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The Divisional Council

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THE annual council of the South American Division was held November 24-28 in the Divisional office. There was a full attendance of all the members of the South American Divisional Committee.

The reports which were brought into this meeting by the leaders of the four union organizations, Elder E. L. Maxwell of the Austral Union, Elder N. P. Neilsen of the South Brazil Union, Elder V. E. Peugh of the Inca Union, and Elder E. H. Wilcox of the East Brazil Union, were of the most encouraging nature. They told of progress in every department and activity of their organizations. It was a pleasure to listen to their reports, and in order that this encouragement might be brought to the largest possible number all the members of the Divisional family were invited in for the morning session of the council, when these reports were given.

Naturally, the greatest interest centered in the report of the difficulties which have been recently experienced in the Inca Union, growing out of the presidential decree in Perú, which if enforced, will close all of our schools in that republic. Recent developments in Perú seem to indicate that there will be a very strong effort made to put the provisions of this decree into effect. Indeed, threats are being heard that not only will our schools be closed in that republic, but steps will be taken to close our church services as well in the determined effort to destroy the three-fold message in Perú.

We continue, therefore, to solicit the prayers of our brethren everywhere that God will keep His hand over the important work that He Himself has raised up in Perú.

Throughout all these South American republics we find a stiffening of the opposition on the part of the church of

Rome ever since the Lateran treaty was signed.

Toward the latter part of the council we were called upon to say farewell to the Crager family. This we did with sincere regret. Professor C. P. Crager has given thirteen years of faithful and efficient service to South America. We were all sorry to see this service brought to an end.

Another item of general interest which the council took action on was the appointment of the delegates to the next General Conference session in San Francisco next May. The list of delegates so far decided on includes the following names: C. B. Haynes, C. L. Bauer, J. W. Westphal, N. P. Neilsen, E. L.

Take Time to be Kind

Within the busy marts of life
There's hurry, worry, toil and strife.
There's much, *so much*, that *must*
be done

Before the setting of the sun,
Until we sometimes fail to find
One moment left for being kind.

And thus we hurry on and on
With nerves unstrung and patience gone.
We find no time to give a smile,
We're busy, busy all the while—
But all is lost unless we find
Sufficient time for being kind.

We *must* find time for deeds of love,
For tender words, for thoughts above.
Though busy, busy, all the day
Our hearts may sing along the way.
In all our rush, we still may find
Sufficient time for being kind.

N. P. Neilsen.

Maxwell, E. H. Wilcox, V. E. Peugh, M. V. Tucker, T. L. Oswald, F. E. Bresee, C. C. Schneider, J. B. Johnson, W. E. Murray, Pedro Brouchy, Germano Streithorst, Ricardo Wilfart, Luciano Chambe, and Orley Ford.

Only six of these appointed delegates will go directly from South America for the purpose of attending the General Conference. Others are, or will be, on furlough in the United States at the time of the General Conference.

The council voted to express to the General Conference our sense of appreciation for the largest appropriations ever made to South America. We did so in the following language: "Forasmuch as our loyal brethren in North America, Europe, Australia and other divisions around the world circle have, in the Autumn Council at Columbus, Ohio, as on former like occasions, manifested their wonderful Christian liberality by making the great sacrifices for missions that have rendered possible the splendid appropriation of which our Division has been the recipient, therefore.

"Voted, That we hereby express our deep gratitude to our brethren in other lands for their liberal donations, that we pledge ourselves to the most faithful economy in the administration of these funds thus confided to us, and that in their employment we shall to the extent of our ability, carry out the purpose of the donors in the same spirit of prayer and trust in our heavenly Father which has accompanied their giving, that the work may be quickly finished and the glad reunion celebrated in the homeland of the faithful."

During the last day of the council, Thursday, November 28, we learned that Elder and Mrs. A. G. Daniells first set foot on the soil of South America at Rio de Janeiro. It is a source of great encouragement to all of us to have these servants of the Lord with us in this Division, prepared to make

the entire round of the field in the meetings which have been appointed, the dates of which have already been printed. We are sure that the messages which Brother Daniells will bring to us in the Ministerial Institutes will be of great uplift and benefit to us all.

Some changes were made in the length of the term of service before furloughs in the different parts of the Division. Because of the fact that the Inca Union territory lies almost entirely within the extreme altitude or the extreme tropical climate conditions, the term of service for the entire union was made five years. For the state of Minas Geraes in the East Brazil Union, it was made seven years. For the states of Rio de Janeiro, Espirito Santo, Bahia and Pernambuco it was made six years, and for all the states of the Amazon basin it was made five years.

Because of the need at Divisional headquarters for increased office space and additional housing for workers, authorization was given to provide these additional facilities.

One change in territorial lines was made, in transferring the territory located in the province of Junín, Perú, from the Amazon Mission of Perú to the Perú Mission.

