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A Time of Opportunity

THE world is passing through a crisis. Everything seems to be out of course. Government leaders are perplexed. They know not what to do. Millions are out of work. Many face starvation. Factories have closed their doors. Commercial houses are running behind. Firms have gone bankrupt. Banks have failed. Business confidence is gone, and nations are powerless to remedy the situation. They know not what to do.

This must be the time to which Jesus referred when He spoke of His second coming and gave us some of the signs which would indicate the nearness of that great event. This must be the time spoken of nineteen hundred years ago: "And there shall be . . . upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Luke 21: 25, 26. Surely, this must be the time of the fulfilment of these words.

But this must also be the hour of God's opportunity. There is a proverb which says, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." If this be true, then it must be that we have reached a time of opportunity for reaching hearts with this message. When people are in distress and perplexed, their hearts can more easily be turned away from the uncertain, transitory things of earth, to that which is eternal and enduring. Men are more easily reached with this message in times of adversity than they are in times of prosperity. This, then, must be the hour of our oppor-

tunity to call the attention of the people everywhere to the meaning of the things which are now taking place upon the earth.

If this be the hour of the fulfilment of our Saviour's words regarding His second coming, then it must also be the time for the heeding of His admonition given to His followers for this same time: "And when these

things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21: 28. This must be the time for God's people to "look up," and lift up their heads. While others are looking down, we are to look up. While others drop their heads as a bulrush in utter discouragement, we are to lift up our heads. Materially we may feel the financial depression like others, we may have our wages reduced, or even have no wages at all; but we are to be of good cheer, for this is the hour of God's opportunity, and our redemption draweth nigh.

While commercial houses are running behind and fail to meet their expenses; while firms have gone bankrupt, and banks have closed their doors; this movement has not closed its doors. It is still going forward. Our appropriations may be cut, our budgets may be reduced, our salaries may be sliced; but the message still moves onward, for this is the time of God's opportunity for doing a quick work in the earth. His cause is not dependent upon material things merely; but upon the power of God which is its life, and upon the winning of souls which is its work.

Thus in this time when the world looks down, we can look up. When the people are discouraged, we can be of good courage. When hearts are failing for fear we can rejoice in the blessed hope. When people know not what to do, we can point them to the true source of joy and rest. When the world is fulfilling the prophecy of our Lord and is trembling because of the things that are coming upon the earth; we can heed His admonition

Rest on His Breast

When troubles deep surround
And press upon my soul;
When like an ocean storm
The waves of sorrow roll;
When bright the lightnings flash
From angry clouds o'erhead;
And deep the thunders roll
And shake the ground I tread—
Then, then I'll find my rest
Upon my Saviour's breast.

When all around is dark,
Perplexity and fear;
When disappointments come,
When flows the bitter tear;
When persecutions rage,
And evil hosts assail;
When truth is trodden down,
And darkness doth prevail;
E'en then I'll find my rest
Upon my Saviour's breast.

But when my skies are clear,
When winds have ceased to blow;
When ocean waves are calm,
And tears have ceased to flow;
When summer sunshine beams
Upon my inmost soul;
When gladness fills my heart,
And sorrows cease to roll;
Still, then I'll find my rest
Upon my Saviour's breast.

—N. P. NEILSEN.

to lift up our heads, because our redemption draweth nigh.

It is true that we are passing through a crisis, but this crisis becomes the hour of our opportunity in soul winning. That is God's purpose, for when afflictions come, hearts are easily reached. Many souls will be found who are seeking for something better than this world can give. This is our opportunity for pointing them to the eternal riches. The servant of the Lord has said: "Treat of calamities as disguised blessings, of woes as mercies. Work in a way that will cause hope to spring up in the place of despair."—*Gospel Workers*, page 37. So instead of deploring the conditions of these times we should look upon them from God's viewpoint and see His purpose in it all. Notice the following words from the pen of Elder C. H. Watson:

"Of course at such a time as this we must plan for the financial features of our work with unusual care. All expenditures should be made to bear proper relation to income. Money should not be spent on plans and projects that are not clearly worth while. All expenditure of only speculative value should be eliminated, and every proper economy effected in operating. But after all this has been done, shall we not remember that by a more earnest devotion of our own lives to the work, and by a more spiritual leadership of the forces of the movement in what appears to all human foresight a hard year, we make it possible for the Lord to give us more than usual success? Have we not been taught by past experience that where conditions are most forbidding the victories of the cause are often most emphatic and fruitful?"

So, brethren, let us be among those who look up. Let us lift up our heads. Let us view these distressing world conditions from the mountain peak of God's promises, instead of from the abyss of despair. Let us work for others and cause hope to spring up in their hearts. This is the time of God's opportunity for us. Let us improve it, going forth with hearts full of hope and courage in the Omnipotent One.

