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Every Convert a Convert Maker—No. 6

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PAUL established churches from which light radiated out to the whole country around. His churches were evangelizing agencies.

In order to accomplish such results Paul gave his converts a very definite training. The phrase "every convert a convert maker" sums up the content of that training.

A part of that training is thus described by Sister White:

"Paul did not forget the churches that he had established. After making a missionary tour, he and Barnabas retraced their steps, and visited the churches they had raised up, choosing from them men whom they could train to unite in proclaiming the gospel.

"This feature of Paul's work contains an important lesson for ministers today. The apostle made it a part of his work to educate young men for the office of the ministry. He took them with him on his missionary journeys, and thus they gained an experience that later enabled them to fill positions of responsibility. When separated from them, he still kept in touch with their work, and his letters to Timothy and to Titus are evidences of how deep was his desire for their success.

"Experienced workers today do a noble work when, instead of trying to carry all the burdens themselves, they train younger workers, and place burdens on their shoulders."—*Acts of the Apostles,* pp. 367, 368.

Another item of instruction which Paul gave his converts was their obligation to support the work of the church.

"Paul was careful to set before his converts the plain teaching of Scripture regarding the proper support of the work of God."—*Acts of the Apostles,* p. 346.

Paul also taught all his converts to

labor for souls. The spirit of prophecy declares:

"From their [the apostles'] example we learn that there are to be no idlers in the Lord's vineyard. His servants are constantly to enlarge the circle of their efforts. Constantly they are to do more, *never less*. The Lord's work is to widen and broaden until it encircles the world."—*Testimonies,* Vol. 7, p. 15.

It seems plain from these considerations that if our first converts in mission fields are taught to depend upon the missionary, if all work, evangelistic and educational, is concentrated in his hands, the infant church will learn to rest passively upon the man from whom the members receive their first insight into

What God Expects of You

ALL heaven is in activity, and the angels of God are waiting to cooperate with the human agent who will devise plans whereby souls for whom Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation. Every soul has an influence for good or evil. If the soul is sanctified to the service of God, and devoted to the work of Christ, the influence will be to gather with Christ. God depends upon the church for the forwarding of His work, and He expects that His professed followers will do their duty as intelligent beings. There is great need that every trained mind, every disciplined intellect, every joy of ability, shall be brought to the work of saving souls. There will be no idler, no slothful one who neglects the work of the Lord, found inside of the kingdom of Heaven.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

the truth. Having no field of growth and development their faith lies dormant.

In this way it does not take long for a tradition to grow up that nothing can be done without the authority and guidance of the missionary. The members wait for him to move. The longer they wait the more incapable they become of any action of their own. Thus they become helpless and dependent because they are trained in helplessness and dependence. Thus, also, is the leader confirmed in the habit of gathering all authority into his own hands, and of despising the power of his people, until he makes their inactivity an excuse for denying their capacity. He comes to think that because they *do* not do anything they *can* not do anything. But the trouble is they have not been taught or trained to do anything.

Even though the missionary may be able to teach, to preach, to lead, better than the members of his church, he displays very poor leadership if, because of this, he takes upon himself the task of doing all these things. In the functioning of the church there is provided an excellent opportunity to train leaders in each activity. And there is no greater need in our churches than the need of trained leaders. Do not overlook the opportunity which the services of the church furnish you of training leaders for every branch of the church's activity.

THOSE who are truly converted are called to do a work which requires money and consecration. The obligation which binds us to place our names on the church roll holds us responsible to work to the utmost of our ability for God. He calls for undivided service, for the entire devotion of heart, soul, mind, and strength.—*Mrs. E. G. White,* in "*An Appeal for Missions,*" page 4.

What is Revealed in the Statistical Report

READING from the spirit of prophecy I find these wonderful words:

"This world was established and is sustained by the compassionate love of the Creator. God is the giver of all we have." Vol. 9, p. 50. Connected with this is the promise made by Jesus, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

Immediately I wonder what there is that is impossible for us to obtain. The requirements are only that we abide in Christ and let His word abide in us; nothing more, and surely we may have all for which we ask. But how much there is in letting the words of Christ abide in us, that we do not ask amiss. We must seek to know and do the will of God in order that we may know for what to ask.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein." Ps. 24:1. The people of the world with whom we come in contact day by day are the Lord's. Should they not be the objects of our requests? "Our work is aggressive. Something must be done to warn the world;... we must engage in the work with heart and soul and voice; both mental and physical powers must be aroused. All heaven is interested in our work."—"Testimonies," N^o 32, p. 137.

The assistance of all heaven is at our command for the asking, ready to aid in the salvation of others. Shall we not let fervent prayer ascend to the throne of God, pleading for knowledge to direct the work? If the words of Christ abide in us there can be no question with reference to the advancement of the work. God will bless our every effort for the uplifting of humanity.