Much to our regret, because of illness in his family, we were compelled to grant Elder V. E. Peugh, superintendent of the Inca Union Mission, a permanent return to the United States. Brother Peugh has rendered most acceptable service in this trying post. His presence in the field will be greatly missed. We shall hope to be able to say something about his successor in a later issue.

One other development took place at the time of the council which moved us all strongly. This was the decision of Elder J. W. Westphal, who has spent more than thirty years of his life in South America, to lay down permanently the duties which he has been carrying in this field. He feels that he has come to that time of life when it will be best for him to shift some of the burdens which he has been carrying so faithfully for so long a time to younger shoulders. He reached this decision with great reluctance. He will establish his home in the United States following the General Conference session. He and Sister Westphal, after attending the round of ministerial institutes, will sail for the States from Lima, Perú, during the latter part of March. We know that all the twenty thousand believers in South America will join us in wishing Elder and Sister Westphal "God speed" as they depart for the last time from the shores of South America, while at the same time we shall praise

God for all that He has accomplished in South America through these faithful servants of His.

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A Future for Ecuador

FOR many years the work has gone very slowly in the republic of Ecuador. It has seemed to be an almost impossible task to break through the wall of fanaticism and to loosen the multitudes who have been so thoroughly bound down by superstition.

At last the gospel of Jesus is penetrating the darkness and our workers are beginning to see real evidences of a new day in Ecuador. A good substantial company of believers has been raised up in both Quito and Guayaquil and also interest is springing up in many other parts of the republic.

Brother and Sister Orley Ford have worked hard and faithfully as medical missionaries for the past eight years. This has been the means of breaking down prejudice and has made for the mission many lasting friends among the better class and among the officials of the country. Their furlough is now due and I am sure that they are very worthy of it.

Brother J. D. Replogle has been appointed to act as superintendent of the Ecuador Mission at the time of Brother Ford's leaving. Brother and Sister Replogle have for many years been successful missionaries in the Lake Titicaca and Bolivian Missions and we are confident that their services will be of great value to the work in Ecuador.

Brother and Sister Schwerin have been carrying on evangelistic work in

the city of Guayaquil for the past two years. They have worked hard and are beginning to see some good fruit from their labors.

During the month of April of this year Pastor Francisco Brouchy and wife located in the city of Quito. Brother Brouchy has opened up treatment rooms and is also carrying on evangelistic meetings. Already they have been able to make many friends among the best class of people and the prospects for a real harvest of souls are very encouraging.

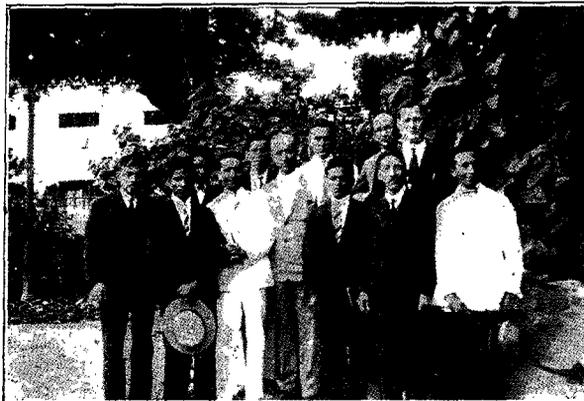
The prospects for the colporteur work were never better in Ecuador than at the present time. During the first nine months of this year they have sold \$5,258.34 gold worth of books, or \$523.09 more than for the entire year of 1928. During our recent visit to Ecuador Brother J. D. Leslie, our union colporteur director, and Brother Linares, colporteur director of the Ecuador Mission, held a very interesting and successful colporteur institute for one week in the city of Guayaquil. From this institute went forth six well trained young men with a determination to scatter books and magazines, containing the message of the soon coming Saviour, to every village in the republic. Wherever the faithful Christian colporteur goes interest springs up and calls come in for evangelists to bind off the work. At present very urgent calls are coming in from many parts of the republic and the Ecuador committee are perplexed to know how to answer these many calls.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people in behalf of the work in Ecuador.

V. E. PEUGH.

Forced to Leave Home

IN THE city of Quito, Ecuador, two boys 16 and 17 years of age accepted the truth against the wishes of their parents, and were forced to leave home. Brother Brouchy arranged for them to



Those in attendance at the Ecuador colporteur institute.

sleep in a small room by the side of the chapel where church services are held.

The people of Quito are very fanatical. When a procession led by a priest passes through the street most every one takes off his hat and kneels down wherever he may be. One of these boys was employed in a carpenter shop, and his boss and given him Sabbaths off. One day a procession passed in front of their door. The owner and all the other workmen kneeled down, but our young brother continued working with his plane. Then his boss said, "John, why do you not get down on your knees? You know the priest is passing in front of our door with one of the saints." John then told him that he had learned something better than Catholicism, and that he had no more faith in images and the priests. When his boss heard this he turned him off immediately, saying that he would not employ a heretic.