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A Real Good Experience

IN A private letter received from Brother Augusto Vellado, one of our ministers of the printed page, located in the federal capital of Brazil, we find an experience of general interest. As the medical work is the "right arm" of the message, this has been a means of opening a door, for the sale of a book, and for missionary work. I shall quote the following paragraphs:

"I want to write you today and tell you something of my work. Since we had our good colporteur institute I have had some interesting experiences, which have given me much encouragement and at the same time helped to cut the feet of the *jacare* (debts). I shall tell you one of my late experiences which I had in the best district (Copacabana) of Rio de Janeiro. If you want to publish this experience, it might perhaps help our brethren to understand how much the medical missionary work aids our church in preparing it to be more efficient.

"One Monday I came to the house of a certain family and asked for the man of the house. They pointed to a man. I went to him and asked if he had time to listen to me for a few minutes. He said he was seriously ill, but that I could speak. I then presented the book, "*Esperanca do Mundo*" (The Hope of the World) and when I finished he said that he could not read. I did not become discouraged but asked about the nature of his sickness. He said that he was suffering much pains and described his sickness. I asked if he would permit me to examine him. Think of this, brother, as if I were a physician! All the members of the family surrounded me. I ordered some hot oil and also some hot and cold water. Trusting in the words of Christ that if we had faith we could do the same works which He did, I started to give treatments. I tried to do it well, according to what little knowledge I had acquired in the course in nursing given by Brother Schneider in the Rio de Janeiro central church. As I was giving the treatments I spoke of the love of Christ, and very soon, when the man felt somewhat better he said to his wife: 'This man brings some books, see if you like them and make an order for me.' Before I left the family, I prayed with them. The next day I went to see the man and gave him the same

treatment, for which he was thankful. He was unable to retain food in his stomach. I left certain instructions as to his diet. On Wednesday when I went to see him, he had no further trouble with his stomach. Thursday I delivered the book and he paid for it. Then he asked that I should give him the bill for the services which I had rendered. I told him that I did not do it to gain money, for Jesus said: 'Freely ye have received, freely give.' Then the man said to me: 'Surely you will not be offended, if I offer to pay for the street car fares' and he gave me 40\$000. He added that it was not to pay for the services, but only the fares."

To God be the glory that He gave the knowledge to help the men in their physical sufferings and to speak of His love.

Through this we see the cooperation of the three departments, the local missionary work, the medical missionary work and the ministry of the printed page, in order that there may be a direct connection in our endeavors, for the work of saving souls is only one.

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From the Inca Union

REPORTS sent in by Brother Tabuenca, the Publishing and Home Missionary secretary of the Inca Union, inform us that at the close of 1931 the departments under his care experienced a gain of 60 per cent both in the delivery of books and in the missionary work done, over the previous year, and over any previous year in the history of our work in this union.

"During the first four months of this year, the colporteur work has gone forward without any change in the five local missions that form this great territory. We have been severely tried in our work—writes Brother Tabuenca.—Our colporteurs have been cast into jail on several occasions, some of them have been put there four times, after being deprived of their personal documents and their money, even by the very authorities. Colporteur Jose

"SYMPATHY is the echo that a heart gives to another's cry of anguish."

Valiente had the same experience as the apostle Paul in Listra. He was stoned and left for dead in a certain town in Bolivia. But this brother soon recovered and still keeps on canvassing. Other colporteurs have been persecuted and severely whipped, but we find joy in that they are faithfully announcing the gospel through our good books and papers.

"We have started our colporteur institutes. We feel sorry that we cannot have the good counsel of Elder J. L. Brown from the Division. This being impossible we will go forward trusting in the power of our Lord Jesus and the will and strength of our brethren, the colporteurs. Two of our colporteur directors are sick, Samuel Weiss, of the Lake Titicaca field, who, we trust, will soon be able to lead his men; and Brother Schwerin, of Ecuador, who on account of health conditions has to go on furlough. But we hope to soon have another man to direct the six men who are sowing the truth in Ecuador."

Brother Tabuenca requests our prayers for the progress of the work in the Inca Union.

Moving to a New Mission

WE WERE made sad to leave Umuchi—the old "Broken Stone" mission station, where for a year and a half we had a little part in God's great cause. It seemed to us as though we had just arrived and had gotten acquainted with the people and the places and were ready to start, as we had made plans to help us to be able to reach out and win new souls for the kingdom, when the call came for us to go to Sandia and we had to leave it all.

We would have been glad to stay in Umuchi, but we also are glad to go when God calls and work where He wants us in His vineyard. We praise God for His goodness and His blessings. He has willed that we leave with a good report of the work done at Umuchi. Souls have been won; new Sabbath schools have been organized; and there has been a gain of about 1000 soles in the past year in tithe and offerings.