In this connection it is interesting to notice our statistical report for the first quarter of this year. It has been a source of real encouragement to us who are called upon to read and compile figures. It tells us more than mere losses and gains in the operation of the work. As we study this report we can see in it prayers answered. Many have prayed that God would arouse His church to waken to the times in which we live, and be led to put forth diligent efforts for the salvation of souls. We are indeed thankful as we render the home missionary report for this quarter to note that a greater activity and co-operation is observed on the part of the laymen in their personal missionary work, in the Bible studies given and the distribution of our truth-filled literature to warn mankind. As a result, nearly every phase of the work reported shows

that the blessings of heaven have rested upon the membership.

Our faithful colporteurs have been most wonderfully blessed during this period. We now have 188 evangelistic colporteurs scattered throughout the division, who have taken orders to the amount of \$85,414.10 (gold) worth of large and small books, together with \$4,097.35 worth of magazines, making a total of \$89,493.45 for the quarter. Also \$72,327.27 worth of literature was delivered during that time. The deliveries reached 80% of the orders taken.

It is to be noted that the amount of orders received for the first quarter of the years since 1922 shows a very material increase, from \$40,233.55 in 1922 to \$89,493.45 in 1929; more than twice as much literature than was ordered during the first quarter of 1922.

The leaders in this department have done well in building up the efficiency of the colporteur work, which is evident in the rise in percentage of the deliveries. During the first quarter of 1925 the deliveries reached only 50% of the orders, whereas since that date they have gradually increased until they have reached 80% of the orders taken during the first quarter of 1929. We believe this increase in efficiency has been brought about by cooperation and prayer. All this is indeed encouraging to us, for God is surely working through His evangelistic colporteurs to evangelize South America.

These consecrated workers, with a burning desire to sell our books and magazines, are pushing their way into the highways and byways, blazing the trail, and as a result numbers of calls from interested people are coming from all sides. Some of our leaders have expressed that a real problem has been

created in not having sufficient workers to answer the calls they receive.

In the Buenos Aires province a group of forty interested people has been located at Tres Arroyos, who became interested through the literature sold by our evangelistic colporteurs. A worker has been sent there and several have now been baptized.

Word also comes from Uruguay that as a result of the faithful work of our colporteur, Brother Juvenal Niz, 33 people have become deeply interested in the truth. And so the calls are coming from all parts for workers to care for the interests created by the colporteurs.

We feel thankful to our Brazil and Argentine publishing houses for the excellent cooperation given the fields. The managers of both houses have given careful study to the literature needs in their respective fields. New books have been printed for the colporteurs, and still others are being prepared. Small books and special numbers of magazines have been printed that give the special messages for this time, which aid our laymen in joining their forces in giving the third angel's message to the world.

Our lay members have been very enthusiastic over the special Supplement to the *Atalaya*. The edition of 182,000 which was published for the Spanish field, has been exhausted and still the church members are asking for more. In this we see that the laymen realize the blessed privilege of joining hands with the workers in giving the message to the millions in this great field.

There is no doubt that our laymen, colporteurs and workers in general have through humble, fervent prayer, turned their attention to that which is true and living and real, and herein lies the secret of the advancement of the work.



Thirty-three of the Buenos Aires Publishing House employees.

Read and study the statistical report from quarter to quarter. Not that its figures or comparative reports are anything to glory in, but because it helps us to know what God has wrought through His humble servants in the field. It is only an index of the blessings that accompany the advancement of the work in South America. C. L. BAUER.

Buenos Aires Publishing House

LITERATURE to the value of \$105,993.19 gold was shipped to the field during the first seven months of this year, representing a gain over the corresponding period of last year of 44%. The sale of subscription books for the same period of this year amounts to \$79,061.20 gold, a gain of 56% over the first seven months of 1928.

Seventy-four of the eighty-nine colporteurs working in our territory are employed by the Austral Union. It is therefore not strange that 90% of our sales of subscription books were made to that field. The retail value of subscription books shipped to the Austral Union thus far in 1929 amounts to \$72,068.00 gold, a gain of 59% over the shipments made in 1928 for the corresponding seven months. The retail value of all shipments made to the Austral Union up to the end of July of this year is \$88,842.71 gold, a gain of 54% over the corresponding period of 1928. Not only the colporteurs have used 59% more literature this year in their work, but the church members and others have increased their purchases considerably over those of the corresponding period of last year. This healthy report of the increased volume of literature used in all departments of the union, indicates that the work is well organized and a definite program of literature evangelism is being followed throughout the entire field.