These boys have been faithful for several months and when they do not have other employment they sell *Atalayas*. They will probably develop into faithful colporteurs.

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The Work Advancing

WE OFTEN find perplexities confronting us, and many problems to solve; but in it all we rejoice to see the work of God move forward. Here is another note of progress that we desire to pass on to our readers. Written under date of November 18, the following words came to us from Elder Gustavo Storch who is laboring in Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul:

"Our church here is growing. Since our effort we are holding our meetings in a good, large hall on the main street of Santa Maria. Our Sabbath school is well attended, and we have some 120 persons at our meetings. We hope soon to have baptism. We have a good interest. Elder Neilsen, we have great possibilities in this state."

Their new church building is nearing completion, and they hope to have it dedicated at the beginning of the year. This will be a great blessing to our work in Santa Maria and will fill a long-felt need in that place. May the Lord continue to bless our church in Santa Maria!

N. P. NEILSEN.

The Church Floor Covered With Sicks

WE KNOW that our people follow the experiences of our missionaries with interest, especially those who are laboring in the remote places and under difficult conditions. Surely the Lord is going before His workers, and He is opening hearts and doors for the proclamation of the message for these last days. Our hearts rejoice as we hear of the progress of the cause we love. Sometimes our missionaries are laboring under adverse conditions; but the Lord does not forsake them in the hour of their greatest need. He is with His faithful workers.

We have recently received a letter from Elder A. N. Allen, written under date of September 9, giving some of their experiences among the Carajá Indians. We quote the following:

"I have never seen so much sickness since 1918. One woman died here a few nights ago. She had pneumonia, but died of other complications. . . . Several Indians have died this year. One was taken away from the mission only a few hours before he died. He was doing fine until they brought him some 'stuff' to eat which seemed to poison him. His widow with the children are sitting beside me, watching me as I write. We have several widows and children here who are looking to us to help them. Before this, the men always said that the women did not want to come to live here. Now that their men are dead the women are glad to be here.

"Last Sabbath we had the first meeting in our new chapel. It is not quite finished, but is better than the palm shelter we had been using. We had 32 persons present. They seemed to enjoy the meeting very much. Next week, if the building is finished, we want to take a picture of it for you.

"From the clothes sent us by the churches Mrs. Allen has clothed the widows and children, and some others. She has also made some covers for them to sleep under. The widows have offered to help us when we make *farinha* [maiz-ca flour], and at present are cleaning the cotton we have harvested and spinning it into thread. . . . I have been visiting each family on the *praia* [shore] nearly every day. There has been much sickness among them, and we have been able to relieve them very materially. In return they have given us many fairly good watermelons. These we appreciate very much as they are about the only thing in the way of fruit which we can get now. We got a few oranges from Leopoldina [more than 200 kilometers away]; but most of these were given to the sick who have been with us. We

have one cow, which is giving about a pint of milk twice a day, and this we have also divided among the sick, as it is very hard to know what to give them. Mrs. Allen just keeps around. She does much of the caring for the sick, especially for the women, and it is a great strain on her. As soon as we have rains we can have a garden again. Game has also been very scarce of late so we have had to use more dried meat; but a diet of dried meat, beans, rice and *farinha* gets monotonous."

Then under date of September 14, he continued: "Since I began this letter two Indians have died; one died on the *praia*, and today an old woman died here, and was buried. This makes three that we have buried here with Leopoldo. Last evening a number of others who are sick were brought in, making 23 with us, and some of them are seriously ill. They come in such numbers seeking help, that we had to put them in our church building, and the dirt floor is practically covered with the sick. They are a sad lot; but it may be God's way to win them for the cross. The Indian doctor and his wife both are here sick. We certainly have our hands full."

On every hand we find distress, sickness and death. But there is a blessed hope that lights up the dark future, and sheds its radiant light beyond the tomb. This hope brings comfort to us in the hour of sorrow, and buoys us up in the dark experiences of life. This hope we find only in the gospel of Christ. Many are dying without one ray of hope. We must hasten on with our message of comfort and love, and give it to the thousands who are passing away in darkness. They surely need it. We must also sustain our missionaries who are in these "far-away" places with our means and our prayers.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Rio Grande do Sul

ON ACCOUNT of heavy rains and floods along the Uruguay river it was not possible for me to meet the appointments in the first part of the program arranged by the Rio Grande do Sul Conference Committee. The visit to the Nao-metouque church was canceled.

I met Brother J. M. Zerth in Santa Maria where he was helping one of his colporteurs. We spent two days in Santa Maria, the most central city in Rio Grande, and also a prosperous center of a large cattle-raising and agricultural district.

