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“Take Heed to Yourselves” —No. 3.

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ONCE more I want to direct your attention to the word Paul brought to the elders of the church of Ephesus in what we have called the ministerial institute at Miletus as found in the 20th chapter of Acts, the 28th verse, especially the first words, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves.”

God has a work to do for ministers before He can finish the work He has to do for the world. I read in Isaiah 8: 16-18, “Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.”

This refers to our own time. We have often so used it in our public meetings. This is in the time when God’s people are looking for His coming. It is the time when the testimony is to be bound up and the law is to be sealed. Now, in that time, “Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.”

We in our ministry have been calling the attention of the world to the signs and wonders which are set forth in the prophetic parts of God’s word. We have emphasized them and used them to prove the nearness of the time of the coming of Christ. That is what we ought to do. It is certainly right for us to do that. God Himself has given a message based upon these signs and prophecies. We are not, therefore, doing wrong to set them before the world and emphasize their importance.

This movement of which we are a part is in itself a sign and a wonder. The organization we have is in itself a demonstration of the power and the miraculous working of God. This movement is a fulfilment of prophecy, it is a sign to the world of the nearness of the end.

But you will notice that God wants to call attention to us. We are to be signs and wonders. The people who preach the message, who call the attention of the world to the signs and wonders outlined in the Scriptures, are themselves to be signs and wonders. “I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders.”

That, to me, emphasizes this word we are studying. We are to take heed to ourselves to the extent that we become signs and wonders of God’s miraculous working power.

If every minister in this movement were completely under the power of the Spirit of God, living an altogether victorious life, God could work miracles through us. We look out upon the world, we see the gigantic amount of work still remaining to be done, the immensity of it weighs upon our spirits. We see how slowly this movement is progressing in some places. This raises questions in our minds as to the reality of the thing we are teaching the people. Is Jesus really coming in *this* generation? And as we reason about it, we come to the conclusion that only the greatest miracle God has ever performed, can bring things to an end in this generation.

But, if God could have sole possession of the one-fourth million Seventh-day Adventists, if they would so abandon themselves to His working and yield their lives to Him to be moved altogether by His will, and no longer be their own, God could change and move

things in this world in such a way as to direct the attention of the world to this people. He does not dare do that now. We are not ready to have the attention of the world directed to us. We are striving with all our might to attract the attention of the world to our doctrine, and to our message, and to our needs, and our Harvest Ingathering. We are striving hard to get the people of the world to give their attention to the teaching of the Scriptures. But God wants to call the attention of the world to us and the transformation which He can work in our characters and lives.

I am convinced that God is waiting on us. He is waiting until we get ready. He has ways and means to warn this world very quickly. He can direct all the agencies in heaven, the unlimited number of angels, to the doing of that work. He has unlimited power to finish this work. But He is waiting on us. There is a work for our own hearts to receive before the end comes.

That work is the removal of sin and the imparting of righteousness, the perfection of Christian experience. It will be profitable for us to consider that. The removal of sin is what God has been working at from the beginning of the world.

Sin came into this world as an intruder. It caused the separation between God and His creatures. It broke the harmony of heaven and introduced all the evil and harm and sickness and everything that is wrong that has come into this world since. It began in a rebellion against God.

In a conflict between a holy God and His rebellious creatures there can be but one outcome. Sin will be overthrown, sin will be destroyed. We can never too strongly emphasize that or rejoice in it too much. It has been God’s purpose from the very beginning of sin in this world to destroy it. There never can be any other outcome. There never can be any peace between sin and God. So long as God and sin exist they must be op-

posed to each other. There never can be any armistice between them. They must continue to fight until one or the other goes down, and we know that sin will go down. God has never had any other purpose toward it.

You have been impressed, I am sure, with the large amount of space given in the Old Testament to the description of the sanctuary and the priesthood, and the sacrifices, and the offerings, and the services. What large portions of those Old Testament books are taken up with describing these things. Much of the book of Exodus is about the sanctuary, God's instructions to Moses in the mount to build it. Then follows a detailed description of how it was built, in which every detail of the sanctuary is described. Through the book of Leviticus there are descriptions of the sanctuary, the offerings and the services that were carried on by the priesthood. The Old Testament deals largely with this ancient system of worship.

Why is this? All the services of the priesthood, of the offerings, of the sacrifices, were with reference to sin and its removal. There was set forth a remedy for sin, God's way of getting rid of sin—it all centered in that. The daily services, the daily offerings, all were to get rid of sin and destroy it, not only from the camp, but from the individual life. It all centered in that service.

When we come to the New Testament we get the same thing. There is the account of the birth of Christ and His work, His message, His teachings, His miracles, His death, His burial, and resurrection. What is all that for? Why did Jesus come into this world? Why did He suffer and die? To get rid of sin. The whole New Testament is taken up with it, to set forth a remedy for sin and to eliminate sin. That is the thing God has been working at in this world from the beginning of our world. That is His great purpose with reference to this world—to get rid of sin.

Since Christ has gone into the heavens He has been offering His blood all through these centuries of the Christian era. What for? To get rid of sin. Since 1844 He has been ministering in the Most Holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. What is that for? To get rid of sin, to cleanse the sanctuary.