Sandia, our new place of labor, is the place where Brother A. H. Field went last year to start new work and which he had to leave after a hard struggle with the flood which was

about to carry him, his family and all his things away. In all his trouble and sufferings, in the rain, moving from one Indian hut to another, it seems that the enemy just forced him to leave the place. In our going down to Sandia it seems as if Satan is doing all he can to hinder also.

Right from the beginning we had difficulties. We had packed all our things. The Indian brethren had taken them up for us, the long and troublesome way up the hill to the auto road. We arranged with a chauffeur to come and take us to Juliaca. And the next morning, all ready to leave, we went with the last few things upon the hill, expecting to arrive in Puno that same night.

After a long wait up there on that cold morning, the chauffeur came with the truck, but only to tell us that he could not go; there was revolution again in the southern part of Peru. We were not surprised. Revolutions are not uncommon in this country. It was the sixth one in the last ten months but we were sorry to have one happen just as this time. Now we had to go back to our empty house and wait. Every day we sent to town, but for a whole week there was no mail, no telegrams, no telephone could be used, no communication with the outside world. At last the first mail came through and a man mustered sufficient courage to take us to Juliaca in his truck.

After several pleasant days spent with friends in Puno and Juliaca we were ready to continue our trip to Sandia. Together with Brother and Sister C. H. Baker, who had promised to accompany us and help us get to the place, we started from Puno Sunday morning, expecting to be in Sandia Tuesday. But things did not go as we thought. We arrived all right on Tuesday, but not until the week after.

First in Juliaca we found the truck to be out of order, and had to wait a whole day to get it fixed. The next morning we started and that day we had no trouble. We passed the night in one of the cold, dirty hotels along the road. The third day the motor went bad. About the middle of the day it stopped and we could not get it started again. We found that the pistons were burned fast in the cylinders and we had to take the motor all apart to get it fixed. For more than two hours we worked hard, and at last

were able to go again; but not for very long. In the afternoon we had the same trouble over again. Once again the pistons got struck, again we had to take the motor all apart, again we worked hard to get it fixed, and just before dark we were able to go back to another little miserable hotel. That day we had covered only a few kilometers and were a little discouraged. The next morning, however, we felt better, and after having cleaned the motor once more, we found it working excellently. We took off half of the load, hoping that there would be no more trouble with the motor going over the high and difficult places we had to pass. How fast and well we were going now. The motor was working fine, the sun shining brightly and we were all very cheerful and confident that our troubles were all in the past. Then suddenly—in the middle of a river—we were stuck again. It is difficult to explain what we felt at that time; it surely was nothing very good. This time the pistons were really stuck—burned fast—and no matter how much and how hard we worked, it was impossible to get them loose. There we were, on one of the highest and coldest places, with no human being for many miles around and more than thirty kilometers from the nearest hotel. What could we do? It would perhaps take a whole week before another car would pass that place, and in that cold without any food! Then Brother Baker decided to go back to the hotel and his wife decided to go with him. We were going to stay with our girl and the chauffeur to take care of the things. It was hard to think of passing the night in the truck, but it was almost worse for our friends who were going to walk that long way in that altitude. We were thinking of them and praying for them as we saw them disappear over the horizon. Sister Baker fainted as they arrived at the hotel about 9:30 that night.

In the meantime we prepared for the night. We were fortunate in that we had our mattress and some bedding, and too, we had Brother Baker's sleeping bag. So we fixed up a bed in the back of the truck, with the boxes and suitcases at the sides as wind-breakers. As soon as we could we crawled down in the bag; for it was getting very cold as the sun went down, and the wind was blowing

hard. In the afternoon my wife began to feel bad and that night she was very sick with *soroche*, the mountain sickness. That was a terrible night. We slept very little, were cold and my wife caught a cold and in the morning had a very bad throat.

At sunrise we found the river frozen over and everything covered with frost and so wet that we had to spread things out in the sun to get them dry.

In the night our girl had seen a light far away among the hills and she went over there to see if she could get some food. She came back very much encouraged, bringing potatoes and dry sheep meat, and she told us she had met friends who said they also were evangelists. She started a fire and in a tin can cooked soup. It was not very good soup, but to us it tasted wonderful, and for my wife this warm soup was as good as medicine. She was sick all day, but lying in the sun helped her.

Two and a half days and three nights we spent this way in the truck. Brother Baker sent out food and the second day he came himself with four horses; but my wife was too weak to go back with him to the hotel. Then the third day they got a truck and Brother and Sister Baker came and helped us out of the situation. A few days after we went down on horseback to our new place in the beautiful valley of Sandia.