Elder G. Storch is located in Santa Maria and is at present building a neat chapel for the growing congregation. The dedicational services were to be

held in January and it was planned to hold a series of meetings in the new church immediately after the dedication.

Elder A. C. Harder and the writer next visited the Rolante church. Here also a beautiful church has just been finished and dedicated free from debt. The Rolante congregation merit congratulations for their faithful struggle, and victory in building this church without the help of the conference. The Rolante members are happy, and are flourishing in their new chapel, and from all appearances it will soon be too small to house the growing congregation. Each member seems to believe in "Every convert a convert maker."

Taquara also has a church building, and recently a church school building has been constructed. A live school is in operation, directed and taught by Professor Roth from Germany. Many bright German-Brazilian children and young people are preparing themselves in both the Rolante and Taquara schools for further study in the Collegio Adventista at Sao Paulo, and finally for a place in the front ranks in the finishing of the work in Brazil.

The outlook is bright for a rapid growth and speedy finishing of the work in Rio Grande do Sul. I greatly appreciated the privilege of visiting some of the churches in Rio Grande do Sul, and of seeing the possibilities and the magnitude of the work in the prosperous state of Rio Grande.

J. L. BROWN.

Literature Minister's Institute

FRIDAY evening, November 7, was a joyful hour for the colporteurs as well as for the Porto Alegre church. Elder A. C. Harder, president of the Rio Grande do Sul Conference, extended a hearty welcome to these dear workers who had just arrived from the firing lines. The discourse revealed the high appreciation placed on this important branch of God's work. He said in part:

"God's work will never be finished without the colporteur. It is the colporteur who carries the message to the high and low places of the earth, over lakes, rivers, valleys and mountains. The other departments of our organization work largely in the church and for our own people, but the Publishing Department, through its colporteurs, works exclusively outside of the church, 'fishing' and 'hunting' for souls.

"We see the utter impossibility of finishing the work without the canvassers. Every one who buys one of our books has a witness that testifies for God in his home, and that person will have no excuse in the day of judgment.



Colporteurs who won 75 souls in 20 months. "X" marks Brother Zeroth, their brave and consecrated leader.

There is no other department that wins so many souls as the colporteur department."

Elder Harder also reported that seventy-five souls had been won and baptized during the last twenty months through the efforts of this faithful colporteur band. More books and papers had been sold during the first ten months of 1929 than during any previous twelve months. They had passed their 170 *contos* goal for 1929. Brother Zeroth had the colporteur accounts in better standing than they had ever been before. All this and much more was said to start off our institute.

A full program was carried through the week. Elder Harder, Brother Margarido from the union, Brother Zeroth, Brother Schmidt, the new secretary-treasurer of the conference, and the writer, administered the instruction. Three meetings were given over to colporteur experiences. Every colporteur was fairly bubbling over with wonderful tidings from the battle-field. I shall not try to bring them into this report. Let it suffice to say that the sales goal for the year, the highest ever set, had been reached in ten months, and twenty-five souls had been found and won to the truth by these courageous workers. One colporteur presented seven fine-looking converts that came with him to the institute. All seven are in the same work, and in turn told of their thrilling experiences. God is blessing the colporteurs and also every page of literature sold or given away. I do not know when I have attended a more spiritual institute. God was present in all the meetings.

One evening was given to an illustrated lecture by Brother Margarido on the history of the publishing work. Many visitors were present and a good impression was made. The writer presented the "Results of the Literature Ministry" in another evening meeting. One of our *Atalaia* colporteurs brought one of her interested families to the meetings, and the mother kept her first Sabbath with the canvassers, November 16.

The last Sabbath was given to a consecration service. After the sermon prayer was offered for the canvassers, asking a blessing on the new year's work which they were about to begin. A handshake and a Brazilian *abraco* was extended to each of the colporteurs by the ministering brethren and conference officials. In the afternoon more experiences were related and in the evening a farewell gathering was held at Brother Zeroth's home.

Every colporteur returned to his field, happy to be a minister of the printed page, and determined to fight the good fight of faith and work with only one objective in mind, that of placing our truth-filled literature in the homes of the people and win them for Christ.

J. L. BROWN.

Changes Among Our Workers

BEING connected with an ever-growing, expanding work, it is only natural that from time to time changes are made in the location of our workers, so as to care for the needs of the cause. Some weeks ago at a union committee meeting, at which the different fields were

represented, some changes were planned which are now being worked out.

Brother Guilherme Doerner, who has been doing very efficient work as secretary-treasurer of the Rio Grande do Sul Conference for about four years, was called to Curitiba to be secretary-treasurer of the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission. Because of the condition of his health the committee felt that he should be given a change of climate. He wrote: "As perhaps many of the brethren know, about two years ago I had a sunstroke which came very near taking my life, if it had not been for the fatherly hand of God which sustained me."