So all through the Bible, and with reference to the whole work of Jesus Christ, it is all regarding the same thing—to eliminate sin, not only from the sanctuary, not only from the earth. It never can be done in those places until it has been done here in the personal sanctuary of our bodies.

There is a personal sanctuary as well as a heavenly sanctuary. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If

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any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (1 Cor. 3:16, 17). And God's purpose for this personal temple is exactly the same as it is for the heavenly sanctuary.

We are living in the time of all times when it is important to have our lives cleansed from sin. There is a cleansing of the sanctuary going on above. Do you not see that that all depends upon the cleansing of this personal sanctuary? So long as we keep sending our sins, by confession, to the heavenly sanctuary, our High Priest must continue the work of cleansing, or cut us off. The work has to be finished here. That is the thing God is waiting to do for Seventh-day Adventists. He is waiting for us to so submit ourselves to Him that He can complete His work of salvation, so that He can eliminate sin and end it in our lives.

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Ministerial Institutes— Inca Union

THE two ministerial institutes held in the Inca Union during the month of March proved a real blessing to the workers attending, for the Lord through His Holy Spirit came near in both meetings.

The first institute was held in Arequipa, at the Tingo rest home. All the missionaries and foreign workers of the Bolivia and Lake Titicaca Mission attended. Elders Daniells, Westphal and Haynes led out in the meetings.

In connection with this meeting an ordination service was held in which

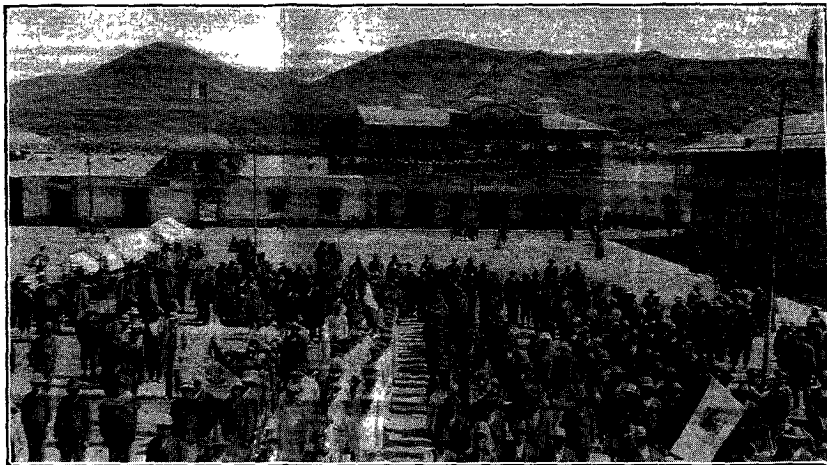
Brethren R. J. Roy and A. H. Field were ordained to the gospel ministry. Elder Roy was asked to take the superintendency of the Lake Titicaca Mission during the furlough of Elder F. E. Breesee.

Elder Archie Field was chosen to be our pioneer missionary in the great Sandía district which has called so long for a missionary. We rejoice that this urgent call can be answered and that a man of Brother Field's experience is available. No doubt at this writing he is already in that field.

The Lima ministerial institute was attended by the workers of the Peru and Ecuador Missions together with the union workers. The same brethren led out as in Arequipa. This was the last of the round of institutes held during the visit of Elder and Sister Daniells and was a fitting climax, for the Lord's presence brought many blessings to all who attended the meetings.

The instruction given by the two great pioneer workers was very valuable; that of Elder Daniells as a leader in our world work for many years and that of Elder Westphal who has seen the work from its beginning until it now covers all of South America.

After the institute the annual meeting of the Inca Union Committee was held, at which time plans were laid for the ensuing year. Elder Minner, the superintendent of the Bolivia Mission, who has had twelve years of experience in the Inca Union Mission, was chosen to take the superintendency of the Inca Union. To fill the place made vacant in Bolivia, Pastor Francisco Brouchy was called from his work in Quito, Ecuador, to become superintendent of the Bolivia Mission. Brother William Schaeffler was transferred from the Upper Amazon Mission to the Peru Mission to take charge of the Cascadas mission station, among the Chuncho Indians—the pagans God is doing a mighty work there of the forests.



Our students in parade on a national festival.

During this meeting Brethren Henry Westphal, G. A. Schwerin, and Pedro Kalbermatter, were ordained to the ministry. Brother Westphal is pastor of the Lima church; Brother Schwerin pastor of the Guayaquil church in Ecuador. Elder Kalbermatter is carrying the banner of the cross into the interior between Huanta and Cuzco.

The Lima Training School is growing rapidly and healthily; so much so that the space occupied in the administration building by the union office is needed by the school. To make this available, plans were made for the immediate construction of a union office building. The construction of the boys' dormitory was being pushed so that it would be available by April 1, the commencement of the school.

As I travel about friends often ask, How are your schools getting along in the Lake Titicaca Mission? Have you had to close them? Thank the Lord, No. March 25 the teachers gathered at the Juliaca school for their annual teachers' institute, and the large chapel room was just as full as it has been in years past. And as always has been the case, when the institute closed there were not enough teachers to go around.

In connection with the institute for the teachers one was also held for the evangelists, the first of its kind, and it has proven so beneficial that the brethren plan to hold one every year.