Special mention should be made of the splendid work done during the first seven months of this year by the colporteurs in the North Argentine Conference. Under the direction of Brother José Viñolo, field missionary secretary of the conference, the colporteurs have purchased from the Publishing House subscription books to the value of \$30,806.36 gold. This represents a gain in purchases of nearly 180% over those purchased during the first seven months of 1928. While the gains have been good in some of the other local fields in the Austral Union, still North Argentine remains at the head of the list inasmuch as the greatest per cent increase has been experienced in that field.

The increased demands made upon the Publishing House thus far in the

year have made it necessary to increase our corps of workers actively engaged in the production of literature from twenty-six to thirty-three. Our press room has received two of this increase, thus permitting us to keep our large press going twenty hours per day until we complete the printing of an edition of ten thousand "Home Physician" that are urgently needed in the field. Four of the additional helpers have gone into our bindery department, thus increasing the production in that department. We hope that it will not be necessary to discontinue any of these workers, although such may be made necessary when we finish with the printing of the medical book.

Plans are being made to translate into Spanish the revised edition of "Patriarchs and Prophets," thus providing our colporteurs with a new subscription book for the field. We hope to have this book ready for shipment by January of 1931. It is most gratifying to all to realize that the Publishing House located in the Argentine is taking such an active part, together with the sisterhood of publishing houses throughout the world, in the great world-wide program of quickly finishing the work in this generation.

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"El Atalaya's" New Friend

God is at no loss for workers. In the Chuquicamata copper mines in the wilds of northern Chile, 15,000 feet above sea-level, lives a gentleman, a son of an Englishman. He heard of the truth through Pastor A. Berchin some five years ago. Visits by colporteurs and Harvest Ingathering solicitors have kept alive the little flame that steadily burned. On our recent visit he subscribed to the *Revista Adventista*, purchased the two volumes of the Spanish "Testimonies," and asked if he might take some copies of *El Atalaya*. We suggested ten copies per month. He smiled and said he wanted a hundred. He is the director of almost 300 men and draws a good wage. But he says he wants to quit his position he has held for thirteen years and be a colporteur. He is still a young man, about 35, and will make a good recruit. In the meanwhile he will do "his bit" with *El Atalaya*. HENRY F. BROWN.

"Increasing Success"

I AM confident that the readers of the BULLETIN will rejoice with me in the "increasing success" that is attending the faithful labors of our consecrated colporteurs here in the Austral Union Conference. Our reported union colporteur sales for the month of June 1929 are larger than any previous June report in the history of the union. They are more than twice as large as during June of last year! Our union sales' total for June 1928 was \$15,442.92 (Argentine currency), and for June 1929 it is \$36,016.90. Thus we show a gain of more than \$20,000 over the \$15,442.92 June sales of last year.

We are also pleased to be able to point out an encouraging gain in the number of reporting colporteurs. The gain on this point is about 50%. There were 47 reporting colporteurs in this union during June 1928. During June 1929 we reversed these figures and now have 74. Our gain in the number of colporteurs is not as great as our gain in sales, which says further that there is an increase in the efficiency of the colporteurs in the field while at the same time increasing the number of colporteurs. We thank God for this marked prosperity.

We read in the spirit of prophecy that the last moves will be exceedingly rapid ones. This unprecedented progress of our colporteur work is one of the surest signs that Jesus will soon be seen coming in the clouds of heaven. There is a great work to be done. All must receive the warning message. "So vast the field, so comprehensive the design, that every consecrated heart will be pressed into service."—*Vol. 9, p. 47.*

All whose hearts are consecrated are invited to enter into this important part of God's service—the literature ministry.

WALTER PERGANDE.

Itinerating North Argentine

IT WAS a privilege to have Brethren Breitigam from the division, Henry F. Brown of the union, and Miss Peverini from the sanitarium with Mrs. Meier and the writer on a trip through the conference in the interest of departmental work. The places visited were the school at Puiggari, Viale, Centenario, Crespo, Ramirez, Obispo del Norte, Galarza, and Urdinarrain. The brethren in the field appreciated these visits.

At the school we spent a number of days. Practically every student was visited personally and encouraged in the Christian battle. The worship hour and chapel period were given to us daily. In this way we were given opportunity to come in close touch with the students,

and trust that something definite and lasting was accomplished.

The church at Puiggari is wide-awake in missionary endeavors. The sanitarium is sending nurses to Diamante every month to sell our missionary paper, *El Atalaya*. The pastoral training society in connection with the missionary volunteer society are showing in action what they profess. They ordered 3,000 copies of *El Atalaya* (extra) to send to doctors, lawyers, teachers, government officials, etc. in this field.