Curitiba is situated at an altitude much higher than Porto Alegre, and this we hope will be beneficial to his health. We understand that he plans to leave Porto Alegre for his new field of labor about the middle of November.

Brother Santiago Schmidt, who has been secretary-treasurer of the Bolivia Mission for some years, needed to move his family to a lower altitude because of the health of his child, and we were fortunate in securing him for our office in Porto Alegre. He arrived there a few days ago, and we trust that the Lord will richly bless Brother Schmidt and his family in their work in our union. We welcome them to our midst.

Brother Germano Ritter, who has faithfully served as secretary-treasurer of the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission for some years, accepted a call to be secretary-treasurer of the Sao Paulo Conference. May the Lord bless him also!

Brother Silvester Toddai who has assisted in the Sao Paulo Conference and tract society office for several years has gone to Porto Alegre to assist in the office there. Brother Siegfried Kuempel, who graduated from the Col-

legio Adventista this year, is now assisting in the Sao Paulo office.

We trust that these changes may prove to be a blessing to the work, and that the cause of God in our union may continue to go forward with greater and still greater rapidity until the work is finished.

N. P. NEILSEN.

South Brazil Notes

ELDER K. Kaltenhauser baptized two dear souls in Benedicto Novo, Santa Catharina.

RECENTLY Elder Luiz Braun baptized three persons at Ibitinga and one at Itapolis, in the state of Sao Paulo.

IN OCTOBER Elder G. F. Ruf baptized one dear soul at Ponta Pora, and two persons at Entre Rios, in the state of Matto Grosso.

ON AUGUST 3, Elder A. L. Westphal baptized six dear souls in Ponta Grossa, Paraná, and in September he baptized one, and two others were received as members on former baptism, at Porto Feliz. Two were baptized at Perdizes, Santa Catharina by him, on September 17, and three were baptized at Faxinal de Sao Sebastiao, Paraná, a little later.

ELDER A. E. Hagen and family have recently located in the city of Campinas, Sao Paulo, where he hopes soon to begin an aggressive evangelistic effort. This beautiful city has about 100,000 inhabitants, and, so far as the writer knows, we have never held an effort in that place; but we hope that in time a good church may be raised up in that important center.

FROM the *Transmissor Paranaense* for October 15, 1929, we copy the following encouraging note: "The colporteurs in this field sold more literature up to the

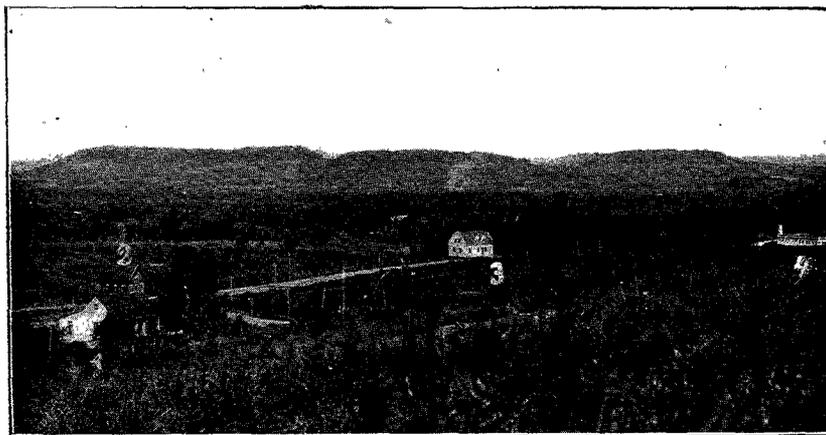
close of September this year than they had sold to the close of November last year. The value of sales thus far this year is more than 50:000\$000. Some of our faithful colporteurs were hindered because of sickness and rains; but we have good hope of passing our goal this year."

THE tithes in the South Brazil Union Conference for the first nine months of this year show an increase of 40:890\$000 over that of the same period last year. The combined mission offerings of different kinds for the same period show an increase of 24:854\$900 over that of last year. We are grateful to the Lord for this good increase. It indicates that the work of God is progressing in our field. We pray that all our people may be faithful in the payment of their tithes and offerings!

CONCERNING the progress of the cause in his district Elder A. L. Westphal writes under date of October 24, as follows: "There are more than twenty-five persons in this district who are waiting for baptism. Many of them need more instruction, but the work is onward. We have baptized fourteen this year in Ponta Grossa, and if our time could be dedicated to the work in this city, I doubt not but that we could baptize more than twenty-five this year, for there are a number of interested persons with whom Bible studies should be held."

BROTHER Domingos Costa, one of our faithful colporteurs, by arrangement with the mission, has been teaching a church school for a few months at Riachao in the interior of the state of Goyaz, many days' travel beyond the end of the railroad, where we have a group of our people. Writing from there he says, "The school is doing well. I intend to close it in December and again enter the colporteur work. There are two young men here who wish to enter the colporteur work. I will instruct them. We have already organized a Missionary Volunteer Society. There are six persons here awaiting baptism."