R. R. BREITIGAM.

Nothing Against the Truth

THE National Board of Education at its meeting in Lima, November 20, refused to grant license to open two Adventist schools in the Peruvian Mission territory, and voted to close our school in the town of Celendín, in northern Peru. This is not an Indian school.

But they can "do nothing against the truth." The more the enemy tries to impede its progress the more it is preached. God does not depend wholly on our schools to give this message. In the Spirit of prophecy we are told that the printed page will be the principal agency used in carrying the truth quickly to all the world. And while the world is watching the development of the power of the beast, God is clothing His faithful servants with a new power which is developing into "the loud cry."

J. D. LESLIE.

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What Does This Mean?

THE Bolivia Mission workers decided to have a real colporteur institute for their field. Nine of the thirteen who plan to work regularly were present. Nineteen of the Collana Indian Training School students also determined to go out and make their scholarships for the next school year. In fact, the entire school was turned into a colporteur institute for one week. Boys and girls, teachers and preachers, gave careful attention to the instruction.

Our only Indian mission director in Bolivia, Brother Inocencio Chuquimia, came from the Rosario Mission with four young Aymaras to have them prepare for the literature ministry. Elder L. D. Minner and Elder D. E. Dalinger gave valuable help in their spiritual talks. Professor León Replogle continued in an enthusiastic manner to inspire the student body with the high calling and importance of the literature ministry. Brother C. Diaz, field missionary secretary for Bolivia, helped both regular and student colporteurs to present efficiently our books to the people. I have never seen better cooperation on the part of mission work-

ers, and more enthusiasm on the part of our colporteurs and students. Even the little Indian fellows were full of colporteur "fire."

This enthusiasm was not emotion. Many of the boys had tasted of the literature work. Two of the smallest boys had gone out during the Big Week, as did the entire school body, and these two little fellows sold seventeen *bolivianos* worth of literature to their neighbors. Other students had sold at the rate of a *boliviano* per hour. One of the Indian canvassers averaged 2.82 *bolivianos* per hour during his entire experience of several months. They had tasted of real missionary work and had many rich experiences. Of course, they were anxious to return to the field for more!

Now I wish to ask the reader, What does this mean? It means that our schools in the highlands of Bolivia and Peru have done, and are doing, the work that God expects of them. They have prepared the way for the finishing of the work in these great Indian territories by patiently educating young men who are now able to appreciate the message, and are prepared to carry it to the ends of the Indian population. Again it means that God is preparing the hearts of the Indians to buy our literature that they might know the message before it is too late. A few years ago it was believed by workers and even by our bookmen impossible to train Indian colporteurs, and even though they might be trained it was believed that the illiterate Indians would never buy books.

And last of all, it means that a new day has dawned for the book work in the Indian fields of South America, and that the end of all things is very near. God has again shown us that with His power and guidance all things are possible.

I feel sure that about \$10,000 (gold) worth of literature will be scattered throughout Bolivia this year and that many souls will be found for the kingdom of God.

J. L. BROWN.

Oldest Mission Station in Bolivia

ROSARIO, our oldest Indian mission station in Bolivia, was founded in 1920 by Elder Reed Shepherd. It was here we held our first mission school, taught by Sister Shepherd.

Many workers have gone out from Rosario. During the past year this station has been directed by Brother Inocencio Chuquimia, one of the first converts to the message under the labors of Brother Shepherd. The work is growing and new believers are being added to the message as a result of the

faithful labors of the native brethren who are working in this field.

On April 11 Brother Lundquist, Brother Replogle, the educational secretary of the mission, together with the writer, visited Rosario and held a four-day convention. We began our meetings on Friday and closed Monday. Special attention was given to our departmental work, and all were happy to hear the discussions and instructions regarding the promotion of our work.

Sabbath was a special day. The Lord's supper was celebrated, also a baptismal service was held in which twelve believers were united with the church. We closed the convention believing that good had been accomplished, and were encouraged to go forward in our work in other places, when we saw the response of the people.

L. D. MINNER.

Scholarships in Peru

ALBERTO CASTILLO arrived in Chiclayo, in northern Peru, on December 18, seven days before Christmas, with exactly two cents (American value) in his pocket. But he was full of enthusiasm and anxious to work. As he had never canvassed before he wished to try out his memorized canvass, so demonstrated his book to an ice cream vender. Although the man was too poor to pay twelve soles for the book, he thought the talk was worth fifty cents, and insisted that Brother Castillo accept it—which he did gladly, as he had not enjoyed a square meal since the day before.

Eight and one half days later Brother Castillo had taken 92 orders, worth 1,400 soles, or \$560 gold. This equals two scholarships in the Peruvian school.

After receiving the fifty cents for his first exhibit, Brother Castillo decided to start the proper way, with the officials in the city. He visited the governor, who gladly put his seal in the prospectus, and then said to our brother, "Isn't this published at the same house that gets out

"*El Atalaya*?" On being assured that it was, the governor said, "Man, why don't you people put a regular agent here in this city to sell that excellent paper each month? It is the best magazine published in the Spanish language." Every order was combined with *El Atalaya*.
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THE year 1929 has been fraught with many blessings for this field. In spite of the poor financial prospects, one cannot fail to see that the Lord has taken care of His work, and His protection has been manifestly felt.