At Viale we had good spiritual meetings. At Centenario it rained during our visit but we were able to hold one meeting. Both these churches are receiving strong clubs of *El Atalaya*. This shows that the German churches are taking hold of the circulation of our Spanish papers in a substantial way. At Crespo it rained also while we were there, so personal visits were made instead of calling a general meeting. This church is well organized. It is the oldest German church in Argentine. Under the good leadership of Brother Daniel Weiss it has grown in strength and the church records show that every member is a tithing-payer. They are also taking a club of 120 *Atalayas*.

Owing to the unfavorable weather, we did not hold a meeting at the Ramirez church, but at Brother Schneider's home instead. A number of families attended this meeting. The church at Ramirez is small but is functioning a splendid church school.

From Ramirez we went to Obispo del Norte. Four families make up this group. Our visit marked the first time any division or union men had ever been to their place. Sometimes these smaller groups are neglected, but generally we find that the isolated members are more active and alive to the work than the over-grown and over-fed churches.

At Galarza we had a spiritual feast. We were able to hold a number of meetings there. It was my privilege to help establish that church a little over a year ago. There were four families at that time holding on to the truth. After a strenuous effort, a church was organized, a building erected, and a church school set in operation. The building is nicely finished, and has the best appearance of any of the German churches in the conference. The school has 36 pupils enrolled. The church now has a membership of 65. We are glad for what the Lord has done at that place. They are also receiving a club of 117 *Atalayas* per month.

The last place visited was Urdinarain, where we held four meetings. The brethren told us that the meetings were the best they had experienced in a long time. They have a club of 110 *Atalayas* for distribution each month.



Colporteur Institute held at the Sanitarium, Puiggari, Entre Ríos.

There is no German church in the North Argentine Conference that does not receive a club of *Atalayas*. This proves to me that our foreign brethren are willing to work for the Spanish-speaking people as well as for their own nationality. This is as it should be. The message binds all races into one bond of love. It gives us the same purpose, the same interest, and the same fruits in our lives.

We must remember last but not least the work of Miss Celia Peverini from the sanitarium. She was with us and examined all the church school children. She also gave counsel on health principles. Our brethren are awakening to the value of health reform principles. The sanitarium has offered the services of a nurse to visit any church in the conference in order to give lessons on vegetarian cooking and how to keep the body well by means of simple treatments such as we as a people have demonstrated to the world to be effective. The brethren invite such a program. We hope that in the near future we may be able to treat that right arm of the message in such a way as will enable it to grow and develop into its rightful strength. It was about paralyzed in our field, but the circulation is coming into it again, and we are hoping to give it enough exercise to keep it well and of service to the body.

We invite Brethren Breitigam and Brown to visit our field again. We appreciated their effort and their sound counsel.

J. H. MEIER.

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Argentine Conference.

Not Much Time Left to Work

WHILE in Arica, Chile, Brother Eliel Almonte and I were forcefully reminded of the fact that there is not much more time for us to work. On visiting the

governor of the Military Zone with the Harvest Ingathering paper, he told me: "From political reasons I must oppose you. There must be but one religion in a country that desires to be unified and great."

Rome is doing her propaganda with the governing classes, and they are becoming convinced that the Roman type of religion is necessary for the prosperity of the country. "The time is fast approaching when those who choose to obey God rather than man, will be made to feel the hand of oppression. . . . Let the watchmen now lift up their voice, and give the message which is present truth for this time."—*Vol. 5, p. 716*.

"The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis."—*Id., p. 463*.

Truly we can see the events shaping up that will usher in the final conflict. Now is the time to do the work that still remains undone.

HENRY F. BROWN.

North Argentine's Colporteur Institute

IT WAS our privilege to celebrate the largest colporteur institute ever held in the history of the North Argentine Conference. It was held in July at the sanitarium in Puiggari, Entre Ríos.

Brethren J. L. Brown from the division; E. L. Maxwell and Walter Pergande from the union; M. V. Tucker from the publishing house; Miss Celia Peverini from the sanitarium; José Viñolo, the North Argentine field director, and the writer, were present and took part in giving instruction and in the discussions. We feel very grateful to have had such able help with us.

There were thirty colporteurs present, and all of them entered the field after the institute. One colporteur writing

Those in attendance at the Alto Paraná Institute.



to me stated the following: "After the institute I felt like entering the hardest territory in the North Argentine Conference, and it seemed that I got it. But my courage was so high that I was ready for anything in the Lord's work. I began my work in the city of Paraná. It was my privilege to sell 'La Edad de Oro' to the governor of Entre Rios, two of his ministers, a number of judges, and also to the noted Argentine poet, Saraví. The Lord helped me to take \$200 [Argentine currency] worth of orders the first two days. I rejoice in getting a hard territory."

The Lord is moving on the hearts of many church members to enter this important branch of His vineyard—the book work, dedicating all of their time to it. Fifteen persons are rejoicing in the truth as the direct result of the work of the colporteurs this year.