WE HAVE received an encouraging report from Brother M. Margarido, who is assisting Elder Alfredo Suessmann in a series of tent meetings in Jaguarihyva, Paraná. Under date of October 30, Brother Margarido writes: "I wish to say that the tent continues to be full in spite of the rains every week. We have already presented the Sabbath question, the Change of the Sabbath, etc., but still the people come. The priests continue to warn their people against us in their churches each Sunday. . . . I am surprised to see how well the people attend our meetings even when the weather is so disagreeable. It has rained every week.



In this picture the figure (1) marks the home of A. C. Harder; (2) home of Hugo Bergold; (3) church school building; (4) Bergold's sanitarium.

There is a family that lives five kilometers away from the city who has not missed one meeting, even when it has been raining. . . . After we had presented the Sabbath question, we invited the people to a Sabbath school in the tent, and thirty persons came. I was surprised. I hope through God to soon see some souls baptized."

ONCE more I will copy a little from a private letter received from Elder A. N. Allen, who with his family is working among the Carajá Indians. As in all mission experiences there are times when dark clouds appear, and the missionaries would become discouraged were it not for their faith in God; but the clouds will pass away in time and the sun again shine. It is not by the power of man; but through the power of the living word of God, that heathens, whose minds have been darkened by sin and who know nothing about God, can be led to Christ. Elder Allen writes:

"The longer we are here the more our hearts are becoming knit to this work. Sometimes it has looked so dark, however, that we have not been far from losing heart. Only our faith in God's word that He has children among all people has sustained us at times. . . . A real interest in religious things seems to be developing among the Indians. One man, the life of whose family has been in the balance for weeks, says now that he is going to stay right here so as to be able to keep the Sabbath. He is talking much to the other Indians about the coming of Jesus and how they must prepare for it." N. P. NELSEN.

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Report of Alto Paraná Meeting

THE Alto Paraná annual meeting convened in the city of Posadas, October 25-31. On account of recent heavy rains comparatively few brethren from a distance were able to attend, although we were able to greet delegates from the churches of Paraguay, Corrientes and Misiones.

We secured for the meetings the Colon theater, only to learn in the midst of the first sermon that the property belonged to the parish priest and he was leaving no stone unturned to get us out. He appealed to the police, to the governor and finally when he could get no

satisfaction he produced his contract with the company that had rented the place to us and showed a clause which gave him the final word as to sub-renters. We therefore moved.

The following day we held Sabbath school in another theater in another part of town. During the afternoon when word had gotten out over the city that we had been driven out of the first place, the proprietor of the largest hotel in the city came to Elder Ernenputsch and offered him the ball-room of the hotel. We therefore moved our camp-meeting paraphernalia to the latter place, which was really a splendid location, and continued our meeting for the rest of the week.

The attendance from the city was quite large every night, and the interest created will, I am sure, result in gains to our local church. The reports of the treasurer and the various departments were splendidly illustrated by means of charts and devices, and revealed the growth in every line of missionary endeavor, including tithes and offerings during the first nine months of 1929.

One matter of importance treated at this meeting was the building of an office for the mission, and it was decided to locate the same in the city of Posadas. A fund of \$20,000 pesos was started with which to erect this building, and from the way the brethren took hold of the matter at the meeting it seems evident that within a few months they will have reached their goal and will begin to construct the building.

Workers from outside the local fields included our veteran South American

apostle, J. W. Westphal, Elder H. F. Brown and the writer.

The workers in Alto Paraná are of good courage. A number of evangelistic efforts are planned for the coming year. The colporteur work is advancing rapidly. The home missionary work shows splendid improvement. The Sabbath school, young people's and educational departments are also taking form and giving splendid results. We ask the prayers of all the brethren for the advancement of the work in Alto Paraná.
E. L. MAXWELL.

Chile Colporteur Institute

AN INSTITUTE for the students of the Chillán Training School was celebrated November 16-23. Brother M. V. Tucker, manager of the Buenos Aires Publishing House, directed the institute and gave valuable instruction, which was appreciated by all. He was assisted by Brethren Fernando Arriagada, director of the colporteur work; Professor J. M. Howell, principal of the school; and J. A. Ayvazian, secretary-treasurer of the conference. We believe this was the best institute ever held in the school. Thirty-one valiant youth will enter the work in December (1929). They placed their goal of sales at \$218,000 (Chile pesos) for the summer months, and we believe they will reach their goal as they are youth who desire to help in the finishing of the message in this generation.

