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Books in Flames

WHEN colporteur Doria arrived at the hotel in a small town in the interior of Rio Grande he had right good fortune when he found the Catholic priest in the hotel making one of his pastoral visits.

The hotel keeper demanded the newcomer's business in the presence of the *padre*. The colporteur frankly stated that he was one of the agents for the Brazilian Publishing House and intended to work the town. The priest at once asked, "Do you represent the publishing house located in San Bernardo?" The colporteur's response was in the affirmative, and the priest added, "you can give this young man lodging because that publishing house only prints good literature and therefore this young man must be good also."

The colporteur took a room and soon started his work. He visited the priest in his home and showed him his books and the *Atalaia*, receiving the priest's approbation and good will. He said that he had some of the same literature and that he could highly recommend it. The people of the town having seen the colporteur with the priest asked no questions regarding the literature and freely gave their orders for books. It is needless to say that Brother Doria's success in that place was more than ordinary. He took special pains in making clear the message for this time, which the books contained, not wishing that the people afterwards might feel disappointed. All went well until the day of the delivery.

Yes, the day of the delivery also went well and Brother Doria had no

difficulty in delivering his books. It was a feast day. People were gathered in large numbers in the church yard or patio. Brother Doria listened a little while to the priest's mass and then to the exhortation from the pulpit. He had his books ready at the door of the church, for he was going to improve the opportunity and deliver them in wholesale fashion as the people left the church and loitered around in the church yard. This plan also worked splendidly and he could hardly hand out the books fast enough. Even those who had not signed up for books now were enthusiastic and bought them for cash.

Some fanatical people began to discover that the books were not Roman Catholic and started others to doubting. The books were taken to the priest for a blessing, but the priest now turned traitor to the colporteur and said that he had not authorized the colporteur to sell books in the town. He told the people to return the books to the colporteur. But by that time Brother Doria was delivering books in the outskirts of town.

Evening came. The delivery had been a grand success. Our colporteur was happy and thanked the Lord for the good success that had accompanied him and asked Him to bless the seed that had been sown. But his day was not done. The hotel keeper who had also bought a book and had already read the book with his wife, came to the colporteur's room with the story his good work in another town. You

The priest had changed his method of blessings into cursings. He had told the people to return the books. Some had seen the colporteur return to the hotel. The news spread and soon a large crowd of excited people gathered with their books in hand determined to return them and also to punish the colporteur. The hotel keeper asked Brother Doria to remain in his room and pray for he knew the evil intentions of the people. They began to yell outside of the hotel and threaten to burn the books and to burn the colporteur on top of them.

The hotel keeper fearing that the mob might enter his hotel and hurt the young man, went out as Lot did when the angels visited Sodom, and tried to calm the people by telling them that the books were good and that the colporteur was a good man. He told them that he had read the book and other literature and that this literature should be read by all. But all he could do was to stay the people and hold them until midnight. They became tired and said that they would come in the early morning to catch the colporteur. The mob retired.

Following the counsel of the hotel keeper the colporteur mounted his horse before three o'clock in the morning and left the town, ever praying that the Lord would protect him and also bless the infuriated people he was leaving behind.

Daylight came and with it a dark-hearted, evil-minded crowd of people. They demanded the man who had sold them the books. But the hotel keeper said, "Oh, he has gone. He is far away from here and will continue of the afternoon's happenings.

should go home and read that good book. The message the book contains will change your hearts." All was of no avail. The people became furious, piled their books in front of the hotel on the street and burned them.

Of course, not all books went up in flames. Many, like the hotel keeper, had taken the priest at his word and had read their books and found that they indeed contained a message for them. The hotel keeper and his family are now preparing to follow their Lord, and we know that many others, even some of those who saw their books in flames, will some day humble their hearts and accept the Lord Jesus.

J. L. BROWN.

Maintaining the Work Where it is Established

UNCOMFORTABLY near is the alarming fear that the shortage in mission funds will necessitate retrenchment in the mission fields. In these days our eyes are fixed upon our precious mission stations and the work that has been established in more prosperous days. Retreat from any place would be a tragedy. Think of the result of closing up a mission station, a school, a hospital, treatment rooms, or a printing plant, or the withdrawing of our evangelist from a multitude waiting to hear of the true God!