During 1928 there were 41 souls baptized, while in 1929 there were 91 who took their stand, although eight of these do not figure in the regular report to the union as they were baptized the day after the report was sent in. A net gain of 64 souls was made over the former year. The membership of the young people's societies in 1928 was 64, while in 1929 the number reached 150. The churches have more than doubled all their missionary activities, and we have reason to expect for 1930 a hundred souls gained for the Lord.

The financial conditions in the country were exceedingly bad due principally to the poor harvest over the greater part of the country. Our brethren in the rural districts had practically nothing upon which to pay tithe. Due to the increase in membership and their united faithfulness, instead of reaching the end of the year with a deficit of several thousand pesos as was reasonably expected, we have closed the year with a gain of 2,270 pesos. Offerings for mis-

sions also show an increase of 2,861 pesos over the previous year.

At the close of the year the conference had 645 members, who paid 38,446 pesos of tithe and 28,482 pesos into the mission treasury, 10,915 of which was Harvest Ingathering. For local work the sum of \$4,417 has been received. From this one can duly appreciate what our faithful brethren have been able to do with the help of the Lord. The literature sales during the year reached 102,010 pesos. We have good reasons to thank the Lord for the splendid work which is being done through the publishing department.

Although at the present time we have no evangelist working in the city of Buenos Aires, the work is advancing in good shape, due largely to public efforts and cottage meetings held by one of our church elders.

Our plan for 1931 is to concentrate our efforts in this great city, and we trust with God's help to place two evangelists in Buenos Aires. I consider it high time that we enter this great modern Jericho, which should be shaken at the sound of the trumpets of the third angel's message as was the ancient city shaken and whose walls fell, so that God's people should take possession of it.

PEDRO M. BROUCHY.

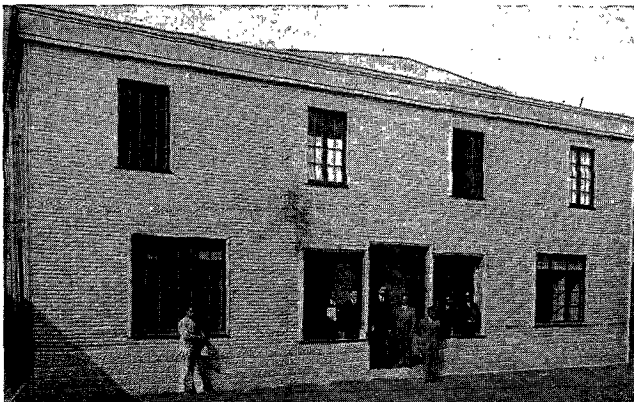
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Progress in Chile

WE ARE grateful to the Lord for the many blessings that have accompanied the work in the Chile Conference during the first four months of the year. During his visit Elder Henry F. Brown, home missionary secretary of the Austral Union, baptized two precious souls in Copiapó. I wish also to express our appreciation of the valiant help Brother Brown gave us in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, which was finished the latter part of March. Brother Brown is specially talented in directing this important work, in receiving the cooperation of the believers, and in gathering funds from the public.

It was my privilege to baptize sixteen souls in Santiago the first Sabbath of April. Elder Berchín also baptized nine in Temuco on the same date. Brother Griott is greatly blessed in his work in Curicó. On April 19 he baptized seven precious souls and will have twenty-five more ready for baptism in the near future.

During August of last year Brother Abel Meneses, a lay member, moved to the town of Los Sauces where nothing had been done by a worker. He began to seek souls interested in the truth and it was not long until he had about thirty studying or reading our literature.



New office building of the Chile Conference, located in Santiago, Chile.



They asked that he help them find a hall for their meetings and gave him sufficient money to lease a hall and equip it with benches and the other necessities for the meetings. About three months ago I received a letter from this brother asking that some one be sent to baptize those who had accepted the truth. I wrote to Brother Rosales in regard to the call, explaining that no worker had studied with the people and I did not know how definite the interest would be. He went over, studied with them for a few days and found that nine were ready for baptism and had been faithfully paying their tithe; and that eight others would be ready for that rite in about two months. He organized the new believers into a group, and we hope before the end of the year that it will have grown to a church. We can see from this what lay members are able to do when guided by the Spirit of the Lord in giving the truth to a new community without the help of conference workers.

Brother Juan Pidoux baptized eight precious souls in Trovolhue on Sabbath, April 19. All the workers write in that they expect to have rich harvests of souls during this year. They are all directing public efforts and are receiving definite results.

We are now constructing a new church building in Huiscapi, which we hope to dedicate within the next two months. Also we are grateful to God for our own office building which was constructed by Professor Howell, the director of our Chillán Training School, with student help. This house was built from the Santiago church fund. It has two stories, with the plan to use the lower floor for the office, and the second story will accommodate three families.

We had the pleasure of a visit of several days from Brother Maxwell, who gave us good help in all the churches where he preached the Word. Brother G. E. Emmenegger was also with us for a few days. We are grateful for their services.

Pray for the work in Chile that many precious souls may be garnered into the kingdom of God.

WALTER SCHUBERT,
President, Chile Conference.

