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"Take Heed to All the Flock"—No. 1

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ONCE more I direct your attention to the passage in Acts 20:28, containing the words of Paul in that Ministerial Institute nineteen centuries ago. We have studied together the first part of the text, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves." We pass on this afternoon to the next phrase. "To all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers."

After we have looked to our own lives, we are prepared to supervise the flock. When our own lives are regulated our attention then is to be turned to the flock. The exact words are, "Take heed to *all* the flock." That is, every individual member of the church has a claim upon our interest and labor.

We will not be able to take heed to *all* the flock unless we know them all. That is, not only their persons, not know them alone when we meet them, but know their state, their needs, their weaknesses and their strength, their talents, their abilities, their temptations, and the duties they are most apt to neglect. We are to know *all* the flock and make ourselves acquainted with them *all*. That is what it says. "Take heed to *all* the flock."

Careful shepherds look after every individual sheep. Good teachers look after every individual pupil. Good doctors are careful regarding every patient. Good commanders get acquainted with every soldier and see that every one's need is supplied. We are shepherds, we are teachers, we are physicans, we are commanders. Christ, the great Shepherd, knows every one of His sheep by

name. When one was lost He knew it, and its loss fell upon His heart with such concern that He left the ninety-and-nine and went to seek the one that was lost. The prophets of the Old Testament were often sent to one individual. Ezekiel, for instance, was made watchman to individuals, and said to the wicked, "Thou shalt surely die."

In the same chapter (Acts 20:20) Paul makes it plain that he had taught them not only publicly but from house to house. He went in search for souls one by one. He took heed to *all* the flock. Notice the objective he sets before us in Col. 1:28. He speaks of preaching Christ, the hope of glory, and he says: "Whom we preach warning *every man*, and teaching *every man* in all wisdom; that we may present *every man* perfect in Christ Jesus." This is a wonderful objective. Here is a man who has a flock. He is a shepherd of a church. It is his duty to get acquainted with every member of that church, or in his district, or in his conference. It is his duty to know his people individually, know what they are capable of, know what he can set them to doing, know what their needs are, whether they are drifting away from Christ or whether they are growing as they should. "Take heed to *all* the flock." He is to study to warn *every man* and teach *every man* in order that he may present *every man* perfect in Christ Jesus. We ought to be seeing the members of our churches growing day after day, in a very definite way, more like the Lord.

While, however, we are to take heed to all, there are some special classes we must take heed to in particular.

First, we are to take heed to the unconverted among our people. There *are* unconverted people in our churches. They are in greater danger than the others. They have a claim on our time and energy and attention more than the others. When one man is sick unto death and another man has only a toothache, the one in the greatest danger has the first claim on our sympathies and our labor. We should strive most earnestly in our churches to bring every one to Jesus Christ for salvation.

That, however, brings us face to face with another question. Are we skillful in this kind of work? Do we know how to bring men to Christ? It is an easier thing to preach doctrine than it is to bring souls to Jesus Christ. Do we neglect in our ministry this work of searching for and bringing souls to Christ? Are we acquainted with the way to do this? Can we sit down with souls in perplexity and in sin, and inform them of the steps they are to take to gain the salvation of their souls? Are we acquainted with the passages of Scripture that will be helpful to them? Are we soul winners, or merely preachers of doctrines?

It is an easy thing to go into the pulpit on the Sabbath day and emphasize the great need of our people to throw themselves into the activities of the church, telling them their need of engaging in the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week. All that is important. We will have to keep those things before our people. But is it as easy for us to bring men to Jesus Christ for the saving of their souls? I think we need especially to take heed to those who need to come to Him. There are many preachers who are essentially defective in this particular thing. Yet this is the great and primary work of the gospel ministry, laboring for the conversion of

men and women. It would be easy to get the impression, as we listen to the sermons that are preached from Seventh-day Adventist pulpits, that there are no sinners needing salvation, for it is an unusual thing to hear sermons constructed with the idea of bringing sinners to a decision for Jesus Christ. Perhaps that is the reason why there are so few conversions. We do not definitely aim at this thing.

Look back on your ministry. The unconverted people in our churches after all receive but a very small percentage of our time and attention. Sermons are tools. They ought to be constructed and shaped and used with a definite objective in mind. When, for instance, you feel your flock requires some instruction regarding tithe-paying, you fashion a sermon which is calculated to correct this matter. When you feel your flock is lax in the matter of reverence in the house of God, you construct a sermon and shape and use it in such a way as to deepen the spirit of reverence in the hearts of your people. When you feel that your people are lax in the matter of Christian service, you construct a sermon and fashion it to accomplish the result of deepening the zeal of your people for Christian activity.