In the past our hearts have thrilled to the cry for new workers and the opening up of new work. We may have lost sight of the fact that holding what we have is of far greater importance than extending the work into new places. Maintaining the work where it is will be the means of extending the work beyond where it now is, by the blessing of God. Retreating from any station is most disastrous, for in such case we lose what we have, and make natural extension impossible. In these days none should center their efforts upon expansion, while the necessity for generous support of the established work is passed by with a degree of indifference.

Let us rally to the support of our faithful brethren and sisters who are endeavoring through much sacrifice to maintain the work where they are. Our missionaries now in the various stations have the language of their fields,—a great asset; they have a knowledge of the people, acquired by

personal contact; they have passed the period of experiment in methods of work; they have become acclimated to the country, and have adapted themselves to their environment; the chances are that they have made at least a few friends among the officials of that government; if they are suffering severe opposition or persecution, their withdrawal would mean victory for the enemies of truth.

We lose much every year in the unavoidable return of our missionaries from foreign fields. Broken in health, they come creeping back, the victims of climatic or unsanitary conditions, or perhaps of overwork or excessive nervous strain, and their places must be filled. In addition to this loss to the fields, we cannot but cry out with alarm against a still greater loss, and a still greater source of discouragement—the withdrawing of our missionaries because of an impoverished mission treasury.

What a blessed privilege is given to our Sabbath schools to sound the rally cry, clear and strong, "No Retreat From Mission Fields." By every possible means Sabbath school members should endeavor to "make good" on Sabbath school goals. Our obligation is great, for we have been giving more than one-half the money for missions that is given in this country. If retrenchment is made in a single instance more than one half the responsibility of the failure to maintain that work it at our door. How happy our Sabbath schools should be to enable our missionaries to "hold the fort," in each location. Let us give and give again that our goals may be reached, and the crisis safely met.

L. FLORA PLUMMER.

Resurrection Power

IT WOULD be useless for us to go out to the cemetery and preach to the dead. They cannot hear our voice. In vain would we speak to them, for their ears are sealed to our words. Our voice could not awaken them from slumbers, nor bring them back to life. But there is One who can, Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life. When He speaks, they obey His voice.

Likewise it is with us in our spiritual realm. The world is a great cemetery. All around us are men and women who are "dead in trespasses

and sins." They are unconscious of their true condition. They are spiritually asleep and need to be awakened. But it is useless for us to preach our own words to them, for the words of men cannot convert the sinful heart. A greater power than that of man must be manifested. It takes resurrection power. Only the hidden power of the Word of God can change the inner life. Therefore must we preach the words of the Living God to a sin-sick world, would we arouse them from their slumbers. All the eloquence of man is but as sounding brass without this mighty power, manifested in the living word. Let us preach the words of the Living One.

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From the Northwest Mission

God has heard our prayers, and has spoken to the people through the medium of the Holy Spirit. Oh, how much satisfaction and joy it gives me to know that after all the struggles, trials, expenses and failures, our Saviour is still at the helm, directing our work here in the Northwest Mission.

We have several new people in the baptismal class, and they are good missionaries. In the house of one of the families on the outskirts of the city of Tucuman we have established a Sabbath school, and the past Sabbath there were twenty-one persons present. Five are ready for baptism.

The main Sabbath school here in Tucuman has thirty-two members. The father of one family has asked his employer for the Sabbath free, and hopes to arrange his affairs in such a way that he too may soon be baptized.

Every night of the week we find ourselves occupied in holding meetings in different parts of the city and in selling the good magazine *El Atalaya*. Besides this I give several Bible studies during the afternoons.

We have a new family in the city of Salta which is preparing for baptism. Without a doubt the man will make a

good colporteur. In Catamarca and La Rioja we also find several interested ones and one family has begun to keep the Sabbath. There are interested people in Jujuy, Salta and Santiago del Estero, and so it is that we may see the work grow in this mission.

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A Long, Sharp Knife Clashes with "Two-Edged Sword"

ELDER Pedro Brouchy, president of the Buenos Aires Conference, tells an interesting experience of the clash of swords in the mission field. He said that a certain man was known in his district as being a fighter and immune to fear. One of our evangelists was holding a series of meetings in this vicinity and the enemies of the truth hired the man to interrupt the meetings by killing the lecturer. The enemies told this ruffian that the evangelist was a heretic and was preaching against God, the holy virgin and the saints.

