteur found a group of fifteen persons near Minas do Rio de Contas who are keeping the Sabbath and have ordered the Sabbath school lesson quarterly so they can be organized into a Sabbath school. These precious souls live over one hundred miles from the railroad and have never seen an Adventist worker, but are studying the truth from our good literature. From another group who are keeping the Sabbath as a result of *O Atalaia* I have received over \$20 tithes. We praise God for the work of the faithful colporteur."

Itabuna, Bahia, Brazil

PERHAPS some are not familiar with the name Itabuna. Itabuna is the name of a city 16 leagues toward the interior from the city of Ilhéos. It is a city of about 15,000 inhabitants, and founded some 20 years ago. The city lies in a rich cacao district. This is perhaps one of the richest cacao districts in all Bahia. From the port of Ilhéos many thousands of sacks of cacao are shipped to all parts of the world each year, some of the larger boats carrying as much as 30 or 35 thousand sacks at a time. Ilhéos is fast becoming one of the most important ports of the state of Bahia.

Some years ago a faithful colporteur entered the Itabuna district selling our message-filled books. As he worked and prayed and told the people of the great plan of salvation hearts were touched. A new desire sprang up in the lives of many. Elder Richard Wilfart, at that time superintendent of the Pernambuco Mission, was called to look after the interest created. Eleven new baptized members were soon left in a district



Our recently constructed church building in Juiz de Fora, Minas Geraes, Brazil.



seven miles from Itabuna. The work prospered and grew until soon there was a church of 40 members at that place, known as the Boqueirao church. Today the church is not so large, for some of the members have moved to other parts, where today other Sabbath schools have sprung into existence. Some moved to the city of Itabuna, where today we have a prosperous work developing.

Elder L. G. Jorgensen and William Denz are at present directing a successful series of meetings in which a goodly number are now preparing for baptism. The members are all of good courage and doing their best to get money together so that land may be purchased and a new church building erected. God is blessing in this place. The brethren need our prayers. Soon, the Lord willing, we will have a good building and a good live working church in Itabuna. The Bahía Mission is constructing two church buildings and their goal is to baptize 75 new souls this year. E. H. WILCOX.



"The man who sells books and talks about God," with his family.

in reaching the truth. They were born Lutherans, but finding the Bible taught conversion they joined the United Brethren, a Lutheran branch. Further Bible study showed them that the convert should be baptized. So they joined the Baptists. Brethren Block and Roscher met them in the Ingathering for several years and Brother Schneider was convinced of the truth. Doctor Westphal gave him some Bible studies and the family accepted the truth.

Yes, Harvest Ingathering finds souls in South America, too.

HENRY F. BROWN.

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In the Alto Paraná Mission

IT HAS just been my privilege to spend about six weeks visiting our churches and brethren in the Alto Paraná Mission in the interest of the colporteur work. Wherever we went we found our faithful people ready to respond to the Saviour's eleventh hour call for laborers in His great harvest field. Twelve prospective colporteurs were recruited and six of these made definite arrangements to begin in this work immediately. Others will attend the colporteurs' institute which will be held in Asunción, Paraguay, July 18-27, 1929.

We also visited some of the regular colporteurs and found them of good courage. We were asking people on the street in regard to the address of our pioneer colporteur in the city of Concepción, Paraguay. We do not have any other Seventh-day Adventists in this place and no worker has previously entered this field. As far as our records go this colporteur represents our first efforts to

carry the light of the third angel's message to these people. As soon as we mentioned that the man we were looking for sold books, a little boy said, "Do you mean the man that sells books and talks about God?" Then he took us directly to his home. Later we learned that our colporteur is known all over his territory as "the man who sells books and talks about God." We need more colporteurs like this who sell books and talk about God.