There are many people in our congregations who are about to die. Some of them we know are destined for death if they do not change their lives. Certainly some of our sermons should be so shaped as to save them from death. A dying man is not likely to be helped very much by a display of wit and scholarship; by an appeal to engage in Christian service; or a strong appeal to get into the colporteur field, or by an explanation of the 1260 days; or the duty of paying tithe. All these things are important to present to our people, but they help the *saints*. The *sinner* needs something else first; he needs to be made into a saint.

So, brethren, let us take heed to those who need salvation. There are people in our churches who are held in the grip of sin, of lust, and of passion. They are standing on the brink of eternity. They are under the sentence of eternal death. They need to be converted. God is going to hold us responsible for warning them and bringing them to Him for salvation.

Proverbs 24:11, 12 has a word for ministers, "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?" And so there is laid upon us a very solemn responsibility to save those who

are in danger.

Second, We are to take heed to inquirers. People come to us with cases of conscience. A minister is not only a public preacher, but a counselor, a physician, a guide. Every man in trouble and perplexity, in confusion or danger, may bring the minister his case and ought to find help; just as Nicodemus came to Christ with his great question and got that great answer; and as the people anciently went to their priests, "For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts." Mal. 2:7.

It is really surprising how many people there are in our churches who need help, who need personal help in some individual problem which is bringing confusion to their hearts and minds. They want to talk it over with some sympathetic person. Often there is no help you can give them, but it is surprising how much comfort they obtain in just telling somebody their troubles.

Third, we should take heed to those who are already truly converted, to lead them on into strength, to give them instruction that will make them more efficient servants of Christ. Among these are the young who are still weak. They have started in the right path, they have given their hearts to God as best they know, but they are of slight strength and small understanding. They need instruction, they need guidance, they need sympathy to grow in grace and service. They are bound to make progress, either toward the world or toward God. We must take heed that they progress toward God. That is a most important part of our work as ministers, developing and perfecting the saint, that these dear souls may be strong in the Lord and fitted for the Master's service.

There is another class among these who are truly converted, specially tried ones, who have some habit or tendency which keeps grace from operating in their lives, a habit or tendency which makes them a trouble to others and a burden to themselves. There are some people in our congregation who are addicted to pride, some who are tending toward worldliness, some who indulge their sensual desires, some who are given to lightness and frivolity, some to whom pleasure appeals very strongly, some who have allowed themselves to be fascinated by bad reading, or some other evil thing. We must give all the help we can to these individuals; not by scolding them, but by instruction, by guidance, and by being kind, for we are builders of the church of God.

There are backsliding members. In all our congregations there are some who are drifting away from Christ, who

have abated their zeal and diligence. They are a bit cold and indifferent. We must watch for such souls as those who must give account. We know where such drifting will end. We must put forth every effort to save men and women from shipwreck. A great deal of skill is necessary in this particular matter.

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In the Steps of the Great Physician