The thirteen regular colporteurs together with the 31 students will give us



Chile Colporteur Institute

44 colporteurs in the field during the summer. This means that not a province will be left untouched between Magallanes and Arica, in Chile, regardless of how small or sparsely settled it may be; and that the four and one-half million inhabitants of Chile will have an opportunity to know the message through the printed page, during 1930.

Ten youth will go on horseback through the sparsely settled districts of the cordilleras of the Andes, leaving no place untouched. The goal is to give the message to every inhabitant of the republic, and I am forced to believe that we are now in a position to do this with the strong corps of workers who have resolved to go out.

To me this is an evidence that the Lord will finish His work quickly and that His coming is very near.

The students also ordered 4,040 copies of the December *Atalaya* to sell where they fail to obtain orders for their books.

Dear reader, lift up a fervent prayer to God in behalf of this army of workers in Chile, and especially for Brethren Fernando Arriagada and Ovidio Juárez, who will direct the faithful soldiers of the vanguard.

WALTER SCHUBERT.

President Protém. Chile Conference.

Progress of the Work in Chile

A STRONG evangelistic effort was held in Santiago, Chile, during the winter months which resulted in 43 converts to the truth. Two of this number were received on profession of faith and the other 41 were baptized. There are now 385 members in the city, 305 of whom belong to the Porvenir church and 80 to the Recoleta. Next year we shall organize a third church in the Alameda section of the city. By the close of the year thirty more will probably be baptized. The Bible workers, Sister Dunner and Sister Wheeler, have done good work.

Brother Bustos, a young and enthusiastic worker, for two months directed a public effort in a theater in Curacautin with an attendance of from 600 to 800 people. He was able to pay the expenses of the theater and the advertising with the collections received. It was a pleasure to the writer to be present a few days and speak to so large an assembly of people concerning the truth.

On October 17 four persons were baptized. Following this, with the help of Brother Berchín, a church of twenty-five members was organized in this picturesque city of Curacautin, nestled at the foot of the mountains. By the close of the year we hope to baptize ten



Believers in Paysandú, Uruguay.

more in this place. Brother Juan Jara, judge of the city, was ordained elder of the new church. He is respected by all in the city for his spirit of justice.

Pastor Berchín is doing a good work in Temuco. He baptized ten precious souls Sabbath, October 26, in the beautiful Cautín river. There was gathered a large concourse of people to witness this solemn rite. The last Sabbath of December we hope to baptize ten others in Temuco.

On the same day, October 26, Brother Sherman officiated in a baptism of ten souls in Valparaíso in the blue waters of the Pacific. The Valparaíso church is very enthusiastic, and all its members are joyful because they hope soon to have their own church building. They expect to baptize twenty more souls by the close of the year.

Every Sabbath during December there will be an ingathering of souls in three of four different parts of Chile, the result of which we believe will be about 150 more baptisms.

Pray for the work in Chile. The people of God will soon experience terrible persecution without restraint from the enemies of the truth, demonstrating that the day is not far distant when the work will be finished.

WALTER SCHUBERT.

President Protém. Chile Conference.

Gems from the Mines of Uruguay

AFTER some arduous work for little over half a year, we were rewarded on November 9 by seeing some of the fruitage of our labors in the beautiful city of Paysandú, Uruguay. Seven precious souls followed their Lord in baptism and united with our little church, thus

swelling the membership to fifty. There are about that many more who are studying the truth, and we hope to realize another such baptism near the close of the year.

The Lord has brought us in contact with one of the most prominent lawyers of Paysandú, who is preparing himself to take part in the coming baptism. This lawyer is a very talented gentleman, and once he has cast his lot entirely with the people of God, he may be a mighty power in our cause for attracting others of his class to the gospel.

Winning souls to Christ is really the only work for us Adventists to be engaged in, in these days of peril. We are grateful to the Lord for a humble part in His work.

W. B. MIRAMONTES.

Evangelist, Paysandú, Uruguay.

Our Religious Books do the Work

BROTHER Roy Chamberlayne, who has been brought into the truth by religious books that a student-canvasser had sold him years ago and who is now working as a canvasser selling our new book "Hacia la Edad de Oro" (Toward the golden age), writes a most encouraging experience. While he was waiting to receive his books which he had to deliver (he works now in Villarrica, Paraguay) and while he was finishing off his work in the outskirts of the town, providentially he came in contact with a young man who had read the book "Nuestro Siglo." It had been presented to him by a friend and he has been keeping the Sabbath quietly for three years with his wife. Not only that, but he had communicated the truth also to his mother and father-in-law, and they also

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have been keeping the Sabbath faithfully for the same length of time. Brother Chamberlayne writes:

"I invited the young man to our little meeting in the home of Brother Miranda, and he brought three others with him, so we have a very pleasant addition of four confirmed Sabbath-keepers in this town. It is very encouraging to see with one's own eyes what these religious books can do and I rejoiced to see our new brethren in the Lord. I hope one day also to hear of souls brought into the truth by our new book 'Hacia la Edad de Oro' which I am selling."