Things the Eye Has Seen and the Ear Heard in the River Plate Sanitarium

SHORTLY after my arrival at the sanitarium, nearly a year ago, I used to see in its corridors a boy of some nine years, a little fellow with a cheerful smile for everybody. He walked with difficulty,

owing to the weakness of one of his legs. When I knew what had been done for him, my interest in the lad became considerably greater.

He had arrived at the sanitarium with the thigh bone riddled with tuberculosis, and in three operations the diseased bone had been removed section by section and a new one grown in its place. After the first longitudinal section had been removed, the surgeon waited until new sound bone had grown in its place. Then a second section was removed in like manner, sound bone growing again to replace it. And in the third operation the last remnant of decayed bone was taken away, completing what for me was a veritable miracle of surgery, by which nature was induced to grow a sound bone in place of one eaten away by disease.

Not long after I made his acquaintance, the little boy left the institution in the company of his grateful parents, well, and with the certain prospect that little by little the weakness would disappear from his "new" leg, which at that time caused him to limp so badly.

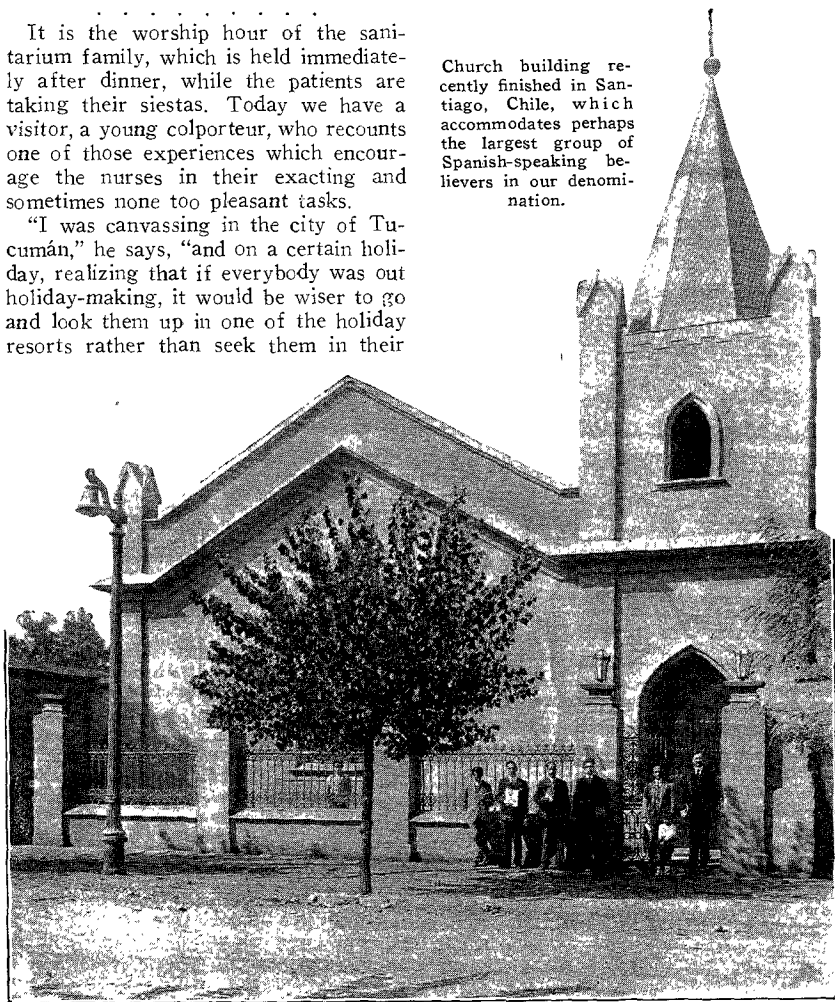
It is the worship hour of the sanitarium family, which is held immediately after dinner, while the patients are taking their siestas. Today we have a visitor, a young colporteur, who recounts one of those experiences which encourage the nurses in their exacting and sometimes none too pleasant tasks.

"I was canvassing in the city of Tucumán," he says, "and on a certain holiday, realizing that if everybody was out holiday-making, it would be wiser to go and look them up in one of the holiday resorts rather than seek them in their

homes, I went to one of these resorts near the city and began to canvass the business houses I found there. I entered a drug-store and presented my book to the owner, it was 'The Great Controversy.' In an amused tone of voice he told me that he had no interest in religion.

"Just at that moment another gentleman entered the store and came to where we were. He listened for a moment to the conversation, and then, looking at my prospectus, he asked me if I was an Adventist. I told him I had that honor. Then he further asked if I was acquainted with the college and sanitarium the Adventists have at Puiggari, Entre Ríos. I told him I was. And then he explained that he had spent some time at the sanitarium, and had obtained the very best of impressions, both of that institution and of the college. Then, turning to his friend the pharmacist, he said: 'Look here, you need this book, for the religion it teaches is the real thing. Take the book. I tell you, for this is an opportunity you cannot afford to lose.'

Church building recently finished in Santiago, Chile, which accommodates perhaps the largest group of Spanish-speaking believers in our denomination.



"On this urgent recommendation of his friend, the pharmacist gave me his order. Afterwards I learned that his friend was a well-known engineer of those parts. So you can see, brethren, how by your faithfulness here in the sanitarium you are helping colporteurs in distant parts of the republic," ended the enthusiastic young colporteur.