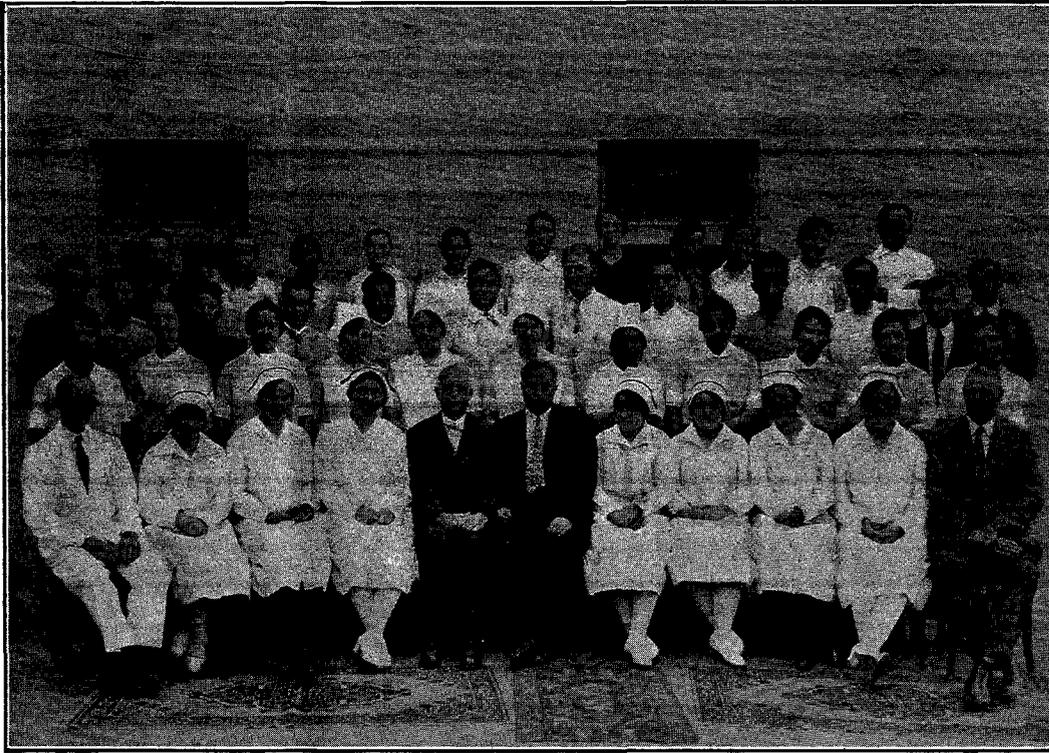
THE RIVER PLATE SANITARIUM A
MISSIONARY AGENCY

APART from the splendid work our sanitarium is doing along professional lines, its missionary activities are considerable. Every worker in the institution is voluntarily a member of the sanitarium missionary society, which not only works discreetly among the patients who show interest in becoming acquainted with our faith and work, but also does an active work in distributing literature among the patients, in the neighboring city of Diamante, and in certain rural territory that has been assigned to this flourishing missionary society.

It is gratifying to see the good attendance at the evening worship which is held each day for the patients, and the frequency with which on Sabbaths the patients accompany the nurses to the services of the church. The impressions made are in many cases lasting, in spite of the fact that the majority remain in the institution on an average of only about two weeks. Often the interest thus created is fostered through the means of missionary correspondence.

But the sanitarium is not satisfied with this missionary work done in the institution and its neighborhood or by correspondence by the resident members of its family of workers. In collaboration with the Austral Union Conference, it supports in the field a highly qualified nurse who has received special preparation for the purpose. She goes from church to church and from house to house instructing our people and the public regarding the gospel of good physical health.

But not even here does the missionary work done by the sanitarium end, for in different places qualified nurses from the institution have on their own initiative and often at their own expense established treatment rooms, which have proved to be a very efficient means of promulgating the truth. Well known among



The
River
Plate
Sanitarium
Family.

these nurses are Elders Pedro Brouchy and Mateo Leytes, the first of whom has had to call for quite a few graduate nurses from the sanitarium to cope with the growing work he and Mrs. Brouchy built up in La Plata. The latest of these branch institutions of the sanitarium was opened not long ago in the city of Cordoba by missionary nurses Max Salvini and Miss Maria Weber. Regarding their first experiences the latter gives the following account in a private letter:

"I do not know whether you are aware of it or not, but we have opened treatment rooms, a little branch establishment of the River Plate Sanitarium. There are difficulties, for the people here are very fanatical. . . . There are days when the waiting-room is almost full but there are others, too, when only one or two or no clients at all are found in it. I spend the greater part of my time in giving treatments in the homes of the people, especially of the poor. Regarding this work I will relate an experience which has encouraged me a great deal.

"About a month ago, more or less, we saw in the newspaper an account of a poor woman who was asking for help. She had been sick in bed for seven months, had four little children, the husband was in prison for political reasons, and the family was without food or a single cent with which to procure it. We did not know the address, so Brother Salvini and I went to the

newspaper office for information. We were directed to the superintendent of police, and on explaining to this official the object of our visit and the nature of our work, together with some account of our treatment rooms, he gladly gave us the information we desired. More than this, inasmuch as the woman lived in a distant part of the city and we had no vehicle in which to go, he kindly offered to take us in his own car.

"Well, on our arrival we encountered a sad picture. There in her poor bed was the sick woman, a mere shadow, and near her the children, who were endeavoring to extract nourishment from some very hard crackers. She was attended by doctors who had given her one kind of medicine after another, but all the time she was going from bad to worse. She was suffering from pneumonia, with danger of tuberculosis.

"Of course, we had no money to offer her, but I offered to give her some treatments. I began the next day, giving her treatments every day. Two weeks later the doctor who was then attending her paid her a visit. The woman smiled at him from her bed, happy as a bird, for the fever had ceased entirely, and she had neither cough nor pains in her chest, symptoms that had tormented her for seven months. The doctor did not know what to say and had nothing to do, for the woman was well. He even gave her permission to get up. She is going to attend our treatment rooms for massage, so as to regain her strength.