We spent a whole week in Misiones, holding meetings in our Picada Rusa church and visiting our brethren in their homes. Two fine prospective colporteurs were found in this church—the Elder of the church volunteering first. He will sell his farm and leave all worldly interests to enter the Lord's work as an evangelistic colporteur. The last Sabbath morning service held in this church was devoted to the colporteur work. I certainly appreciated the interest manifested in the colporteur work by the church as a whole, as I spoke to them on "the relation of our literature to the third angel's message." In a few minutes just before the close of the meeting the members of this church contributed \$340.00 (money of the country) to our emergency fund to help worthy colporteurs.

Our visit to the Posadas church was also blessed with encouraging results. A fine young man who is engaged as a jeweler responded to the Lord's call for workers and will sell out his interest in a jewelry store and join our army of colporteurs after the institute. We held a number of meetings in this church. The Sabbath services were devoted to the colporteur and Harvest Ingathering work. It was gratifying to see the encouraging number of lay members that joined heartily in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Brother Felipe Sittner, the home missionary secretary of this field, planned to remain with them until the goal for this church would be reached.

A goodly number of days were spent on horse-back, visiting our brethren that live in the country. We sang songs, read the Bible and had prayer with them in their homes. The two elders of the Picada Rusa church accompanied Brother Ernenputsch and myself in these visits. As we were leaving one of the homes where we had extended a call to our brother there to leave his farm and sell all and join our colporteurs in carrying the third angel's message to the homes of the people, one of the elders that was with us said he felt impressed to "go" and volunteered for the work. So we feel that the Lord has prospered our journey through this field with good success.

The work in Alto Paraná is onward.

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Southernmost Field in the World

DURING the month of December the writer visited Punta Arenas. This southernmost outpost of Seventh-day Adventism, and almost of civilization, is a very interesting place. We have a splendid lot with a small building in which we are now holding services and which also serves as a home for the minister. It seems evident that with carefully planned work we ought to be able to gather in a harvest of souls in this city. We really need medical work, a good church school, and a resident colporteur, as well as the regular ministerial work, and once these are secured and the work can be placed upon a proper foundation, Punta Arenas will give us a splendid church in a good location in the southernmost city of the world. Already the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*, due to the liberality of the Mountain View, California, church, has resulted in one man accepting the truth and he is now in England preparing for service in this needy field. May the Lord bless the work in Punta Arenas.

E. L. MAXWELL.

Harvest Ingathering Results

RECENTLY Brother and Sister Schneider were taken into the Puiggari church. Doctor Westphal told of their experience

Souls are accepting the truth there. It was my privilege to witness a baptism on one of the Sabbath afternoons and see how anxious honest hearts are to join God's remnant church.

Our work is to continue proclaiming this beautiful message until the last honest heart has been reached. Will you join us in this? We need more evangelistic colporteurs.

WALTER PERGANDE.

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A Colporteur who saw Fruitage of his Work

IN 1926 Brother Ovidio Juarez, a student of the Chillán Training School in Chile, was canvassing in Punta Arenas. He secured a horse and loaded him with books and went down into Patagonia among the sheep ranches. One Friday evening he stayed with a group of shepherds and explained to them that he did not work the following day. Before leaving he sold several books, among which was a "Daniel and Revelation" in English. The young Englishman who bought it was impressed with the message and the life of the colporteur and accepted the truth. He returned to England to convince his parents. But failing to do this he went to our college in Watford. But he could not forget the millions in South America toward whom he felt himself debtor. So he purchased a ticket to Buenos Aires and, not finding the headquarters of our work, he went on into Paraguay. Here quite providentially he met Elder Ernenputsch and Brother Pergande and now is in the colporteur work in the Alto Paraná Mission. Brother Juarez is elated that he has a soul definitely won due to his efforts.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11:1.

HENRY F. BROWN.

The Inspector's Visit

THE government's Normal School in the city of Chillán has been undergoing a period of reconstruction for the past year. The new principal, Mr. José Pinochet le-Brun, a member of one of the educationally distinguished families of the republic, asked the privilege of visiting our training school to see how we put into practise the country side of our education. He, of course, thought that our school was intended for agricultural purposes and was greatly surprised at what he found, for we took great care to emphasize our system of education and especially the religious side. As he was about to leave he said: "Next Thursday Mr. Tirapegui, the inspector of all the normal schools in Chile, is to visit this



Workers in attendance at the Chile Annual Conference, Santiago, Chile.

one." We told him that we would be greatly pleased if it were possible to have the inspector out to our school.