On my arrival at the sanitarium, I found there a youth of some nineteen years who had a very bad leg, which obliged him to go about in a wheel-chair. He had Adventist relatives, but he had never shown much interest in the truth. Through his contact with the workers in the sanitarium, however, he was now in a very favorable attitude toward the truth. He had already bought a beautiful Bible, and read it frequently. I suggested to him that we make a systematic study of the truth together, a suggestion which he eagerly accepted.

Often in the almost daily studies which we held I have seen his eyes shining with tears of gratitude to the Lord, and his enthusiasm and his spontaneous confessions showed plainly the working of the Spirit of God in his heart. We ended the studies, and he returned to his home. He writes to me now and then, and always addresses me as a brother in the faith. May the Lord complete the work begun in him.

In a room separate from the main building lies another young man, whose condition gives no hope of a cure. He had been a student in our college, where he had accepted the truth. Although absolutely without means, he receives the same solicitous care that is given to more fortunate inmates. Months go by, and his condition goes from bad to worse. We pray for him, asking the Lord if it is His will, to heal him, but it is not to be. The poor lad's sufferings increase until it is painful to see him, and then the Lord calls him to rest. For those who have been witnesses of his long martyrdom, it is a relief to know that his suffering is over and that he will soon awake where there will be no more pain.

"Yes, there he is, all bandaged and quite unconscious," the nurse tells me. "He had an automobile accident, and from the moment of the impact he has not regained consciousness. The doctor they called first said there was no use in doing anything for him, for he was beyond hope; but his family brought him here, and the sanitarium surgeon has done all he could and says there is hope for him. The man is an ex-Adventist, and perhaps this is all a provi-

dence by which the Lord desires to draw him back to the truth."

A few weeks afterward I met the same man completely healed. A few scars on the head and a slight difficulty (which was disappearing) in the motions of one of his hands were the only signs left of his accident. His praise of the surgeon knew no bounds. May the Lord grant that he also recognize the hand of the divine Physician in his healing and surrender his heart to Him in token of gratitude!

Here comes an old man, tall, poorly clad, but of distinguished appearance. His period of internment in the sanitarium is measured by years. It is a charity case, but those in charge do not hesitate in granting him every care. He was one of the first to accept our message in this country, and with his worthy companion generously helped our first missionaries in this country in their times of need and cooperated efficiently in their evangelical efforts. His wife spent long months with him in the same institution, until the Lord called her to rest; and while he has need, the sanitarium will be his home now that she has gone.

"I can never thank you enough for having counseled me to go to the sanitarium," writes to my wife an old friend, the wife of a Methodist missionary. "It did me a lot of good, and I want you to send me some sanitarium propaganda literature, so that I can distribute it among my friends and acquaintances." (The Sanitarium has already had two guests as a result of this lady's propaganda.)

I will close by citing the latest incident that has claimed my attention. A poor little girl four years of age, who had been badly burned had arrived at the sanitarium some months before. As a result of the burns, which covered extensive areas in different parts of the body and limbs, one of her legs was all drawn up, and on her abdomen she had a great wound that even after several months of treatment still refused to heal.

An operation was made first which straightened out the drawn-up leg. I saw her the day of the operation, poor babe lying there so still in her bed! She could only move her head, and looked at me with great eyes prematurely shaded with suffering, eyes that told that she had learned to suffer without murmuring, for crying hurt.

Days afterwards the surgeon announced that it would be necessary to graft pieces of skin from others onto the great raw wound, so as to give it a

chance to heal, and asked for volunteers.

"You can take some pieces from me," offered the nurse in charge of the operating room.

"And from me too," echoed a number of voices. The volunteers all gathered in the operating room and one after another had pieces of skin cut from them. In all it required fifty-three pieces to cover the wound, and these were all cut from eight lady nurses and nine of the men, some giving three pieces and some four.

Days afterward, while their wounds still caused wry faces on the part of the volunteers, the good news spread that thirty of the pieces of skin had adhered on the wound of the poor child, giving her a good prospect of healing within a short time. And all felt more than rewarded for the trouble and pain that their sacrifice had caused them.

These brief side-lights will give some idea of what is being done constantly in our sanitarium. How much we ought to thank the Lord for the valiant souls that in days of difficulty founded with so much sacrifice this institution! And how much do these deserve our support who, with hardly less self-denial, have guided it through crises and dark days and still maintain its high ideals!

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Fruit of Conversion

TRUE conversion will always bear fruit, for it is a living thing. It is born of the Holy Spirit through "faith which worketh by love." Gal. 5:6. Its fruit is the fruit of obedience, produced by love. When we are truly converted we will love to obey God, we will desire to do His bidding. His commands will not seem irksome to us, "for this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not grievous." I John 5:3.

We are not saved by keeping the law; but we will keep the law when we are saved. "O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day" (Ps. 119:97), was the language of the psalmist when he was truly converted. We are saved by grace; not by works; and obedience will follow true conversion. Therefore said Jesus, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." Matt. 19:17.