"On the day of the opening of the treatment rooms, we received a visit from representatives of the newspaper from which we had learned of this case, who took a photograph in order to make another write-up.

"We do not need to go very far to see miracles, for this was truly a miracle of God, which showed to those who do not know Him how He works. The woman is very happy and grateful. Really, we ask the Lord to help us, then when He does we are surprised beyond measure. But He has promised to help us, and here we see a fulfilment of His promise."

Surely this is missionary work of the highest type that bears such manifest indications of the Lord's approval. Let us pray more for this fruitful branch of our work, whose efficacy the Lord Himself demonstrated when He was here upon the earth. Great possibilities lie before those who in faith obey the mandate of the Master: "Go . . . to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick." Mat. 10:6-8.

EDGAR BROOKS.

Here and There in the Austral

ELDER Block related the following experience which illustrates how people are able to read the expression on our faces: He accompanied Brother Kunts-

mann in the Harvest Ingathering campaign to a city where neither of them were known nor had been before. They entered a bank and the manager saw them. He took money from his purse and gave it to the cashier who was to pass it on to our brethren before either of them had spoken a word. How did the manager know they had come for the offering? Without doubt there is something on the face of an Adventist which distinguishes him from others.

Not long ago while traveling by train I met an English family. The first question directed to me was: "Are you not from the Adventist sanitarium?" The following conversation presented an opportunity to give a Bible study. We should guard our faces because they bear testimony of our religion.

THE following is taken from the Alto Paraná news letter sent out by the field secretary: "Last week I went to a little ranch, arriving there at the same time another gentleman came to visit them. I had a supply of *El Atalaya* and when the visitor saw a copy he exclaimed: 'This is a paper that tells the truth!' and bought a copy without opening its pages. He said that previously he had the opportunity of reading it in Alto Paraná where he worked. I carried with me a damaged copy of 'Edad de Oro,' and tried to take his order for the book even

though I had no prospectus. He looked through a few pages and saw that it was written by the editor of *El Atalaya*, and bought the damaged copy at once. It was about the quickest sale I ever made of a book, and it all came about as a result of the good magazine I was selling."

This experience was written by colporteur Roy Chamberlayne, the brother who accepted the truth down in Patagonia through reading our books. He is now seeking others in the same way that he received the truth—through the printed page.

AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WOMEN CAN HELP

ELDER Camilo Gil sent in the following experience of one of our sisters of the Rosario church:

"Sister Laura Hueta is well known in this district. She is seventy-one years old. Recently she underwent a serious operation, but her efforts in the Harvest Ingathering, although causing her much suffering, were really eloquent. She received 119.70 pesos, all of which was made up of small offerings, with the exception of one five peso donation. She received offerings as small as ten centavos, and began her work early in the morning, working throughout the day until late at night. She enjoyed the privilege of talking with the people concerning the soon coming of the Saviour.

Sister Hueta is a real missionary. She visits the sick in her vicinity, and her neighbors know they can call on her for help in time of need."

HOW A NURSE USED THE RIGHT ARM

ELDER Mateo Leytes is a graduate of the River Plate Sanitarium. He went to Asunción, Paraguay, as a missionary nurse. He began giving treatments wherever he found openings. The Minister of War employed him in a hospital where he gave treatments and Bible studies at the same time. The President of the Republic employed him to give massages. Brother Leytes explained that he would not be able to give treatments on the Sabbath. While receiving massage from Brother Leytes, the President learned considerable concerning the truths of the Bible. He has several of our books and reads the *Atalaya* every month, although he is an ardent Catholic.

There was not a person keeping the Sabbath in that city when Brother Leytes arrived. He took the furniture out of his room and began to give lectures to the public. He was not a paid worker, but earned his living by giving treatments. He distributed our literature freely and in a short time an interest was created. When members began to be added to the conference, the Association said he should spend all his time in missionary work.

A section
of the
Sanitarium
grounds.



In this way Brother Leytes performed his duty in medical missionary work, making it the entering wedge for the truth. He spoke freely also concerning his faith, and there is not a man more respected in all the city than Brother Leytes. A merchant thanked us earnestly for having such a Christian gentleman as Brother Leytes in the employ of the Association.

Now there is a church in Asunción. The elder, a veteran colporteur, helps in waging the campaign against ignorance and sin. There are several colporteurs and nurses in the church who are also active in missionary work.