We have been here now for almost a month. For a long time we have been visiting around with the Indians and living in their huts. And how encouraging to find so many friends among the Indians, who in spite of persecution, threats and the many lies that have been told about us, have been faithful to God and to the little they had heard about the message. In every little place around here in the mountains we find small companies of believers. In some places almost all the people are coming to the Sabbath school. There are already three organized Sabbath schools with more than 200 members. And a great many companies are longing to have one organized, if they just could get a teacher. One hundred and fifty believers are preparing for baptism, and many of these have been very faithful in serving God. Here in Sandia we already have many friends among the white people. Every day we have many visitors. Some of these friends are

very much interested in the message. All our troubles seem as nothing when we see how God is leading and working for us. And we are thankful to God that He has found us worthy to help in this great work of gathering in souls for the kingdom.

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Work in the South Brazil Union

WE HAVE just finished our round of biennial meetings here in the South Brazil Union. The first was held in the Sao Paulo Conference. Elders C. K. Meyers, N. P. Neilsen and R. R. Breitigam were with us. Their timely council and good help was greatly appreciated. Elder E. V. Moore was re-elected as president with his entire former staff of workers. Elder Jeronimo G. Garcia was chosen as departmental secretary. Elder C. K. Meyers' evening meetings were appreciated by all. As our brethren and sisters left our nice, large church in the city of Sao Paulo many stated that the meetings were the best they had ever attended.

After the Sao Paulo meetings, a general meeting was held in the Santa Catharina-Parana Mission where Elder H. G. Stoehr is president. A good hall had been rented in the city of Rio Negro and a large number of our people had gathered from the different churches and for four days we all sought God earnestly. Elder Breitigam was the only representative from the Division. After the days of heart searching and prayer a colporteurs' institute was held in which a good number of faithful colporteurs were present. Plans were laid for three strong public efforts, the superintendent of the mission himself to direct one. The state of Santa Catharina is largely German, and it was in this state that the work in Brazil began some thirty-five years ago. We have a large number of faithful Sabbath keepers in that field.

Our last general meeting was conducted in the Rio Grande do Sul Con-

ference. The state of Rio Grande is one of the most prosperous in all Brazil. Our Brazilian college was at one time located in this field. Our biennial conference for that field was held in real camp-meeting style. A large tent was pitched in a park not far from the center of the city of Taquara. Quite a number of family tents were also pitched, and our brethren and sisters came from many far-away places and spent the entire ten days. A dining tent was pitched and all enjoyed the good meals served. The children were not forgotten. Sister Boehm took charge of the children's meetings conducted in the children's tent.

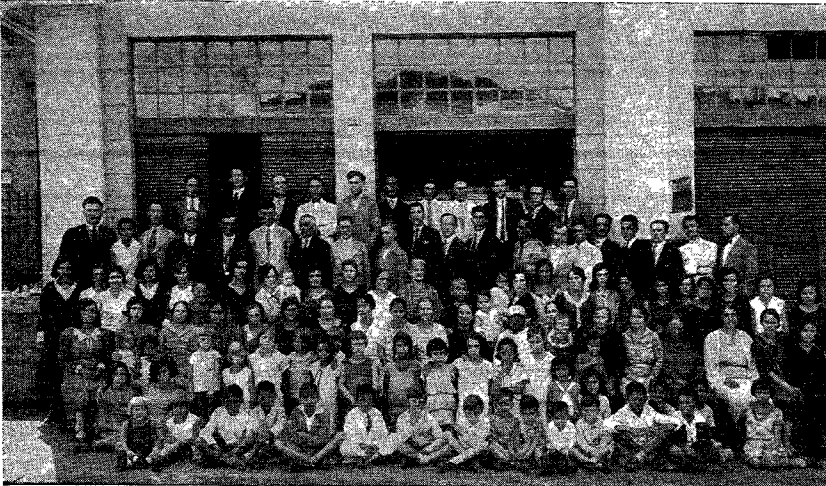
During the days that we were together many victories were won. God came very near to us all. The night meetings were of such a nature as to be of interest to the general public as well as to our people. Elder R. R. Breitigam of the South American Division gave excellent help in the night meetings. There were from 700 to over 1,000 in attendance each evening.

Elder J. H. Boehm was elected president of the conference with the entire former staff of workers. Brother J. H. Roth was chosen as departmental secretary.

Now that the conference sessions are over and the reports are coming in, we feel to praise God for what He is doing. Even in this time of crisis, with hundreds of business houses failing, God's work is going forward. The colporteur work is on the upward trend. Tithes and offerings are on the increase in every field. A strong campaign for souls is on. Five public efforts are in progress. From one effort word comes that already thirty families are studying the truth. A good spirit reigns among our members, and they are working. God is blessing and we praise His name for what He is doing.