A tree is known by its fruit. "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, nei-

ther can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." Matt. 7:18. What kind of fruit do we bear? We claim to be converted. We have been baptized. We are members of the church. Do we bear the fruits of obedience to God? Do we bear the fruits produced by love? It may be well for us to carefully examine the fruit which we bear that we may know what kind of conversion we have. Do we find our chief delight in obeying God in all His requirement? If so, then may we know that we are born of the Spirit, and the fruits of our life will testify to that fact.

N. P. NEILSEN.

His Testimony

HEAR this testimony from a poor soul who was once lost in the darkness of sin, doing only that which was bad and going down to ruin and eternal death:

"I owe my salvation to the good book 'Life of Christ' (a portion of 'Desire of Ages' translated into the Portuguese), which a faithful colporteur insisted that I purchase. I bought it against my wish. Before I read the book which called my attention to the Holy Bible, I was always armed to the teeth with revolver, knife, etc. I had shot men. Now the only weapon I carry is the blessed word of God (as he took it out of his inside pocket and held it up before me), which truly has completely transformed my sinful life. Praise the Lord for His salvation and the faithful God-fearing colporteur."

These are in part the words repeated to me by an honest light-seeking soul. He was happy, rejoicing in the blessed hope and preparing himself for baptism. There are, I am told, some ten families keeping the Sabbath, having left off all vices and desiring more light because of the marvelous experience through which this man has passed. He was overflowing with joy and hope as he told me his simple story. I had the privilege of speaking and studying with members of six different families who were relatives or friends of this man.

At this time we have a worker among them to lead them on to the light, and baptize them into the kingdom of love.

Let us pray for the faithful colporteur; the winner of souls!

ENNIS V. MOORE.

South Brazil Notes

ELDER Luiz Braun baptized on the 19th of February four dear souls in Nova America, Sao Paulo.

RECENTLY Elder Germano Streithorst baptized five people at Mafra, Santa

Catharina. Ten more are awaiting baptism.

ELDER Jeronymo G. Garcia on March 8 baptized six persons in Sao José dos Botelhos, in the Sao Paulo Conference.

DURING the first quarter of 1930 sixty-five precious souls were baptized into the Advent faith in the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission.

ELDER Luiz Braun recently baptized eight honest souls in Sao José de Bonifacio, Sao Paulo, and also four more in Barra da Estrella, in the same conference.

ON THE evening of April 9 Brother and Sister Orestes Klein left for their new home and work among the Indians of the Araguaya Mission, where they will assist Elder Allen. Brother Klein is a graduate of the Brazil Training School.

IN A prosperous suburb of the city of Sao Paulo, Alfredo Meier and Siegfried Kumpel assisted by Elder Belz, pastor of the Sao Paulo church, are holding gospel meetings twice a week in a hall. The hall is not very large and it has been crowded every evening, many people standing outside.

BROTHER Zeroth, who has worked faithfully during seven years in the Rio Grande do Sul Conference as secretary of the colporteur work, recently passed through Santos with his family on their way to attend the General Conference. On his return Brother Zeroth will take charge of the colporteur work in the Sao Paulo Conference.

ELDER and Mrs. N. P. Nielsen have just left us to attend the General Conference. Elder Nielsen has given seven years of faithful and appreciated Christian service to the cause of present truth in Brazil. His labors and counsel have been greatly esteemed. He will return to the South Brazil Union after a few months of merited and needed rest in his homeland.

ELDER Rodolpho Belz, assisted by Alfredo Meier and other Bible workers, began a series of meetings in the city of Sao Caetano, near the city of Sao Paulo, on March 16. From the very beginning the attendance has been splendid. They are sorry the hall is not larger as the interest in present-day truth is growing. They are starting a Sabbath school to care for those who desire to keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

UNDER the direction of Elder H. B. Westcott, head of the Bible department of the Brazil Training School, the ministerial band of this institution is holding a series of Sunday night meetings in the

neat little church in the city of Santo Amaro. The truth is well known in this center inasmuch as the school is located near-by. But the meetings have been well attended and the interest manifested has really been unusual. May the Lord add His blessing!

PROFESSOR Carlos Rentfro, who has for some months been assisting Elder Allen at the Araguaya Indian Mission, returned to the Brazil Training School where he will resume his duties as treasurer and assistant business manager of that splendid institution. While at the mission station Professor Rentfro married Esther, a daughter of Elder Allen.

ENNIS V. MOORE.

HERE are a few lines from a letter I recently received:

"Yesterday I went to visit an interested family, and returned more than satisfied. I have never seen or heard of such an experience in my life. This man's wife was interested but he was against the truth. He studied the Bible but, as he said, did not understand it. One night he dreamed that an angel appeared to him, saying:

"... this is the true way, walk ye in it..." Then the angel continued to show him all of the texts in the man's own Bible that referred to the Sabbath and unclean meats, as well as other texts that had been difficult for him to understand.

"Now this man is very much interested and is working to carry the message to his brothers and friends."

I had the privilege of talking and studying with this good man and a more sincere, earnest truth-seeker I have never met. He belongs to an important family and we are praying that they may all be led into the truth. God surely works in marvelous ways His wonders to perform.

ENNIS V. MOORE.