A REAL MISSIONARY

IN THE woods of Misiones we have a church of about 150 members. There between the hills live the colonists who have recently come from other countries and they are erecting homes. Constantly immigrants from all nations are entering this section of the country. The only worker we have in that territory is the church school teacher, Brother Juan Wedekamper. In addition to a church school of sixty pupils, he carries the burdens of the church. Because of his knowledge of nursing he is in demand over the entire district. He is called in the middle of the night, under all weather conditions, and with his lantern in hand he goes to the aid of the sick persons. For six years he has been pastor, doctor, teacher; which is to say—a general missionary. Brother Wedekamper is an example of what a church school teacher is able to do when he has a missionary vision.

HOW SOME LEARN THE MORNING WATCH TEXTS

IT DOES one good to visit the young people's societies and see how they learn the Morning Watch texts. The youth of Paysandú, Uruguay, are indelibly impressed on my mind. It seemed that every young person was ready to repeat the verses for the week. Recently in the young people's society in Santa Fe the same spirit was noticeable. Each person present was ready to recite the verses. When called on spontaneously to repeat all the texts of the week there were two or three who could give them.

Dear young people, the day is coming when the texts you are now treasuring in your minds will be greatly appreciated. I am reminded of Luther who said, "For several years I have read the Bible through twice each year." The first missionary sent out by our denomination to a foreign field, Elder J. N. Andrews, said that he could repeat all the New Testament by memory, giving it word for word, and while he would not guarantee to repeat word for word the Old Testament, yet he was almost sure he could do so.

The Spirit of prophecy tells us that in that day when every case will be eternally decided there will be many who will wish they had studied their Bibles more diligently and had obeyed the commandments more faithfully. Let us throw the magazines of the world aside and study the word of God, for we are given the assurance that the knowledge obtained by a diligent study of the Scriptures will be brought instantly to mind just in the moment when needed. Let us be faithful in our study of the Bible.

IN A letter received from Elder Weber, superintendent of the newly organized mission of Tucuman, Argentina, he tells of having spent his first Sabbath in the mission in a district where he thought there were no Adventists other than the colporteurs who had been working in that part. One of the colporteurs, Brother Ventura Rivero, had won five believers during his stay in the district, and called them together in a little Sabbath school, which he invited Brother Weber to attend. The letter requested that the necessary supplies be forwarded to them at once. This shows that the work will soon be organized and progressing in an effective manner in the new Tucuman Mission. Remember Brother Weber and this new mission in your prayers.

BROTHER Ovidio Juarez of Mendoza, writes that some colporteurs had the sad experience of spending several days in the San Juan jail, due to the enmity of a priest. It seems that this priest was a close friend of the chief of police, and the colporteurs had to suffer the consequences of that friendship. Happily they were set free and are able to continue with their work, but we are told that a time will come when we will be unable to carry on missionary work of any kind, because the governments will again be under the dominion of the clergy. Let us improve the liberty and the opportunities we have to do missionary work, because soon we will have to do it in the face of difficulties.

WE HAVE enjoyed a very precious experience in the Harvest Ingathering campaign in our church this year, writes Mrs. W. F. Miller of Punta Arenas. One little girl of thirteen collected 200 pesos. She became so greatly interested in her work that now she is selling our little books. We have two or three who are desirous of entering the colporteur work. We believe that we can develop our own colporteurs here and will not need to depend on those from other territories.

FROM the monthly bulletin sent out by the Alto Paraná Mission we take the following: "When I showed a copy of *El Atalaya* in a blacksmith shop the boss seemed very much interested and requested that I take a seat. He said he knew the periodical and for two years never failed to receive a copy every time the lady came around with them. He then said: 'Mrs. Villafañe saved the life of my daughter, thanks to the treatments she gave the child.'"

And so it is that years pass by and the missionary work we have done



Our southernmost group of believers, Magellan, Chile.

may have been forgotten by us, but it is not forgotten by the public neither has it been forgotten in the books that register every deed in heaven. We can have the certainty that all we do in the name of Christ will not be lost in this world nor in the world to come.

WHILE traveling on a train in a second-class coach to Asunción, Paraguay, a group of soldiers directed by a sergeant and a corporal, entered. The corporal had a pleasant face and found a seat near us. He became interested in a Bible which we had open while studying the Sabbath school lesson, and immediately we began to converse. He said he did not know the Bible but had a very interesting book called "Daniel and the Revelation." This book was given to him as a present by a Brazilian gentleman, and the corporal had read it. He was especially impressed concerning the seven last plagues. We read to him what the Bible says concerning the plagues, and he seemed greatly interested. He also told us that the friend who gave him "Daniel and the Revelation" had offered him another book called, "Hacia la Edad de Oro," and asked if we thought that would be a good book. You can imagine what our reply was!