On the following Thursday he announced by telephone that the next morning the inspector would be out with other members of the educational body of the state. We asked God to be with us to impress him in a favorable way. He was deeply interested in all the industrial phases. I apologized to him for the unfinished state of the school, to which he replied that such a state is far more beneficial to the students than any other in the history of the school. When we arrived to the class rooms I had prepared the text books in their order and spent more than an hour explaining the course of study to him, emphasizing the religious side again. He was deeply interested and expressed admiration at our excellent Bible books. When we had finished I made him a present of our Spanish "Christian Education" and a complete set of tracts. He seemed profoundly grateful for them and in expressing his thanks said: "These shall be my basis in forming the new course in religious instruction for the government schools, for I do not intend leaving this to the Catholic priests. As we stepped out of the building, he turned to the normal school director and said: "Mr. Pinochet, I wish we had a hundred of these schools in Chile. They would help us so much in changing the mentality of these peoples."

All the rest of the visit was an evident pleasure to him as we took him from one building to another and from one class of work to another. As he was just ready to take his auto back to town, we offered them each a glass of what appeared to be wine. Each raised his glass in the customary salutation and started to drink.

He took but a sip and lowered his glass, and holding it at arm's length said, "Mr. Pinochet, this is the drink you ought to make for the young men of your school. Teach them to like it and it will do them good instead of harm as our wines do."

Since he left the school I have been up to Santiago to see him and was glad to find that his interest had not flagged but that his desires for the progress of the school and the friendship started on that day were just as warm as when he made us the visit. We feel that this friendship is providential for it gives us an entrance to be able to certify our teachers as the law requires without being forced to explain our situation and pass through trying examinations. We ask that your prayers may accompany us in these days of our school experience in Chillán.

J. M. HOWELL.

Principal, Chillán Training School.

Arrested for Doing Home Missionary Work

Miss Nellie Schlegel, a student of the Chillán Training School, was helping Elder Ascione scatter tracts some weeks ago. She was ordered to stop by a secret service policeman. She refused until he proved his identity to her. But she refused to deliver her tracts to him. More policemen collected and a small crowd of people gathered who begged her for tracts, and while the policemen argued with her she handed out tracts. But inasmuch as she refused to deliver to them her tracts she was subjected to much questioning. She defended her literature saying that there seemed to be no law against the immoral stuff that the movies hand out and she saw no reason why she should quit

her work of a high moralizing nature. After a while an Adventist who had seen her taken through the streets came to her rescue and after considerable discussion on his part she was liberated with her tracts in her hands. She says she felt a bit queer walking down the streets between policemen.

Had we not better do our missionary work while the laws are still favorable and protect us? Some day it will be dangerous to hand out our tracts as freely as we are now able to do so.

Moral: Do your missionary work now!
HENRY F. BROWN.

Even the Wrath of Man Shall Praise Him

SOME forty or more years ago a family of French colonists living in Esperanza, Santa Fe, Argentine, had their attention called to the truth of the Sabbath. Julio Dupertuis, a Baptist, was very faithful to his faith. His brother-in-law was an atheist, and mocked his religion. One day this unbeliever took the Bible and showed the colonist that he should keep the Sabbath if he was to be a Bible Christian. This was a bit disconcerting to the Baptist, and he asked his pastor, Pablo Besson (at present an aged Baptist minister, very rabid enemy of the Sabbath). The pastor in a friendly manner told him that there was a man in Switzerland who published a paper urging Sabbath keeping. He even wrote to Elder Andrews and asked for a copy of the paper to be sent to Dupertuis. It came and was read several times. Don Julio took it to his friends and fellow Baptists, Arn and Mathieu. All three families began keeping the Sabbath at the same time. Their children and grandchildren today thank Pastor Besson for having been such a good Adventist missionary. They form the larger part of the membership of the

Felicia church in the province of Santa Fe. They love the truth and the name "Adventist" is well respected in the community.
HENRY F. BROWN.