E. H. WILCOX.

“THE world will be evangelized in that generation in which the church rediscovers the spiritual functions of laymen and adjusts its teachings and programs of work to call out and utilize the lay forces of the church. The responsibility for leadership and for training the church rests on the ministry, but the obligation for service rests on all.”—“Efficiency Points.”



Elder Jeronimo Garcia stands to the extreme right and Brother Alfredo Meier to the extreme left of the first row of men. Miss Iracema Zorub, the Bible worker is seated third from the right in the first row of women.

God's Leading in Ribeirao Preto

ON THE 8th of October, 1930, we arrived in the city of Ribeirao Preto. We began immediately to make the necessary preparations to hold a series of meetings in the center of the city. After some months of hard work, assisted by my wife, we held the first baptism and twelve persons accepted Jesus as their Saviour. Their hearts and ours were filled with great rejoicing.

Difficulties began to come; we passed through a real trial; and our faith was put to the test. The enemies of the truth circulated lies and rumors with reference to the cause of God, which we love so dearly. At times it seemed like all of the demons of hell had been let loose in Ribeirao Preto. It is impossible to describe the struggles we had. Knowing in Whom we have believe we continued to work, without giving attention to the attacks made against us and the truth from every side.

A little later we rented a larger and better hall, and Sister Iracema Zorub, an experienced Bible worker, came to assist us in the effort. Having been colleagues in the Collegio Adventista, we often recalled the experiences we had while receiving our preparation to serve our Lord and Master.

The attacks of the enemy did not slacken. The "pilates" and "herods" became fast friends in order to combat the truth of the living God. In

all of the churches sermons were preached against the sect of "heretics" who preach the Bible, the Ten Commandments, and the "faith of Jesus," as well as Christ, the only Saviour of sinners. The devil did all he could to defeat the work, but the victory was won through Jesus, our Lord. Glory to His precious name forever!

The Lord gave us the blessed privilege of baptizing sixteen more souls, who today rejoice in the "blessed hope" of the soon-coming Saviour.

As we were called by the conference committee to take charge of the departments we left the work there in the hands of Sister Zorub, the Bible worker, and Brother and Sister Alfredo Meier, who were sent to take charge. A baptismal class was organized and on the 27th of February I was sent there by Elder Ennis V. Moore, the president of the conference, to hold the third baptism, uniting ten more people with their Saviour.

Brother Meier and Sister Zorub have another baptismal class. Many of our brethren are active in scattering tracts and earnestly working to win souls for Jesus. The young people are working with anxious and willing hearts. God is adding His richest blessing. The greatest need in Ribeirao Preto is a temple and a good church school.

May those who read these lines look carefully into the faces of the brethren, interested ones, and children who appear in the photograph, and see not merely human faces, but a proof of what God is doing in our day in Bra-

zil to save souls from the clutches of sin and vice. Each one of these individuals could tell an interesting experience, could you but have the privilege of hearing them.

Your liberal and self-sacrificing offerings in behalf of missions are not in vain. The more you give the more will hear of Jesus' soon return, and the sooner we shall all be united in the earth made new. Pray for the brethren and gospel endeavor in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. To God be the glory for His matchless love!

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More About Ribeirao Preto

RIBEIRAO Preto, Sao Paulo, Brazil, is a prosperous city of about 75,000 inhabitants some 500 kilometers from the capital of the state. It is the fourth city in size in this state and has properly been called the "capital of the interior."

Elder Jeronimo G. Garcia held an effort in the center of the city in a very attractive hall the first part of 1931, and thirty-eight members were baptized. Elder Garcia was called to take charge of the Missionary Volunteer, Home Missionary and Educational Departments at the time of our conference, and the executive committee requested that Brother and Sister Alfredo Meier move to Ribeirao Preto to carry on the work. Brother Meier is a young man, a graduate of our Colegio Adventista in Argentina. He has had a very good experience and training in the Sao Paulo church during the past two years. In a recent letter Brother Meier wrote:

"We are getting along nicely, praise the Lord, and are working with great enthusiasm. Our Sabbath school has eighty-six members. The attendance is excellent, and the daily study of the lesson fair. The members and interested ones are faithful in attending the Sabbath, Sunday and Wednesday night preaching services.

"Our hall is rapidly becoming too small, and it is almost impossible for the children to stay inside for their lesson during the Sabbath school, but on rainy days there is no remedy.

"The youth of the church are full of courage, especially those who are participating in the literature bands. We have ten bands, and they are sys-

tematically placing tracts in some one hundred homes. We have already found interested people in this manner, and they are requesting Bible readings. I firmly believe that God will greatly bless us in this noble and grand work.