There is no doubt that our brother will see results from the faithful work he is doing in Paraguay. The Lord has promised that His word will not return empty, but will bear abundant fruit. And we are confident that He will bless our humble efforts.

W. A. ERNENPUTSCH.

Superintendent, Alto Paraná Mission.

Austral Union Notes

FROM Mendoza Brother Kalbermatter reports the baptism of three persons.

THE large summer evangelistic campaign is beginning this week in Montevideo. Brother Ascione expects to carry on a splendid effort in that city.

BROTHER Miller, who has recently taken charge of the work in Punta Arenas, our southernmost outpost, as well as other brethren living there, report good interest, good prospects and hopes for the best summer yet.

FORTY-ONE were recently baptized in Santiago, Chile, and two more united with the church on profession of faith. A new church was organized in Curacautin, and four new members baptized there.

BROTHER Berchín baptized nine in Temuco, Chile, and Brother Sherman has recently baptized ten in Valparaíso. Sixteen were baptized at the college in Entre Rios at the close of the school. Four were baptized on November 16 by Elder Brouchy in La Plata.

SO THE work goes. We expect to be able to report over two hundred fifty baptized by the end of this year. The Lord is blessing His work and it is going forward with increasing success.

E. L. MAXWELL.

The Meetings in Brazil

Carlyle B. Haynes

ELDER A. G. Daniells, accompanied by Mrs. Daniells, landed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on November 28, coming to join us in the series of ministerial institutes which it is hoped will bring a great spiritual uplift to the entire working force in the South American Division.

Brother Daniells at once engaged in earnest work for the churches in Rio de Janeiro, holding meetings in the Central church as well as in the Meyer church, while he awaited the arrival of the brethren from Buenos Aires who had been in attendance at the Divisional Council.

It was a source of genuine pleasure to me on my arrival in Rio de Janeiro on December 8 to greet Brother and Sister Daniells and welcome them to South America on their first visit to this continent. During the many years that Brother Daniells has been visiting the great mission fields of this denomination on the other five continents of the world, he has never yet had the opportunity of visiting South America.

The meetings for the churches in Rio de Janeiro were continued at night from December 8 to 14, while during the day the business sessions of the East Brazil Union Mission executive committee were going forward. During this time the budgets for the various mission fields for this union for the year 1930 were completed, and the appropriations made. A number of changes in the working force were also effected.

Elder L. G. Jorgensen, superintendent of the Bahía Mission, was at his request granted a return to the United States, beginning in April. Brother Juan Meier was appointed as his successor in the superintendency of this mission. Pastor E. P. Mansell, superintendent of the Pernambuco Mission, has also concluded his term of service in South America and was granted a return to the United States, effective in April; and Pastor Gustavo Storch, of the Rio Grande do Sul Conference, was appointed as his

successor in Pernambuco. Pastor Ricardo Wilfart was appointed superintendent of the Rio de Janeiro Mission.

The evening of December 17 found all the workers of both the East Brazil and South Brazil Unions gathered together in the college chapel at Santo Amaro for the beginning of the Brazil Ministerial Institute. The good meetings of this institute, filled with spiritual uplift and Biblical instruction, continued to December 25. Two meetings a day of this institute were carried by Brother Daniells together with a considerable amount of other important work.

None of the workers in Brazil will soon forget Elder Daniells' deeply interesting studies on the subject of the Spirit of prophecy. He reviewed his association with Sister White in Australia and in America, and as he brought forth the evidences of the divine leadership of this movement through the work of the gift of prophecy, our faith and confidence in this divine gift were confirmed and strengthened. This we believe will be of special value to our workers in Brazil. Many of them have never had access to all the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, and the work which this divine gift has accomplished among this people they have had to learn by hearsay. Brother Daniells brought to them in a very vivid way the remarkable leading of God in the establishment of our publishing work, our sanitarium work, our educational work, through the counsels of this gift.

In addition to this line of study, Brother Daniells gave some very earnest studies on the development of the spiritual life of the ministry. The response to these studies was very marked. The workers in Brazil recognized their need and received genuine help at these meetings. This they gave testimony to on a number of occasions. We have every reason to believe that this ministerial institute will mark a new era in our work in Brazil.

Following the ministerial institute, beginning the evening of December 25, Brother Daniells attended the biennial session of the Sao Paulo Conference held in the new church building in the city of Sao Paulo. There, too, he gave considerable instruction regarding the gift of prophecy as well as other studies day after day. This meeting continued until the night of December 29.

Leaving Brazil on December 31 Brother Daniells and Sister Daniells arrived in Montevideo, Uruguay, on January 2, and there attended and assisted in the annual general gathering of the Uruguay Mission held in the church at Montevideo, over January 2, 3, and 4.