And so the books scattered in the homes of the people by the colporteurs and apparently forgotten by them, are guarded by the angels of God. They may not be appreciated by the purchasers of the books at all times, but they fall into the hands of others who do value them. The promise is, "My word shall not return unto me void."

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Austral Union Notes

ON SABBATH, June 28, Elder Walter Schubert, president of the Chile Conference, baptized ten persons in Santiago. Five of these were received into the Porvenir church, and the other five into the Recoleta church.

PASTOR Rosales baptized four individuals June 19 in Los Sauces, Chile, making a total of sixteen members. This group was raised up by a lay member. By the end of the year we hope to baptize ten more at this place, and to organize the group into a church.

ELDER Sherman of Valparaíso, Chile, recently closed a successful public effort in that city, and hopes soon to have a baptismal service when several will be received into church fellowship.

MISS Anita Cameron, who was chosen to work as nurse in Santiago, Chile, was unable to revalidate her title as nurse



Buenos Aires Publishing House showing the new addition mentioned in the accompanying article.

from the River Plate Sanitarium or Washington, D. C., and so was obliged to take the state examination. Word has recently come stating that she passed without difficulty. This gives a new impulse to our medical work in that important center.

WORD has come to the office from Brother Daniel Hammerly stating that he and his wife have begun a small treatment room in the city of Pergamino, and that they have the good will of twenty-three doctors of the city.

BROTHER Ovidio Juarez of the Cuyo Mission, sold more than a thousand copies of the June *Atalaya*.

Buenos Aires Publishing House

IN MAKING up our sales report for the first half of the year 1930 we find that a 12% gain in sales was made over the first half of last year and a 58% gain over the corresponding period year before last. This indicates a rapid growth in our volume of business during the past year and a half and it has taxed our factory to keep pace with the increased demand for literature.

During this period the average number of workers employed in the institution has increased from twenty-four to thirty-seven, and it has been necessary to make a substantial addition to our building. This addition is represented by the third gable as shown in the accompanying picture. It extends across the back of the building and increases the factory floor space 50 per cent. This space was greatly needed as storage room for paper and unbound book sections. It is provided with convenient shelves along one wall and a pit for baling waste paper, while one corner is partitioned off to serve as a carpenter

shop where boxes are made for use in shipping books. The conveniences thus provided have aided greatly in increasing the efficiency and output of our work. A new Miehle verticle press, a modern proof press, and large bindery shears, have also been installed.

These improvements we were able to finance from the gains of the publishing house and in addition sufficient money has been saved with which to purchase another large press which we hope to see installed early in 1931. This press is urgently needed as we find it necessary to keep our present equipment running day and night to meet the increased demand.

We have just finished new editions of the books "Steps to Christ" and "The Marked Bible." These have been published in Spanish before but they have been issued this time in the crises book style for use as subscription books by our colporteurs. Each book contains 128 pages well illustrated and with paper covers printed in colors. A cook book has also been prepared in this same style and contains over 400 recipes prepared by our sanitarium in Entre Ríos. This will doubtless be a good seller and it will acquaint many with the health principles of Seventh-day Adventists. The three books just mentioned will also be in the Big Week campaign which comes during the month of September.

Just now we are engaged in the printing of a large special edition of our monthly Watchman magazine *El Atalaya*. This number is devoted to a strong presentation of the temperance question. It bears the date of September and will be used in connection with the Big Week campaign.

In the immediate future we have the printing of an edition of the new medical book in Spanish recently issued by

the Pacific Press; a second edition of our book written in Spanish on the prophesies, "Hacia la Edad de Oro;" and a sixth edition of the large medical book, "Home Physician," in Spanish. These are of course in addition to our regular run of periodicals, tracts and other miscellaneous work.

We are happy to be thus occupied in preparing the printed page for use in the finishing of the work, and ask you to join with us in praying that God's blessing may accompany these printed messengers of truth as they are scattered throughout the Spanish field of South America.

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Public Meetings in Campinas, Brazil

I AM sitting in the theater "Carlos Gomes," named after one of Brazil's greatest musicians, a native of Campinas, and which is located in the business center of this prosperous city of more than 100,000 inhabitants. Elder A. E. Hagen is preaching to an audience of very earnest and attentive hearers. There are three hundred chairs and some benches in the theater and most of the seats are occupied. Public meetings have been held now for five weeks, and hundreds every night have heard the preaching of "the everlasting gospel."