Armed with a long, sharp, sword-like knife he started out for the meeting place, boasting about what he would do to the preacher. He said: "When he says the first word against God or the saints I will kill him on the spot." When the man arrived at the meeting he stood in the door, in an attitude of mistrust and alert expectancy. He was invited to enter and take a seat, but flatly refused. As usual, the meeting was opened by the regular song service and prayer, and then the speaker unsheathed his "two-edged sword," and began his cutting work. Soon the man with his wicked knife concealed, began to feel something strange take place in his mind and heart. The operation was going on, but he did not understand it, according to the story as told later by the individual himself.

On closing the meeting the missionary extended a friendly hand to all including this evil-intentioned visitor, and invited him to come again. He returned to those who had sent him, feeling ashamed because he had not fulfilled his mission and because he could not explain the cause of the feelings that had come over him in the meeting hall. He had never

known a feeling so strange before. But he determined to return for another chance to use his long, sharp knife and carry out the murderous plan.

Again the "two-edged sword," the Word of God, overpowered him and he decided to surrender his all to the Master. That night he returned to the group of men who had hired him and told them that from now on he was going to attend all the meetings to protect the evangelist, and "woe unto the man who attempts doing him any harm." Needless to say the meetings continued undisturbed and with success.

Some time later this would-be assassin confessed all his evil intentions in first coming to the meetings. He could not contain his emotions as he told the story of how the "two edged sword" had clashed with his wicked knife and had won the victory. He was baptized and is now as humble as a child.

The letter to the Hebrews declares: "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing assunder of soul and spirit . . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." How true it is!
J. L. BROWN.

Big Week in Magallanes

WE HAVE had some very good experiences in the Big Week. Our goal is a little high, and there is little opportunity to do all the work we would like to in this district of Magallanes. We must wait a little while until the roads around here get better before we will be able to visit the farms and terminate our campaign.

But here in the city we have had evidences of the good work of our believers. Brother Larravide is a new brother who works in the hospital, and there he has sold "Our Day" especially among the better class of people of the city. He has taken thirty books to date, such as "*Lecciones de la Crisis*" and "*¿Qué Cocinaré Hoy?*" (These are the regular Big Week books.) He is a 100 per cent vegetarian and the book "*¿Qué Cocinaré Hoy?*" is the best one for him. He sold dozens of these before the Big Week, and told us of some interesting experiences. He mentioned that he sold "*Lecciones*

de la Crisis" to one man and another man came running after him, begging him to sell him a book. I believe Brother Larravide sold dozens of books also during the Big Week. Brother Juan Derpic went out one Sunday morning and sold fifteen books and altogether has gathered \$60.00 m/n. for the Big Week.

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Present-Day Miracles

BROTHER Sebastian Rimmaudo tells of working together with Brother Manuel Sanchez in Haedo, province of Buenos Aires, and in one week taking forty-two orders for "Home Physician," together with *El Atalaya*, or in value orders to the amount of \$800.00 m/n. during one week. Brother Rimmaudo states: "It is surely marvelous how today, with a crisis so great, with the depression existing as it does, with the number of people out of work, wages reduced day after day, people buy our books, smilingly, contentedly. Is that not a miracle? Is it not a miracle which God alone can do through His own? For my part I can say that today more than ever before we can convince ourselves that the work in this earth will be finished through the medium of the colporteur work. The crisis does not affect a colporteur whose trust is in God.

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The New Year

SOME one has said that in the majority of cases failure in Christian life is due to two things, e. i., in spending one's time regretting the past or else in making new resolutions for the future. If we would be successful then let us live in the presence of God and do His will *today*.

Nevertheless, we believe it is time profitably spent in calling a halt in our busy lives, at least once a year, to take

a retrospective view and examine ourselves, as the great apostle Paul recommends. (2 Cor. 13: 5) In other words, to check up on our successes and failures and then have a heart to heart talk with ourselves, for we stand upon the threshold of a new year.

What will the year 1933 mean to us? Will we profit by our past mistakes and failures, or continue along the same old rut? Will we, with renewed courage and faith in God, forget the past and press forward unto higher ground, confident of God's leading, sure of victory in Him? Phil. 3: 13.

From a deep Christian experience the apostle Paul points us to the "narrow way" that leads to complete success and victory when he says, "looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." The apostle Peter tells us that it is our definite calling to follow His example, for He is our perfect pattern. 1 Pet. 2: 21.