"Brother Moore, the interested souls are becoming more and more every day, and I do not see how it will be possible for us to permit Sister Zorub, the Bible worker, to leave us. If we count all of the members of the interested families, we are studying with more than one hundred persons."

If one will take time to notice carefully the above paragraphs taken from Brother Meier's letter, it will be observed that he pulls pretty evenly along all lines: He is "working with great enthusiasm." He cares for the interests of the Sabbath school, the faithful attendance, the daily lesson study, the children's department. He is holding at least three public meetings each week. He has successfully enlisted the vigor of youth in a real soul-saving, systematic, literature evangelism. Sister White has told us that the youth should be organized for soul-saving purposes. He trusts God to add His blessing in the "noble and grand work."

Such a program will bring success in souls saved in any part of the world field. May the Lord richly bless Brother and Sister Meier and Sister Zorub as they labor for souls in that beautiful city!

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A Cheering Testimony

SOMETIMES in the midst of perplexities that face us these days, with reduced budgets and a constantly-increasing number of members without employment, it is encouraging to take a look at the other side of this great mission problem.

A recent letter received from a sister who attended a series of meeting held by the writer about two years ago, presents what we believe to be an encouraging picture. Perhaps we should mention that this sister, who was re-

cently baptized, was passing through severe troubles at the time we held our meetings at that place, and it seemed for a time that she would have to separate from her husband. As soon as she began to attend the meetings all her friends, and the relatives of her husband, began persecution against her. She says in part:

"I desire to let you know of the great transformation that has taken place in my home. It is really surprising and almost inexpressible. From a place of sorrow and affliction our home has become a place of happiness, peace and true joy. I wish to render thanks to my heavenly Father for giving me a Christian home. My little children now pray to God. My husband is very much interested in the truth and is already giving Bible studies to others. My husband and I are thankful to our dear Saviour for all these blessings. Our greatest joy consists in telling others of what the truth has done for us."

Surely such experiences are worth all the sacrifice they cost and much more. The best part of it all is that those who help to supply the means to carry the truth to these dear souls will share equally in the heavenly reward with those who preach it.

God is truly doing great things for His people, even in these days of almost universal unbelief. Let us pray, labor, and press the battle on, brethren, for soon the victory will be ours.

H. B. WESTCOTT.

East Brazil Union Mission

Elder C. C. Schneider, secretary of the Sabbath School and Home Missionary Department, also is absent from the union office. The Rio-Minas Geraes and the Rio-Espirito Santo Mission, have been his field of labor for the last weeks. At this writing he is in the interior of the state of Espirito Santo, in the interest of the departments he represents. The Sabbath schools in Espirito Santo, in spite of the drop in prices of all agricultural products, have increased their Sabbath school offerings and want to have a part in helping with their offerings to support the Foreign Mission Board in its program.

There are at present three public efforts being conducted in the Rio-

Minas Geraes Mission. The superintendent, Elder E. M. Davis, is holding an effort in the new church located in Nilopolis, suburb of Rio de Janeiro. The meetings are well attended. In Nitheroy Elder Domingos Peixoto has started a series of meetings, which also enjoy a regular attendance. Sister Isaura Peixoto is assisting as Bible worker. The largest effort is that held in Bello Horizonte, the capital of Minas Geraes. Here Elder Luiz Braun, Jose dos Passos, and Brother Daniel Feder are giving the message of warning and hope to a good attendance. It is yet too early to say anything about the outcome of all these meetings. We are glad, however, that a strong evangelistic program is being carried on in this mission and we are sure that a goodly increase in membership will again be seen by the end of the year. These workers need your prayers as they stand before the people with the message. They need a baptism of the Holy Spirit to bring conviction to the hearts of the hearers, so that they too, as in days of old cry out saying "men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Elder C. K. Meyers, secretary of the General Conference, after spending a few short days in Rio de Janeiro on his return trip from Sao Paulo, embarked with Elder H. B. Westcott on the 15th of April for Belem, Para. Elder Leo B. Halliwell, the superintendent of the Lower Amazon Mission, is joining the brethren at this place for a trip into the interior of the jungles of the states of Para and Amazonas. In part the trip will be made with the mission launch "Luzeiro." We are glad to have Elder Meyers visit this field and feel sure that his vast experience in foreign mission fields will give us some constructive counsel in the policy to be followed in this large zone.

We have been looking for some time for Brother Bauer's annual visit to audit of the union books. While here he met Brother W. E. Phillips coming from the General Conference office for the auditing of the Division books. After finishing the audit in our union, the brethren proceeded to Sao Paulo, in order to audit the books of the South Brazil Union. We appreciated the visit of these brethren as well as their counsel.