Austral Union Notes

THE Austral Union is rapidly becoming a "home-land" for foreign missionaries in every sense of the term. Since the first of January, 1929 the following have left their respective home fields for work in foreign lands.

Juan Meier and wife of Argentine, to Brazil.

Enrique Pidoux and wife of Argentine to Perú.

Guillermo Drachenberg and wife of Argentine to Chile.

These young people are all graduates of our training school at Puiggari, Entre Ríos, Argentine, and represent the very best that we are producing in this college. They all go to their new fields with courage, faith, and a thorough training for the work, that is far more than enough to compensate all the money that has been expended in establishing the college. The willingness to "Go for God" is as marked among our young people of this continent as anywhere else in the world, and shows the same faith as was manifested by one of the early pioneers of the faith in the coming of the Lord. Heb. 11:8.

FROM Mendoza Pastor Ignacio Kalbermatter reports that he has secured a new room for their services. The rent is quite high, but the place is much better located than was the former hall, and they are in a position to invite their friends to the meetings now.

ON APRIL 3 a number of workers in the Austral Union, whose furloughs had become due, embarked on the "Monte Sarmiento" with New York as their destination. This group included Pastor J. H.

Roth, president of the North Argentine Conference, and family; F. C. Varney, secretary of the Austral Union, and wife; Elder C. D. Striplin, Sabbath school and educational secretary of the Austral Union, and family; Dr. E. E. Herman and family; Elder H. D. Isaac and family, from the Titicaca field of the Inca Union; and Miss Freda Trefz, ex-matron of the River Plate Junior College. The health of some of these workers is seriously affected and their return to the field is problematical. Others have to struggle with the question of the education of their children. All need a well earned rest and recuperation under the more favorable conditions of the homeland. But we have high hopes that most of them will return to us.

ON APRIL 10 Pastor T. L. Oswald, the president of the Chile Conference, with his family, embarked in Valparaíso for the United States. The health of Sister Oswald has been considerably broken, but it is hoped that after a short sojourn in the States, with proper medical treatment, they may be able to return to their field.

We have appreciated very much the faithful and self-sacrificing labors of these workers, and shall miss them from our councils and in our gatherings. We know that those who may have to remain in the homeland will ever have a warm place in their hearts for this field, and as for those who can and expect to return we are already reaching out our hands to them in welcome.

PASTOR Walter Schubert of Santiago, Chile, and Pastor J. H. Meier of Paraná, Argentine, are acting as temporary presidents of the conferences of Chile and North Argentine, respectively, during the absence of Pastors Oswald and Roth.

SPLENDID reports are reaching us constantly from all parts of the field telling of large advances in tithes and offerings and in souls won to the truth. From Paysandú, Uruguay, comes the report of a very prominent lawyer who, after over a year of study, has asked to be baptized and unite with us in giving the message to the world.

THE medical work has just been started in the beautiful capital city of Uruguay, Montevideo, by nurses Daniel Ernst and wife. These young people are graduates of the River Plate Sanitarium, Puiggari, Entre Ríos, Argentine. Just recently two other graduates of this institution, Samuel and Lily Bishop Fayard, were placed in charge of the splendid and rapidly growing treatment room work so well established by Pastor Pedro M. Brouchy in the capital of the Buenos Aires Province, La Plata.

A RECENT compilation of records shows the interesting fact that out of the 168 workers of all classes in the Austral



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Union, only 22 are foreigners that is, persons who have been sent as laborers from countries outside of South America.

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Mission Station Directors' Meeting at Juliaca

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A GENERAL meeting of the foreign workers and their families in the Lake Titicaca and Bolivia Missions was called to meet at the Juliaca Training School in Peru, March 3-9.