To illustrate this important principle more clearly and to show the need of being "born again," or *beginning again*: A lady saw, in the home of her friend, a beautiful pattern of crochet work, and desired to have one just like it, so her friend lent her the pattern and showed her how to do it, promising to come again the next day to see how she was getting on. Upon returning and examining the work she remarked: "You have the pattern all right, but look here, it is too narrow. While the pattern is here, yet it would mar your finished piece. Do you want to leave it this way?" "No," was the decided reply, "I want it right. I'll unravel it all and *begin again*."

Failed! And tried so hard. Sometimes it seems the harder we try the more we fail. We have promised ourselves and God to do better, to live as He would have us, but looking back over the days, weeks and months of the past year it seems that it has just been one failure and one crushed hope after another. Now does it really pay to try again and will it be worth while to make any more resolutions for the New Year? It seems we might as well stop trying. Yet we do wish we could live a better life and accomplish something which would honor God and be a help to our fellow men. How we long to live a successful and victorious Christian life, to be more efficient in

the blessed soul-saving work. Rom. 7: 14-24.

The new year has begun. Shall we *try again*, just one more? Shall we not unravel our imperfect past and start again, to get a wider model, more like the perfect pattern? (Eph. 4: 12, 13) Yes, it does pay! "Because in hope are we saved." Therefore let us not give up in despair but let us solemnly vow anew as we turn another leaf in the great book of time, that by God's grace we shall be true to principle, true to the message we love so much, true to our high calling in Christ Jesus.

Failure in the past does not necessarily mean failure in the future. Sometimes apparent failure is a blessing in disguise, if we are resolved to make every mistake and failure a stepping stone to greater success. It has been said that it is not a disgrace to fall, but it is a terrible disgrace to make no effort to get up after falling. Isa. 60: 1.

Moses fled to Midian, began again, and became the humblest man to lead the greatest movement on earth. Elijah fled into the wilderness, in utter discouragement, but returned a stronger Christian with a deeper experience. After his disgraceful fall into sin, David arose, started again, and became a man after the heart of God.

The sad experience of the disciples in Gethsemane that dark night, was a stepping stone to higher ground. Peter shamefully denied his beloved Master, but he repented, started again, and made a success. Paul turned "round about" on his way to Damascus and became a mighty power for God, the greatest missionary of all times. But one thing we must remember, that perfection is not gained without persistent struggle; victory is not ours without conflict, and sometimes it comes to us through apparent defeat. 2 Cor. 2: 14.

"Begin the new year with clear purpose, strong resolve, and supreme faith. Concentrate upon essentials. Put your high ideals into actual deeds, and live your largest and noblest life today. Do your work well. The best reward for work well done will be greater work and a larger sphere of usefulness. Phil. 4: 18.

"Educate your mind to love the Bible, to love the prayer meeting, to love the hour of meditation, and above all, the hour when the soul communes

with God. Become heavenly-minded, if you would unite with the heavenly choir in the mansions above. A new year of your life now commences. A new page is turned in the book of the recording angel. What will be the record upon its pages? Shall it be blotted with neglect of God, with unfulfilled duties? God forbid! Let a record be stamped there which you will not be ashamed to have revealed to the gaze of men and angels."

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"It is Wonderful"

IN A letter recently received from Brother B. Silveira, East Brazil Union Publishing Department secretary, he exclaims: "It is wonderful to see the interests our literature is arousing in the Lower Amazon Mission! In Manaus I met a Pentecostal ex-preacher who found the truth through reading our literature and he is now waiting for an opportunity to be baptized. I also was happy for the opportunity of witnessing the baptism of a couple who accepted the truth through reading 'Return of Jesus' sold to them by Brother Gedrath. This new member is a hide merchant in Belem, state of Para."

Then the letter continues saying that "there are places where as many as 120 Sabbath keepers meet weekly. Many of these people owe their knowledge of the truth to the efforts of Brother Andre."

"Coming down from Para I traveled with Brother Andre, who is going to canvass in the state of Maranhao. In Belem, Brother Andre worked with 'Our Day.' He did a splendid work, taking orders for over 400 books. He delivered over 300 of these. Financial conditions were critical in Belem, but Brother Andre continued full of courage. It was interesting to see him walk down the streets of Belem. Everybody knows him and he has such free intercourse with the people. This is as it should be in the experience of every minister of the printed page. Brother Andre is appreciated and respected by all, as far as I could find out."