THROUGH the circulation of our literature and through the missionary work of our members, many people are becoming interested in the truth, and Sabbath-keepers are springing up in different places. From the March number of *O Echo Paulista* we quote the following concerning interests which are found in different places in the Sao Paulo Conference: "Brother Lazaro Faria of Socorro, has written us that in that district there are several families who are already keeping the Sabbath, and who have left off their vices, as well as the eating of pork. Brother Lazaro is earnestly asking us to send them a laborer.

"Brother Francisco J. Barazzioli has written us that in Chavantes there is

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one family interested and keeping the Sabbath, and he requests that a minister visit them. According to letters received from our brethren at Taquaritinga there is also a family keeping the Sabbath.

THE tithe in the South Brazil Union Conference for 1929 was 364:867\$300, which is an increase of 32:714\$300 over that of 1928. Our tithe for last year was more than three and one-half times as much as was received ten years ago. We are grateful to the Lord for these increases and pray that all may be faithful in returning to the Lord His own, be it large or be it small, in times of crises as well as in times of financial prosperity.

THE literature sold by our colporteurs do bring people into the truth. The following interesting item is taken from a letter written by Brother J. M. Zeroh regarding the work: "On my last trip I found several more families keeping the Sabbath as a direct result of the missionary work of our colporteurs. I visited the families with the colporteurs and we had excellent meetings together and much interest was manifested. We have some fine missionary colporteurs in our field." Surely our literature does have an influence upon the people, as well as the lives of our faithful colporteurs.

AMONG the many good things Elder Daniells said while speaking to the South American workers was the following: "The success of our publishing work is a miracle. The world over it is the same thing: South America, India, Japan, China, and the islands of the sea. We will never be able to comprehend the magnitude of the good that comes from the publishing work."

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Two Thousand Miles on the Amazon in a Launch

ANDRE Gedrath, our Amazon colporteur, has just finished a 2,000 mile trip on the waters of the Amazon in the new mission launch the "Mensageiro." This launch was built with money donated to the Lower Amazon Mission by our own publishing house in Sao Bernardo.

The "Mensageiro" is a launch 7½ meters long, 2 meters wide, equipped with a seven horse power crude oil engine. Tanks large enough for carrying oil sufficient for a thirty-day run without refilling, are built in the launch. To operate it costs about 1\$500 per hour. The cabin of the launch is free from all machinery, oils and the like. This cabin serves as a home for Brother André. Here four people can sleep quite comfortably. At the back a nicely equipped kitchen and dining room has been arranged. The entire cabin is mosquito proof, having screen windows which can be pulled up. It also has a set of shutters that when pulled up keep the rain out, but permit a circulation of air. We are indeed glad for this good home for Brother André, and trust it may be the means of carrying the gospel to thousands of those who dwell along the Amazon river and its tributaries.

Brother André is at present our only river colporteur, but soon he is to be joined by two or three others. Brother Benedicto Silveira, the East Brazil Union colporteur secretary, has just held an institute in Belem and organized a little force of colporteurs for work in the Lower Amazon Mission. Brother Pedro Bernardo of Maués in the state of Amazonas, will soon be our first colporteur in that state. Brother Bernardo knows many of the Amazon tributaries well, and he with his canoe plans on giving the message to the thousands in that state. This brother has known and practiced the truth for nearly two years, but was not baptized until this year.

It is easier to travel by canoe in the upper Amazon than in the lower part, as the rivers are not so large and are not affected by the ocean tide. Traveling in the state of Pará as Brother André will be doing is no easy task even with a well-equipped launch. The rivers are affected by the ocean tide. The streams are wide and storms greatly agitate

the waters. Floating logs and islands abound making travel unsafe indeed. In many places these logs lie just below the surface of the water and cannot be seen at any great distance.

Brother André's first trip of 2,000 miles has been very successful. So far the motor and the launch have proven a real help. Let us pray that God will protect our faithful Amazon colporteurs; that the literature distributed, and the books sold may win many precious souls; and that Brother André and his mission launch may be protected.

E. H. WILCOX.

Superintendent, East Brazil
Union Mission.

Division Notes

"HACIA la Edad de Oro" (Towards the Golden Age) is having a wonderful circulation in the Spanish fields of South America. Even Perú is making splendid records with this new book. The Buenos Aires Publishing House will soon have to print a new edition.

PROFESSOR A. W. Peterson left the division office June 11 for the Inca Union Mission, where a series of educational young people's, and Sabbath school conventions will be held. This is Professor Peterson's first visit into his new field of labor.

ELDER R. R. Breitgam accompanied Professor Peterson on his visit of the Inca Union fields, and will take an active part in the conventions which have been scheduled for the various points throughout the union.

ELDER J. L. Brown returned to the office the early part of June after having spent two months in the Inca Union in the interest of literature work.

THE Argentine Republic has now ten airways, two of which carry postal matter only, while the other eight take passengers as well.

LEGAL time in Argentina is the same for the whole of the republic and is, approximately, that of the meridian of 60° west of Greenwich (about 4 hours slow).

Actually, the difference between Argentine time and that of Greenwich is 4 hours 16 minutes; in other words, when it is mid-day in Buenos Aires it is 4:16 p. m. in London, and 10:22 a. m. in New York.

"SAVING faith is a transaction by which those who receive Christ join themselves in covenant relation with God. Genuine faith is life. A living faith means an increase of vigor, a confiding trust."