It is always a source of both pleasure and relief for these hard working mission station directors to get together in such a meeting as this. They are separated far distances from each other when they are at their posts of duty, and scarcely see another white face during the year. Their duties in caring for the Indians press hard upon them, for some of them are shepherds of flocks numbering more than one thousand, and hence their responsibilities are by no means light.

We have 7,000 Indian believers now in the Lake Titicaca field, and 1,350 in Bolivia. There are 140 native Indian teachers and helpers who assist the directors of the stations in their work. These teachers and workers, however, did not attend this meeting. It was held just for the directors and their families.

From Bolivia came Elder L. D. Miner, superintendent of the field, his wife and children; Sister Santiago Schmidt and child; Brother C. Diaz and family; David Dalinger and family; José Replogle and wife; Leon Replogle and wife; and Niels Wensell and family.

From the Lake Titicaca field came Elder F. E. Bresee, superintendent of the field, and Sister Bresee; Brother B. M. Colburn, the secretary-treasurer, with his family, and his wife's mother, Sister Field; Doctor and Mrs. M. B. Graybill; Elder and Mrs. W. E. Murray with their children; Brother and Sister Guy F. Lodge; Brother Rufus Roy and family; Brother and Sister Jacob Wagner; Brother and Sister Juan Plenc; Brother and Sister I. E. Maxwell and child; Brother and Sister J. C. Ruskjer and child; Brother and Sister Luis Leichner; Brother and Sister Alfredo Biaggi; and Brother Apolinario Ruiz.

Elder Pedro Kalbermatter, from the Peru Mission, happening to be visiting in this territory, also attended this meeting.

From the Inca Union Mission Elder V. E. Peugh and W. E. Phillips were present.

From the South American Division Brother C. L. Bauer, Elder J. L. Brown, Elder R. R. Breitigam, and the writer, attended.

The General Conference was represented by Elder W. W. Eastman.

It was a pleasant and profitable week we spent together there in the altitude studying the problems and development of this great Indian field and work. Opportunity was taken to lay before these leaders who are in direct contact with the work the principles of self-support, and they were given close and enthusiastic study. During the past year the income from matricula in the Indian schools of the Lake Titicaca field has nearly doubled, while the income from the same source in the Bolivia field has more than trebled. It was the conviction of the meeting that with careful handling and continual training we might confidently expect and hope that within a period of three more years the native work in these fields will be placed on an entirely self-supporting basis. All returned to their fields with a determination to put this program into effect.

One matter which received earnest discussion was the need of going carefully over the church lists. For years the matter of discipline has been allowed to lapse in our Indian churches. As a consequence names which should have been dropped as a result of apostasy have been retained on church records. It was felt that the time had come first, to make an earnest effort to reclaim wandering sheep; and when that has been done, and every effort put forth to bring backsliders again to their Lord, to do faithful work with those who refuse to be reclaimed.

So it was planned during the remaining months of 1929 to visit all the members, holding revival meetings in each station, get all the native teachers and helpers at this work of recovering the lost, follow this with several general gatherings which would bring the believers of several stations together at some central place, at which union and division help would be in attendance, and then before the end of the year faithfully revise the church lists in accordance with the results of this earnest effort to reclaim the lost. After this we believe every effort will be made to keep the church records as they should be.

It was a good meeting in every way, and God greatly blessed us as we studied and prayed together over the problems of these difficult and trying fields. Truly God has done very wonderful things among these Indians. Just now the work is facing a real crisis, but we are confi-

dent God will do even more wonderful things as the crisis is faced with faith in Him.

Publishing Convention, Inca Union

ON MARCH 19 our Publishing Convention closed. The enthusiasm for the printed page was still running high at the last hour. Elder Eastman's help through the entire round of conventions in South America has been greatly appreciated, and it seemed that our veteran bookman rose to the zenith of his eloquence, power and enthusiasm in the closing speech of the series.