Another colporteur wrote in saying: "I have worked three days now since the institute and took \$365 [Argentine money] worth of orders for the book, 'La Edad de Oro.'" His territory was also considered difficult.

We believe that as a result of this institute more books will be placed in the field, and thus more souls won to the truth.

J. H. MEIER.

Alto Paraná Colporteur Institute

BROTHER Pergande and the undersigned have just returned from the Alto Paraná colporteur institute which was held in Asunción, Paraguay.

A splendid spirit of cooperation and service was manifested. There were five men in attendance and four young ladies. Two of the canvassers failed to come. The Lord is blessing the colporteur work in Alto Paraná, and we are glad that the conference presidents and mission superintendents are boosting the printed page. Throughout South America we enjoy hearty cooperation, for all our leaders realize the possibilities in the

literature ministry for the salvation of souls. Elder Ernenputsch is giving enthusiastic support to the colporteur work in the Alto Paraná Mission.

May the Lord bless this needy mission in an increase of sales and souls.

J. L. BROWN.

Adventist Book used as Text Book in Chile Schools

IN ARICA, Chile, the Methodist minister related to us that the government school teachers are using the little book, "Bedtime Stories," as a reader in their classes. It sounded interesting, but when we got to Iquique and the colporteur told us the same story, we were really interested. He said that on visiting the homes and explaining his books (he sells a set of three that includes the book referred to), the little girl of the family frequently would say, "O yes, I know that book; the teacher uses it in class."

In a country where so few books of this character are found, it should cause no surprise that our well-edited little books should be prized.

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Visiting the Carajá Indians

OUR people in general, and especially our young people who have contributed so much for the support of the work among the Indians, are always interested to know just how the work is carried on for these benighted people.

Having had the privilege of visiting our mission station on the Araguaya river, I have been impressed with the

great difficulty our missionaries face in communicating our message to the Carajás on the river. Happily, we can talk with a few of their leading men, since these know something of the Portuguese. But scarcely any of them can read this language. They have no written language of their own, so we can not even teach them in their own language. Some of the young people are learning a little of the Portuguese after patient drilling in reading, and a few can write at least their own names.

But when they are in need, or sick, then the universal language of mercy and kindness is understood by all. These people, as a general thing wear very little clothing, and at this season of the year the nights are very cold, so that we foreigners feel the need of several blankets. Being exposed to the cold, since they very seldom have any covering other than some matting they weave from palm fibers, they are often stricken with Influenza and kindred diseases. They also suffer generally with malaria.

Usually when ill they consult their medicine men, who, needless to say, know very little about the treatment of acute diseases, fevers, etc. I will relate a little experience we had, which will illustrate how we are able to reach their hearts.

We were going down the river in the launch to meet a party of Indians we had called to the mission, when a canoe came near the shore. We turned to meet them, thinking they were our expected party; but the canoe held a very sick man who was being brought to the mission by a near relative.

Estebao has been treated at the mission before and knew that he could expect relief. He was a very sick man. He could speak only in a husky whisper, and was flat on his back in the canoe. He thought he was about to die, and had insisted that he be taken to the mission as a last resort.

We tied the canoe to the launch and hurried back to the station as fast as the engine would take us. He was tenderly carried up the bank and put to bed. After a cursory examination it was discovered that Estebao had pneumonia. Water was heated and treatment commenced immediately. Before night he was considerably better. But during the night, in spite of careful vigilance, he slipped out of the house, took a canoe and paddled across the swift water to the other side of the river where his friends were. After this exertion and exposure of course he had a backset and was worse off than before. But we fixed him up even more comfortably, getting out a new cot and covering him with a new blanket. He responded again to treatment, his pain was about gone, together

with his cough. He was taking some nourishment, sitting up, able to converse, and especially was enjoying the singing every evening in our meetings with the workers and Indians who came in.

But soon along came another friend, bringing the tribal medicine man. These medicine men have great authority, and very few dare to say them "nay," so that when he demanded that Estebao go with him in the canoe to be treated to get the evil spirit out of him, Estebao did not have courage to say he would not go. He was able to walk by this time. We had looked upon this incident as an opportunity of impressing upon the Indians our intentions and good will in their behalf, and we despaired of ever seeing Estebao again, because these medicine men sometimes use their poor dupes rather roughly in order to expel the evil spirits which they believe cause the pain.

But we were happily surprised only a few days later to have Estebao back with us. This time he had brought his own family. He was brought up by another tribesman who had come to stay a while, as the canoe loaded with cooking utensils, etc., gave evidence.