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Meetings in Chile

It was the privilege of the writer to attend the annual meetings in Chile from March 30 until April 10. Before these annual gatherings began it was his privilege to visit several churches in Chile. It was a pleasure to meet with the brethren and sisters and to see their interest in the progress of the message. We also visited the little mission that has been established in the South of Chile among the Araucanian Indians. A German brother who lives near these Indians has taken special interest in teaching them the truth. When he had a good interest awakened he asked for a worker to come and carry on work for them. He came in contact with a young man who was the elder of one of our churches and who had done considerable missionary work. The German brother arranged with him to visit the Indians and later to locate where he could carry on work among them. The brother gave a half hectare of land with a house on it which was converted into a chapel. Two rooms were erected at the back for living quarters for the worker. This little chapel was well filled with eager Indian listeners as we spoke to them. The offering from the young people's societies in the South American Division for the year 1932 has been voted to this Indian work.

Our first general meeting was held in Temuco. The brethren hired a theater for the meetings, as they had done the year before. From the very beginning the theater was crowded every evening. Our brethren received help and inspiration from the studies given and the outsiders who came in manifested a deep interest. At the close of this meeting Brother G. B. Taylor, director of the Chilean school, was ordained to the gospel ministry.

From Temuco we came to the city of Santiago. The meeting held here was the regular biennial session of the Chile Conference. It began Tuesday evening and closed Sunday. The

church was packed every evening and on Sabbath there were many more than could get into the church, nearly 700 brethren and sisters being present. The offerings on Sabbath afternoon amounted to over 12,000 Chilean pesos. At this meeting three of the young Chilean workers were ordained to the gospel ministry. The same officers were elected for the conference that had been serving, but owing to his physical condition, Pastor Walter Schubert, who has served Chile for three years very successfully as president, will soon leave with his family for the States where he expects to undergo a major operation on his stomach. Brother Schubert was suffering so severely during the time of the meetings that he could attend very few of them. We sincerely hope that he may get the needed surgical help and that he may be able to return to us to South America fully restored in health.

We were glad to have with us at these meetings in Chile Elder N. P. Neilsen. The brethren and sisters greatly enjoyed his Bible studies. Brother W. E. Murray of the Division attended the Temuco meeting and J. L. Brown, also from the Division, was with us at the Santiago meeting. All these brethren gave us valuable help.

The year 1931 was a good year for our work in Chile, 322 persons were baptized. The outlook for 1932 is also good. At the close of the meeting in Santiago there were over forty people who are expecting to be baptized, some at the close of the meeting and others later. Pray for the work and workers in Chile.

N. Z. TOWN.

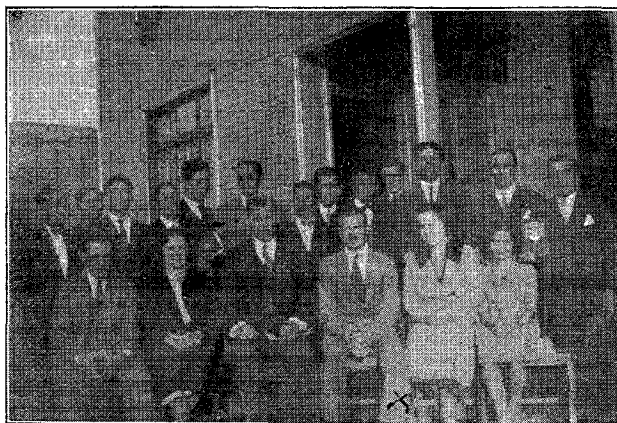
Institutes in the Austral Union

THE round of colporteur institutes in the Austral Union has begun. After one of the most inspiring and interesting conferences ever held in Chile, the colporteurs met for special instruction and preparation to face the present-day conditions. In spite of political and social conditions which cause the bravest journalists to write pessimistically concerning the outlook, our valiant workers press forward with faith and courage.

Our colporteurs in Chile face the greatest financial depression ever experienced in that country, but no one complained about hard times. We found a sincere and firm conviction on the part of all, that God had called forth men to face just such a time as this, using the happenings of the day as the strongest motives for buying our truth-filled literature.

We expect that better reports will be coming in from all the fields as our printed-page evangelists learn how to reach the people with their own crisis arguments and turn their depression objections into buying motives.

Elder Walter Schubert could not attend the institute as is his custom. Special prayer was offered for his recovery from illness. Brother Carlos Mavr, one of Chile's progressive evangelists, was recently called to lead out in the Publishing Department. He was also ordained to the ministry during the conference session, and is now determined to use the literature ministry as the most efficient and rapid means of evangelizing Chile. May God help him as he trains spiritual men to carry the printed page to the ends of the "shoestring republic."