Elders Haynes, Breitigam, and Peugh gave valuable help in the study of our problems. Brother M. V. Tucker from the Buenos Aires Publishing House, the mission directors from Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru, besides a large number of mission workers, were present. Brother J. D. Leslie, our newly elected field missionary secretary of the Inca Union, enthusiastically entered the discussions as did his predecessor, Brother J. D. Lorenz. Brethren Linares, Maxson, Ruiz and Diaz, field missionary secretaries for Ecuador, Peru, Lake Titicaca, and Bolivia respectively, added their bit by way of practical suggestions obtained from field experience.

Due study was also given to the problems and interests of the Home Missionary Department in our joint convention, which will doubtless result in closer uniting the two departments in the distribution of our truth-filled literature. The regular colporteurs cannot do this work alone, but must have the aid of all the membership.

We believe that a new day has come for the literature ministry in the Inca Union. Every mission director seems to feel that a great work can and will be done even among the tens of thousands of Indians of Peru and Bolivia as well as of Ecuador. The small books received special consideration and a special effort will be put forth on small book sales in combination with the missionary paper *El Atalaya* during 1929. Colporteur institutes were recommended for all the missions and a general all-the-year-round campaign for colporteur recruits. A colporteur band will be organized in each of our training schools for the encouragement of the literature ministry among our young people.

The entire convention body stood as one man consecrating anew every effort for the rapid finishing of the work through the printed page. God's presence was felt all through our sessions and our workers returned to their fields determined by God's help to go forward in spite of difficulties and persecutions until the work is finished.

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Visiting Churches in Rio Grande do Sul

ON MARCH 2, Elder N. P. Neilsen, president of the South Brazil Union, and the undersigned embarked at Santos bound for Rio Grande do Sul. Plans had previously been laid by Pastor Harder, president of the conference, for our itinerary, which was to begin in Pelotas, "The Princess of the South." At this place we met Brother Harder.

Brother José Mendes Rabello is laboring in this city and the brethren have a neat and comfortable hall in which to hold their meetings. We could spend but a few hours with Brother Mendes and family before starting out to Campos dos Quevedos, 100 kilometers in the interior. Our visit with this church was to last four days, including Sabbath March 9. A hard downpour of rain prevented the brethren from assembling on the Sabbath but the other days were filled with blessed meetings, at which a full attendance of the members showed their interest in their spiritual welfare. One of the impressive features of this series of meetings on our itinerary was the baptismal service held in nearly every place visited. Eleven were buried with their Lord in baptism in Campos dos Quevedos and united with the 51 members who already belonged to the church. This greatly animated the church and all united in a renewed consecration to God and His work.

Brother Reinhold Braeuer is conducting a good church school in this place and the brethren appreciate his efforts to bring up their little ones in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Brother Braeuer was also elected as the elder for the current year.

From Campos dos Quevedos we went to Serrito, a day's trip by wagon. Here Brother Federico Stuhlman is elder of the church, and teaches school through the week. The church is small, having only 14 members. We spent two days with this church, visiting the brethren in their homes and holding meetings in the church.

On Friday, March 15, we were back in Pelotas, where we planned to hold meetings over Sabbath and Sunday. This church numbered 38 members previous to the baptism in which eight souls were added to the church and to the Adventist communion. The prospects are bright for a growing work in Pelotas. We were

pleased to learn that our faithful colporteurs had been able to put more than 800 subscriptions for our missionary paper, *O Atalaia*, in the homes of this city, and we are confident that this work will add many souls to the church if properly followed up. Brother Mendes plans to hold cottage meetings in various parts of the city in the homes of our members, and doubtless these will result in an increase to the church.

From Pelotas we came to the capital of the state, Porto Alegre, where we spent five blessed days with the brethren in their homes and in public meetings. One of the agreeable features of our meetings in this city was the attendance of a large number not of our faith, but who are interested in the truth. This indicated that the members are active in working for those who are not yet within the fold. No baptism was held at this place, but there are several who are nearly ready for this rite and will be baptized in the near future. It was deemed best to postpone the ceremony until these should be prepared to take part in it.