Estebao had been badly treated and was in terrible shape. But the patience of the missionary was not yet exhausted, and the blessing of the Heavenly Physician was freely given in answer to our fervent prayers. We are glad to report that the patient was recovering rapidly when we left the station. We consider that the Lord has given us this opportunity in order to impress the Carajás with the superiority of real medical treatments and kindness over the ignorance and cruelty of their medicine men.

We have not the least doubt but what the medical work will be the "entering wedge" into the hearts of this simple people. The Lord knows how to reach them, even though the task often seems beyond our wisdom.

G. E. HARTMAN.

South Brazil Notes

ON SABBATH, June 22, Elder Luiz Braun baptized three persons at Potiguara, state of Sao Paulo.

SABBATH, August 10, Elder Rudolpho W. Belz baptized twelve dear souls in the Sao Paulo church. This makes a total of 26 who have been baptized in this church since the beginning of the year.

DURING the month of July, Elder Luiz Braun baptized seventeen persons in the state of Sao Paulo, in the following places: Novo Horizonte 10, Catanduva 5, and Ignacio Uchoa 2. We pray that

they may be kept faithful to the Lord and His truth!

AT THE close of July nearly forty *contos* (about \$5,000 gold) had been received in Harvest Ingathering in our union. Our goal is 55 *contos*. The time appointed for the campaign is six weeks, from July 1 to August 15. We hope to reach our goal this year.

BROTHER G. F. Ruf, our union department secretary, went to Rio Grande do Sul about the middle of June and assisted there in the Harvest Ingathering campaign during the latter part of June and the month of July. He reports good experiences. At the present writing he is visiting some of the churches in Santa Catharina together with Elder G. Streithorst.

THE sad word has just reached us of the death of Sister Helena Kuempel of Nao-me-toque, Rio Grande do Sul. She was an old Adventist, having been a faithful member of that church for many years. Sister Kuempel was the mother of a large family who are in the truth. Her son, José Kuempel, has been elder of the church for many years. She was a real mother in Israel; but was laid to rest on July 30, to await the call of the Lifegiver. We extend sympathy to the large circle of relatives and friends.

ELDER Gustavo Storch has been holding a series of public meetings in a hall in Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul, beginning the latter part of May. Writing under date of July 8, he says: "During these six weeks we have had excellent meetings. They are very well attended, and it seems as if we will have very good results. Some of our visitors have already commenced to keep the Sabbath. A whole group of Spiritualists, coming to our meetings, have decided to keep the Sabbath." Let us pray that the Lord may give a rich harvest of souls in that city!

THE time appointed for the Harvest Ingathering campaign in our union, was July 1 to August 15. At this writing we have received the following interesting news from the Curitiba office, written July 22, regarding the campaign in the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission: "We had a Harvest Ingathering thermometer hung up in our office with the official goal for our field, 12:500\$000, marked upon it. But on July 19, the pressure upon this thermometer became so great that it exploded. . . . We then arranged a new thermometer with a goal of 15:000\$000. We wish to continue to work and have this new thermometer also explode before the close of the month." And this they did, for on the last day of the month we received a telegram say-

ing, "Reached 15:000\$000 in Harvest Ingathering." Now they will need to take still another goal. It is when we all work together with faith and enthusiasm that the work succeeds.

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The Indians Buy Our Books

BROTHER Cayetano Díaz, writing concerning his first two weeks of work with the Indian colporteurs who attended the institute in La Paz last month, says:

"These boys are having good success. I worked one week with Brother Sullcata and left him with 65 orders for the Big Three, besides selling over a hundred *billetes* worth for cash. The two boys from Collana sold 75 *billetes* worth, and have two or three deliveries for the 15th of this month. In Oruro I worked a few days with Brother Imaca, leaving him with 70 orders."

In each of our revival meetings held in the mission stations of the Lake Titicaca field during the months of July and August is a book stand. In three of the smaller stations we have sold \$330 *soles* worth of literature to our brethren. We have also secured five new recruits for the colporteur work. Tomorrow we shall leave on the mission launch for some of the larger stations, and Brother Ruiz, the colporteur director, has several hundred *soles* worth of books on board. We also expect to enlist eight or ten more new recruits for the institute which will be held the latter part of August.

J. D. LESLIE.

Field and Home Missionary
Secretary, Inca Union.

God's Guiding Hand

NOR a day passes but what we see the guiding hand of God and His protection over His people. The establishing of the Tambo Mission was fraught with great danger. While Elder Peugh and I were in that interior jungle where this mission was to be established, a plot was laid by a wicked slave trader to have us shot. The men detailed to kill us crept near to the place where we were stopping, but as they saw the hundreds of wild Campa Indians around us, they were filled with fear, and hiding their arms, retreated; then they decided to make us a friendly call. As they arrived

one of their party began to count the Indians with us, and said in an undertone, "over four hundred!" We placed a Piro Indian and his Campa wife in charge of this mission. Olisas and his wife Manuela had been educated in our Perené Indian school, his wife having acted as interpreter for me four years. They are both consecrated and fearless workers.