Colporteur Institute held in Santiago, Chile. Elder Carlos Mavr, the new Publishing Department secretary is marked with an "x".



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Elder H. F. Brown and the writer enjoyed the privilege of meeting with the Chile workers during the conference and colporteur institute.

Mendoza was next favored with a colporteur gathering. The *Los Andes*, one of the principal dailies of the Andean city, gave notice of this in its columns. Elder Rojas, the superintendent, Brother Nazar, the Publishing and Home Missionary Department secretary, H. F. Brown and the writer met daily for prayer, study and training with a group of eight colporteurs and recruits. Here, too, we found the same spirit of faith and loyalty. The early frosts had ruined the entire grape harvest in large sections of the country, and the rain of volcanic ashes had frightened the people, but still our men rally with confidence in Him who knows no failure.

In both the Chile Conference and the Cuyo Mission our faithful ministers of the printed page consecrated themselves anew to God's service. Everyone promised to work more hours and place more literature, in order to reach more people and save more souls. May we not enjoy the same spirit in all the colporteur institutes in the entire Austral Union?

J. L. BROWN.

"SOME who have but one talent feel that they can do nothing. They hide their talent in the earth, as it were; and because they receive no increase, they murmur against God. But if they would use the ability given them, their talent would double. It is be a faithful use of talents that they are multiplied."—C. T., 234.

Gleanings of Progress Throughout the Field

Conducted by N. P. Neilsen

FOR the first quarter of this year in the East Brazil Union Mission there was an increase of 3:480\$460 in their tithes and 5:716\$100 in their mission offerings, over that of the same period for last year. We rejoice to see this increase.

ELDER Jeronymo Garcia, assisted by Brother Germano Conrad, was planning to begin a series of public meetings in the city of Mogy das Cruzes, Sao Paulo, in May. Let us pray for the different public efforts which are now in progress that many souls may be led to follow the Lord and His truth!

DURING the first quarter of this year there was an increase of 8:160\$100 in tithes and 6:829\$100 in mission offerings in the South Brazil Union, over that of the same period for last year. We are thankful for this increase in these times of financial distress. May the Lord continue to bless our people with liberality to support the work of God!

UNDER date of May 5, Elder G. S. Storch, superintendent of the Nordeste Mission in Brazil, gives us the following encouraging words: "Only three days ago I returned from a trip to the interior of Bahia, where I had the privilege of baptizing eighteen souls, and many more are preparing for the next time. Near Ferradas I met twenty-eight persons keeping the Sabbath of the Lord. They also want to be baptized; but we must first send a worker to instruct them in all points of our message."

"PERSONALLY I think we are living in a time of great opportunity. Our brethren are desirous of seeking God, and if we can give the spiritual leadership and mold that God desires, He will do great things through His people in these days. So far as the world is concerned, we are the only ones who have a positive and certain message for them at this time, and I do earnestly pray that in these days we may grasp God's opportunities and 'know the time of our visitation.'"—R. R. Breitigam.

WRITING under date of May 18, Brother Ner Soto Garrido, superintendent of the Uruguay Mission, says that their membership has now reached 458. He writes: "Thus step by step we are getting nearer our goal and with the help of God we hope to reach it and pass beyond." He refers to their goal in membership for this year. At the close of the first quarter of last year they had 393 members.

THE Sabbath school is one of the most efficient branches of our work as a denomination. In the Sao Paulo conference we had 641 members in all our schools at the close of 1924, while at the close of the first quarter of 1932 we had 2,132 members, or more than three times as many as about eight years ago. The offerings of these schools for the first quarter this year amounted to 10:037\$000. We thank the Lord for what our Sabbath schools are doing.

UNDER date of May 11, Elder H. G. Stoehr, superintendent of the Santa Catharina-Parana Mission, gives us the following interesting report of the public meetings which he is holding in Rio Negro, assisted by Brethren Roberto Méndez Rabello and Querino Daw. He writes: "The meetings are well attended. Brother Neilsen, I have never seen the operation of the power of God as in this series which we are now holding. I took time to seek the Lord in prayer more than I have done in times past, and the Lord richly rewarded. I learned to know what it means to spend hours in prayer. I could relate some of the wonderful things that I have experienced in answer to my prayers. Although we have been well known in Rio Negro and Mafrá for many years, still after the presentation of the Sabbath question the attendance continued very good. Night after night 350 to 400 would continue to come. More than a hundred would have to stand up each night for lack of seating room. . . . When the call was made for those to arise who would keep the Sabbath and obey the truth, more than forty persons arose. All the glory and honor belongs to God. I know that I can do nothing of myself; but the Lord heard our prayers. He has been good to us and for this we are thankful. The meetings will continue and we hope for a good harvest of souls. A goodly number is keeping the Sabbath.