Elder Hagen is very efficiently assisted in these important meetings by Elder Jeronymo G. Garcia, Iracema Zoroub and sisters Hagen and Garcia, as well as Godomar Barreto, colporteur and caretaker. There are no other Seventh-day Adventists living in the city.

The influence of the Holy Spirit has been manifestly felt from the beginning of this series of meetings. We are not inclined to speculate or prophesy as to the final results of these meetings; that is in the hand of God, but of one thing we are sure, and that is the promises of His word. He has told us: "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11:1. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:11. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as

ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58.

We truly believe these promises are sure, but without doubt it will take time for the production of the ripened fruit. The testing messages of the advent truth are new and extremely strange in the city of Campinas, as the present truth has never before been proclaimed here by the living preacher.

Our workers are known here as the "Watchman" people. One of our magazine workers is just beginning a systematic campaign for subscriptions for this splendid soul-saving magazine.

We sincerely solicit the earnest and continued prayers of all God's people in behalf of the workers and the honest souls in this beautiful city.

ENNIS V. MOORE,
President, Sao Paulo
Conference.

Gleanings from the Diary of a Missionary

SABBATH, April 26. Yesterday the people from Sao José came down again so we had five meetings with them. I baptized Dona Praxedia, her daughter Margarida who lives here in Sao José, and Maria Gomes, our cook. I have now baptized three girls from Sao José who have cooked for us, and another one will be baptized as soon as she is well. Both the carpenter and the mason have asked for baptism but are not quite ready. There are about ten more that I have hopes of now. Some are in Leopoldina, others in Sao José, Piedade, and Luis Alva. There is also a call for meetings in Cocalina. At the ordinances today fourteen took part.

Ernesto and Alvin have both been in bed some again this week. Mrs. Allen sprained her ankle badly so is in bed on account of it. As the front part of our new house is finished, we moved in this week.

Now we are putting the partition in the house we moved from so as to make room for Ernesto, and on the other side a tool room and shop. We lost some axes and other tools during the past year. Some day, however, we will have a place for everything.

Sunday, April 27. As we are out of lumber, three men left for Montaria to cut cedar boards. The lumber we had cut last year was so poorly sawed that it cost us as much, I think, to work it down as the lumber cost. We are much in hopes that our order for lumber, lime, and cement from Belem will get through.

Sabbath, May 3. Today has been a good one. All the Carajás living here but one family away fishing, were out to meeting. Some Javahés from the vil-

lage inside of the Ilha Bananal were also present. They heard about us and came up to visit us and work for a while. They are from a village on the Riozinho which empties into the Araguaya River a few leagues above the Rio Tapirapé. They walked overland to Matto Verde and borrowed a canoe, and were ten days getting here by canoe. They said they had heard how we visited the other Javahés, and the Carajás had also told them about us, that we treated the Indians well, so they came to see. They came right by the government Indian post and never stopped. They told us of the different Carajás who were soon to start on their way to visit us.

Sunday, May 4. Today Carlos and Esther packed and got everything ready to leave early in the morning. They have been here seven months, and have given help which will be hard to replace. But I know Carlos is needed at the school, so what is our loss will be their gain.

Again I took over the books and the store. But Alvin is going to attend the store so I will not be tied down so closely. We hope Orestes, our new man, will not be delayed long in reaching here.

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Soldiers and the Sabbath

SOMETIME ago I was traveling on a train that stopped at the border city of Cacequi long enough for the passengers to get their dinner. While there I suddenly came across Brother Emilio Azevido, who was accompanied by a soldier carrying a long saber. I was very happy to meet this brother, especially since I was aware that he was a prisoner. He had become such because he placed the dictates of his conscience above those of the commander of his regiment, and had therefore refused to perform ordinary services on the Sabbath day.

After exchanging greetings, he told the following experience: While attending our school in Sao Paulo Brother Azevido had been notified that he was to render military service in Sao Gabriel, Rio Grande do Sul. The first Sabbath after his arrival there he was granted exemption from work. When he requested the same favor for the second Sabbath he was refused and given eight days in prison for disobedience when he

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failed to perform the duties assigned to him on that day. As he refused again the Sabbath following his release, he was given twenty-one days more in prison. This length of imprisonment was given him two times, and then the commander of the regiment felt certain the young man was mentally unbalanced and sent him to be examined. Three doctors examined him and sent a negative report to the commander. But the commander was not satisfied with the examination or the ability of the doctors, and was sending the boy to Porto Alegre for an examination. Should the boy be declared unbalanced by the doctors of that city, he was to be sent to a hospital.