It was after we left that the whole district had been aroused against us and Olisas and Manuela had been taken prisoners and spirited away to a place, no one knew where. A few months later this mission was started again farther down on the Ucayali river, out of the zone of danger we thought. But the enemies followed and poisoned the minds of the people. I was anxious to help Brother Schaeffler, who was waiting at Masisea to become established at that mission. Friends warned me not to go because of the danger. I had made this a subject of special prayer and felt that I should go, so took passage on a small river launch. Five days up the river from Iquitos our boat stopped at the village of Contumana, and a special police officer with a soldier stepped on board and greeted me, saying that he had been detailed on a commission and was going up to our new mission to find out the true state of affairs. My heart was filled with thanksgiving to God, for I saw His guiding hand in it.

As the boat continued up the river, word went ahead that the "Adventist Pastor" was bringing soldiers with him. Soon we left the launch for a small motor boat, as the river was getting shallow. As we would stop at the small villages this officer asked the people about the Adventists, and was told that men had been there a few days before getting signatures on a petition that re-

quested the government to deport us, most all of whom had refused to sign. The officer asked those who did sign if they knew anything bad about us, and they said they did not but supposed that they were obliged to sign. Then the officer had them to sign a paper asking that their names be withdrawn from the petition.

After we reached the mission this officer continued up the river to the dangerous Tambo district where he met many of those evil men who were trying to injure the mission. He took notes and gave them to understand that they would be held responsible for all damage done. This visit had a salutary effect on that whole district. A splendid report was sent to Iquitos to the head authority, stating in glowing terms the benefits of our work in that region. This has done our work much good. It was no mere chance that I met this man, going up on the very same boat with me. No, God had planned it all. We thank and praise Him whose guiding hand is leading His people triumphantly forward.

F. A. STAHL.

*Superintendent,
Amazon Mission of Peru.*

Bolivian Colporteurs in Jail

AT THE close of the colporteur institute held in La Paz, Bolivia, June 22, Brother Cayetano Díaz, the colporteur director, went out with two of the new recruits and worked with them a week. They had excellent success. He then accompanied two other colporteurs the following week. When he returned to see how the first two were getting on, he found them in jail. Upon visiting them he obtained their prospectus and called to see the city mayor, giving him

a canvass for the book. The mayor subscribed for a copy. Then Brother Díaz said, "Mr. Mayor, two of our representatives are locked up in jail for selling the same books. Would you do me the favor of having them released?" The mayor's reply was, "To be sure I will," and he wrote out an order for their immediate release. The authorities have not bothered them since, and they are experiencing splendid success in their work.

We should work as never before, for soon the night cometh when no man can work. The fulfillment of Revelation 13: 3 will signify much to every faithful follower of Christ.

J. D. LESLIE.

An Epidemic in the Peru Mission

IT FIRST manifested itself in the training school, but the first cases were of so mild a nature that they were given scarce attention. Then of a sudden it burst forth with such violence that hardly a student had escaped its attack. The principal symptom was a fever that produced a temperature that resisted wet blanket packs, cold water dashes, and all other efforts to lower it. Soon reports came in that letters written from the school had carried the contagion and infected others in the most remote parts of the field. The principal of the school reported that he had scarcely enough boys left to work the farm.

In view of this desperate situation we decided to begin an investigation as to the source of the epidemic. A short search revealed that only a month before our new colporteur director had come from Antofagasta, Chile, and had passed the sanitary inspection of the port of Callao without the health authorities having discovered the germ that he carried. Submitted to the laboratory test, the analysis proved it to be a colporteur microbe of the most virulent type.

Having localized the germ, we began to study its effects and to find, if possible, the food upon which it thrived best. As for the latter, it was soon discovered that a good culture could be produced by feeding it abundantly with books and magazines. An examination of the effects revealed that it produced no fatalities; rather, it injected life and vigor into its victims. Already it has brought to life several church members who had been dead for a long time. Instead of producing an economic debacle, it is solving not only the financial problems of the students but the school as well. The tract society coffers are beginning to bulge with money instead



The officer and Brother Stahl in center of group.

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of experiencing insolvency. In the school it has reduced discipline to a minimum, and the teachers are happy.

The result of our investigation is that we heartily recommend this colporteur microbe to the fields that do not have it. For several years there have been only lingering manifestations of its having been in this field, but now we are jubilant with the prospects of a speedy rehabilitation of this benefactor. No elaborate equipment is needed to produce it. A good culture and expert bacteriologist will produce wonders. We are all shouting "*Viva el microbio colportaje!*"
J. T. THOMPSON.