On March 25 we left for Taquara, where one of our oldest churches in Rio Grande do Sul is situated. The membership of this church is 45. Two night meetings were held while at this place. We had the pleasure of going through the Bergold Sanitarium, a modest, yet well equipped institution, adapted to its work. Another encouraging feature of the work in this place is the well organized and comfortably-housed church school, conducted by Brother Ernst Roth. The parents show their faith in Christian education by sending the children to the school and by providing them with a suitable building in which to attend school.

The last place to be visited by the undersigned on this itinerary, was Rolante, where we have a church of 80 members. It was necessary to pitch a large tent to accommodate all the people that gathered for the meetings from near and far, from the local church, Campestre, Canta Gallo, Taquara and Rio dos Sinos. Had it not

been for unfavorable weather doubtless 500 persons would have gathered for the meetings. As it was, over 300 were present during Sabbath and Sunday. Good meetings were held and the brethren felt encouraged to strive on in the Christian way until they enter the eternal inheritance prepared for the faithful.

The church at this place shows a progressive spirit by building a new church edifice because their old one had grown inadequate for their needs. The old one will be used exclusively for the church school, of which Brother Roberto Mendes Oliveira is the teacher.

We greatly enjoyed the trip among the churches of Rio Grande do Sul. We were glad to know for the first time these brethren and sisters of the family of God on earth, and our hearts were cheered as we found them faithful to the message we all love, and willing to support its propagation till the work of God is finished on the earth. May God shower His rich grace on the churches visited, as well as on all God's people, and bless and guide in the work in this state.

J. BERGER JOHNSON.
 Editor, "*O Atalaia*."

Progress in Our Indian Mission

ON JANUARY 15 I left the mission station on the Araguaya River to meet with the Union Committee and plan for the new year and purchase and transport supplies for another season.

Mrs. Allen and the other members of the mission family remained, camped under palm roofs for shelter from the rains. Just now the mosquitos are bad and it is necessary to make a fire in the evenings that the smoke may drive them away. But we have larger things than mosquitos to contend with. A few days before I left a snake two and one half meters long was killed in our shack, and a few others have been killed near by. Tigers also can be heard as they prow around the mission at night.

The water in the river was rising rapidly when I left, and in the only letter I have had from Mrs. Allen since my absence she said the water was very high and was entering the well I dug before leaving. Since then no further word has come.

A few days before leaving, as I was a bit sick one day, I remained in bed. An Indian and his family came to visit us and sat for some time very quiet and seemed sad. So I asked him why he looked so sad. With feeling he replied: "Because you are sick." Once Ophelia, who helps Mrs. Allen in the house work, spoke of returning to school in Santo Amaro. The chief protested saying that it might be well for her to return for a visit but that the Carajas liked her and that she must come back again. They often send



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or bring us some fish, or a little honey, to show their love. While these are little things they speak much to us who have left all behind just to win their confidence and love and to see them accept Jesus as their Saviour.

Surely God is touching their hearts. Two have already said they want to be Christians, and each one spoke for his family. And while they have little idea of what it means to be a Christian, it is their first step toward the Master. Pray for us that we may know how to lead them to a full knowledge of Him who saves.

The trip from Piedade to Leopoldina was made in a small steamer which runs during high water. But it took us five days to make the 34 leagues. We spent much time cutting wood for the engine, and in the water pushing the boat off sand bars. Among the passengers and the crew and at places where we stopped I was able to treat many who were sick.

From Leopoldina I came in our truck. There were leagues of water where the motor stopped repeatedly, but after drying out would start again. Then we experienced a terrible storm which made the water rise noticeably in the creeks and rivers. Then came the mountains with their steep, muddy inclines where twice we went into the ditch after dark. But after nearly fifteen hours we were glad to see the lights of the city of Goyaz.

Here I learned that the roads were so bad between this city and Viannopolis that I decided to store the truck and take passage with the mail auto that runs between the two places. And it was well that I did for scarcely a car was getting through without breaking down several times.