It was on this journey to Porto Alegre that I met the young man. He appeared very cheerful and was smiling the same as always. May God keep him so! I took him home with me and my wife prepared a good Adventist breakfast for him. After visiting several of our believers, he continued his journey to Porto Alegre, accompanied by the soldier who treated him as Julius treated Paul.

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General Conference Pub- lishing Notes

OUR reporters at the recent departmental meetings held in connection with the General Conference session which convened in San Francisco, California, May 28-June 12, gave us the following encouraging report:

"In the Publishing Department hall we find the publishers and bookmen busily engaged in checking stock. Their leaders, N. Z. Town, H. H. Hall, and W. W. Eastman, are optimistic and courageous. Across the front of their

assembly room is a chart fifty feet long, which shows in a graphic way the literature sales since the beginning of things. For the first forty-five years of our organization, from 1845 to 1890, books, tracts, and periodicals were sold to the amount of \$1,536,000. Contrast this with the record for the last ten years, 1920 to 1929, which shows a world sale of denominational publications totaling \$45,664,000."

"Elder N. Z. Town spoke for the literature work, which began eighty-five years ago, before there was any organization. He explained the spiritual character of the work from the beginning. He told how the publishers pray for the colporteurs, and that the colporteurs are more and more doing evangelistic work. In one conference in Brazil, for example, during the past year thirteen Sabbath schools have been organized by the colporteurs, and in another conference eleven. In still another conference 50 per cent of the conference membership was won by the work of the colporteurs."

Elder W. A. Spicer made the statement that, "Never was the volume of literature from our publishing houses flowing out in purer, deeper streams of blessing than now. . . .

"Strengthen thy stakes!" Let all believers rally to build up the conferences. More Sabbath keepers at home, more workers abroad, must ever be the aim. Can there not be a great effort for the unentered counties and districts in the older fields? Would that at least one family of believers might be located in every one of these untouched counties. May it not be possible to draw more largely upon our pioneer agency that never fails us—the colporteur army—to place a residential colporteur in county after county now marked unentered upon our conference maps?"

"Elder I. H. Evans who had just returned from the Far East, stated that the departments were of great value in carrying on the work in an orderly manner in mission fields. He said that they had estimated, for example, that from one third to one half of all the native believers came into the truth in the Far East through the influence of literature. In one mission field of that division a definite canvass has been made, and it was found that 193 persons had accepted the truth through the influence of literature, 175 directly through the work of the minister, and others in less numbers through the influence of other agencies."

"Brother J. B. Johnson, editor from our Brazil publishing house, said that they already have a list of forty-five companies observing the Sabbath, which have not yet been visited by one of our ministers."

"The keynote of this publishing convention is, A spiritual work. The drift toward stronger evangelism is indicated even by the banners themselves, from which the following have been noted: 'Forward with increasing success.' 'He did it with all his heart, and prospered.'

"Lord, there is nothing too hard for Thee."

"Prayer changes things."

"The courage and strength evident in the convention, and the spirit of progress, are indicated by two other banners:

"1930 Goal—\$5,000,000."

"Our 1930 Aim—10 per cent increase over 1929."

J. L. BROWN.

Division Notes

WORD from Elder Haynes, president of the Division, advises that he was scheduled to attend camp meetings in the Western Canadian Union Conference following the General Conference session, which will postpone his return to South America until about December 1.

BROTHER Breitigam spent the month of July in the Bolivia and Lake Titicaca Missions in the interest of home missionary endeavors.

ON JULY 27 Brother J. L. Brown returned to the office after an absence of several weeks in Mendoza, Argentina, and Santiago, Chile, in institute work with the colporteurs. Passage over the Andes was blocked for several days, which delayed his return to Buenos Aires. He reports that great blessings were experienced in both places. Our colporteurs are drawing closer together and nearer to the Lord. A change for good is being experienced in our entire South American colporteur force, he tells us.

THE Uruguay Mission held its colporteur institute July 25-August 2. Elders J. L. Brown of the Division, H. F. Brown of the Austral Union, and Brother M. I. Fayard representing the Buenos Aires Publishing House, lent their influence to the success of the meetings.

BROTHER P. M. Brouchy, president of the Buenos Aires Conference, returned from the General Conference session the middle of July. He came by way of the West Coast and visited his brother Francisco, who is superintendent of the Bolivia Mission.

THE Big Week campaign will be held during the first week of September for the Spanish fields, and during the first week of October in the Portuguese territory of South America.