The Harvest Ingathering does Bring Results

OCCASIONALLY, only very occasionally, one hears said, that "the Harvest Ingathering does not warrant the expense," and that "the results do not justify the time spent in it." Perhaps the wish is again the father of the thought. Note the following and look long at the accompanying picture of Brother Mallan and his family by the side of Elder Luis Ernst. Brother Mallan is a Waldesian. For several years, seeing the worldliness in that church, he desired something better. Elder Ernst found him in the Harvest Ingathering from year to year and as the interest grew, Bible Readings began to be held and now he and his wife are happy members of the Nueva Helvecia church. Brother Mallan is doing his utmost to interest other Waldesians who are in the same spiritual and mental condition he was in for so long.

The Harvest Ingathering is the best plan for combing the territory in search of honest souls. "Persons before possessions" should be our goal in this campaign.
HENRY F. BROWN.

A Record Sale for August

THE shipments made from the Buenos Aires Publishing House during August are the largest we have on record for one month's business. Practically all the subscription books sent out were shipped directly to the colporteurs for immediate delivery. One thousand Spanish "Home Physician" and six hundred and fifty copies of "Hacia la Edad de Oro" (Toward the Golden Age) besides large quantities of other classes of literature were billed to the tract societies.

The retail value of the shipments made amounts to \$21,930.00 gold. The value of the Publishing House shipments for the first eight months of the year amount to \$127,924.00 gold, a gain over the corresponding period of 1928 of \$40,938.00 gold.

The writer has just had the privilege of attending colporteur institutes conducted in the North Argentine Conference, the Alto Paraná Mission and the Uruguay Mission. The colporteurs are greatly encouraged over the prospects for the coming year's work.

Brother Henry Brown, home missionary secretary of the Austral Union, is now conducting Home Missionary institutes among the churches in Chile. This will greatly stimulate the churches to engage in more active home missionary work. A working church is a church that uses large quantities of literature in connection with its program of saving souls. The Publishing House now has a fine selection of tracts and other literature most appropriate for home missionary activity.
M. V. TUCKER.

Manager, Buenos Aires
Publishing House.

Division Notes

OWING to the illness of Mrs. W. E. Phillips that made necessary her return to the United States, Brother Phillips resigned his office as secretary-treasurer of the Inca Union, and left the field the second week of September to join Sister Phillips. We sincerely regret the loss of these workers and trust that soon Sister Phillips will be enjoying her usual health.

Brother H. M. Colburn, secretary-treasurer of the Lake Titicaca Mission, was called to succeed Brother Phillips in the union office, and assumed his new responsibilities upon the departure of Brother Phillips.

TUESDAY morning, September 3, Brother J. W. Westphal encountered a serious automobile accident while visiting the churches of the North Argentine Conference. Mrs. Westphal left immediately for the city where he had

been taken to a sanitarium. As we go to press no definite word has been received concerning the detail of his injuries. Further word will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

AFTER spending some time in the Inca Union Mission attending the special revival meetings for the Indians of the Lake Titicaca Mission, Brother C. P. Crager went directly to South Brazil for the board meeting of the Brazil Training School. After a brief stay at the office upon his return from Brazil he joined his family in Puiggari.

BROTHER R. R. Breitigam returned to the office September 19 after his visit of several weeks in the East and South Brazil fields in the interest of home missionary activities.

ON SEPTEMBER 1, Brother C. L. Bauer made a business trip to Montevideo, Uruguay.

ELDER C. B. Haynes is in the States this month in attendance at the Autumn Council. He will return to the division office in time for the Divisional Council to be held in November.

BROTHER J. L. Brown has been a regular attendant at the colporteur institutes held in the several conferences during August and September. Following the institute in Uruguay he devoted two weeks to actual field work with the colporteurs in that mission.

WORD has reached the office of the arrival of Brother Harry E. Schneider and family at Lima, Perú, where Brother Schneider was called to serve as cashier for the union.

ON AUGUST 22 Brother W. E. Murray and family embarked at Mollendo, Perú, for the States, where they have gone on furlough.

WORD has reached the office that on August 6 Dr. H. E. Butka and family arrived in Bolivia to assume his new responsibilities as physician in that republic.

BROTHER W. F. Miller and family arrived in Santiago, Chile, August 4, en route to Punta Arenas, where Brother Miller has been called to serve as superintendent of the mission.

GOD is preparing young men in South America to carry responsibility and lead out in the finishing of the work. Both the Brazil Unions have a strong native in the Publishing Department, and throughout South America we have ten native Field Missionary Secretaries in local fields. Three more have recently been added; viz. Brother F. Arriagada for Chile, Brother C. Ferri for Uruguay, and Brother A. Marín for the Peru Mission.