Twelve days from the time I left the mission station I arrived in Sao Paulo and arrived just in time to attend the

final meeting of the Union Committee. Here, after due consideration of the subject, it was decided to purchase the land we are now on. Definite plans were also made as to just what buildings and improvements should be made this year.

When the purchases of needed supplies were made and shipped I started back. With me this time is Leopold Hartwick, who goes along to handle the transportation and help with the carpenter work. We left Sao Paulo March 6. We spent the Sabbath in Pires do Rio where we have a group of earnest believers and some preparing for baptism. An entire week was spent in Viannopolis before we could get passage on to Goyaz, and when we could it was with a truck that was loaded with two tons of freight. We were often obliged to walk for miles through the rain and deep mud, and late at night. One night when the truck broke down we slept out in the open in the woods along the road. Much time was spent digging the car out of the mud or pushing it inch by inch up steep and slippery hills. One night we worked for hours to get it out of a bridge through which it had broken under our weight. Finally we had to take another car to get to Goyaz, being on the road from Sunday noon until Friday noon.

Here in Goyaz I am securing the land for our mission. Leopoldo is going over the truck and putting it in condition for hauling. When we shall be able to move depends on the weather. The roads were still too wet to reach Leopoldina at the end of May last year, and this year the rains have been much heavier, so I do not know when we can reach the mission.

While in Sao Paulo various churches and conferences told me with justifiable pride how much they did last year in behalf of the Indian work. Surely God has given His people a willing heart and hand. And as we all wish to see God's work grow and become larger each year, we must remember that with each year the needs in the Indian work will require more and more of our money. For that purpose, dear brethren God is blessing you with means that His work may quickly be finished. Our work among the Indians is entirely dependent upon the offerings of our people. We have it in our hands to limit it or extend it. Remember that each day, we who are your representatives here in the far interior ask God to give you a spirit of sacrifice that the work may be hastily finished and all be gathered to that home where there will be no absent members.

I wish to thank those who have sent in clothes or seeds. We can still use many more seeds of all kinds.

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Indian Mission.

South Brazil Notes

ON MARCH 17 eight persons were baptized by Elder A. C. Harder at Pelotas, Rio Grande do Sul.

ELDER A. E. Hagen baptized two persons at Curitiba, Paraná, on Sabbath, March 2.

ON SABBATH, March 16, Elder H. F. Graf baptized three persons at Bom Retiro, Rio Grande do Sul.

DURING the month of March, 78 persons were baptized in the Rio Grande do Sul Conference.

AT THIS time the writer is attending some general meetings in Rio Grande do Sul together with Elders A. C. Harder and J. Berger Johnson. Very good meetings are being enjoyed.

ELEVEN precious souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave during the general meeting held at Campos dos Quevedos during the first part of March.

A COLPORTEUR institute was held at Curitiba, Paraná, during the first part of March. Elder Streithorst, the superintendent of the field, writes that it was a very encouraging and spiritual institute.

RECENTLY 33 dear souls were baptized by Elder Gustavo Storch at Campestre, Rio Grande do Sul. Six of these were from the Rio dos Sinos district.

AT THE close of a general meeting which was held at Rolante, Rio Grande do Sul during the last days of March, nine persons were baptized.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Division Notes

BROTHER C. L. Bauer spent two weeks at home after his trip to the Inca Union, visiting the Chillán Training School on his return journey, and then he left again, this time for an auditing visit to Brazil. He is expected back in June.

ELDER J. W. Westphal is planning to leave in a few days to labor in the southern part of the Buenos Aires Conference among the German churches there. He will be gone about three weeks.

ELDERS Breitigam and Haynes returned to headquarters on April 26, after being gone ten weeks on their round of the Inca field. For the first time Elder Haynes had the opportunity to visit Ecuador, and reports an interesting trip there in company with Brethren Ford, Schwerin and Brouchy.

ELDERS Crager and Brown, after spending some time in Peru in the interests of their respective departments, are at present in Chile. They are expected back at headquarters the first part of June.