Colporteur Andre delivered in the city of Belem alone 250 "Hope of the World," besides other books and periodicals, and taking subscriptions for

O Atalaia. Then during the first months of 1932 he delivered over 300 "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy."

We perhaps still remember how many "Practical Guide to Health" were delivered the year that we opened our mission work in Para. It seems that the more books we sell the more the people want to buy, as is also stated in the Spirit of prophecy. God has richly blessed the faithful efforts of our pioneer ministers in the great Amazon territory, and we are yet to see an Amazonian flood of souls for the kingdom of Christ as a result of the printed page, blessed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the later rain in all South America.

J. L. BROWN.

The Power of the Printed Page

"TO EXPLAIN and to confirm the souls in the truth, the literature will do a work incomparably greater, than that which can be done only by the word of the minister."

This excellent quotation confirms itself constantly and we shall relate some of these instances:

We believe and all well know, that the message of the coming of Christ entered Brazil through literature, and the literature continues to have a predominant part in enlightening minds darkened with false doctrines. We have just returned from a trip on which we had the satisfaction of meeting in a nice hermitage whose white walls shone through the green leaves of the trees, with which nature had surrounded it.

It was a very beautiful place at the bank of a small river, running between hills, which are in some parts cultivated and in other parts covered with green grass. When we looked upon these beautiful things of nature, there arose in our mind the question: "When did the advent message come to this place, and who was the man who came to publish the good tidings?"

While I was thinking along this line, an old, gray-haired lady with a smile on her lips, appeared. It was told to me that this is the oldest sister and one of the oldest members. Since 1896 she has believed in the glorious appearing of Christ. She is a pillar of this church. To increase our satisfac-

tion it was told us that a faithful colporteur, in fulfilling his duty, came to this far-away place to proclaim the message.

We could not retain the tears of happiness in realizing the fidelity and the sacrifice of the faithful colporteur pioneer of the printed page. We are really glad with him and feel it a privilege to see the fruits of his endeavor.

Thirty-six years ago the seed was sown in this place and it is germinating until today there is another church with a larger membership just 25 kilometers from here, the result of the faithful work of a colporteur who took the message there.

This colporteur had the privilege of witnessing this same baptism. A member of the family, a girl who had been brought to this decision, worked all day on the farm and in the evenings continued to work cutting straw in order to gain some money to pay for the book which she had ordered from the colporteur.

This proves that the Spirit of God was, is and will be always helping the faithful colporteur until the last soul will be reached with the solemn message of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This being so, let us unite and work earnestly. Let us free from the false doctrines the lost souls of the house of Israel.

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Advances Made in the School Year of 1932

THE school year 1932 is now in the past. It has been a year so full of work and study that we have not had time to stop and appreciate the advancement we have made, but now as we take a few minutes to look back we can see many signs of progress.

Four rooms and a new shower bath have been added to the boys' dormitory; two play lots with equipment have been set apart for the use of the students of the primary department; another small lot has been equipped for basket ball near the boys' dormi-

tory; the hours for games and recreation on these lots are under the direction of the teachers, and we feel that they have been of physical benefit to the students.

Our bakery has nearly doubled its production during this year, and if we had more equipment we could do as much more. We have among our customers some of the best families in Miraflores and Lima. The best stores in Miraflores sell our bread. We believe in the doctrine that "There is a lot of religion in a loaf of good bread." Our dairy has now the largest number and the finest animals it has ever had and our daily production of milk is the greatest it has ever been. The people are becoming acquainted with our animals and are asking for young heifers faster than we can supply them. Just recently we sent a fine young bull to a large *hacienda* near Huacho. Our poultry department has during this year been developed from a few old hens to a flock of over one hundred fine young fowls. Already we are receiving calls for young hens and roosters faster than we can supply them. The carpenter shop has been kept in almost constant service making doors and seats for the new church in Lima. These industries have furnished useful employment to students and at the same time have served to acquaint the people with our work.

For two years we have been doing special work in music here at the college. As a result of the untiring efforts of our music teacher, Mrs. J. T. Thompson, and Mrs. Alberro, the language teacher, together with the co-operation of the students, we have been able to present to the public several programs that would do credit to any secondary school. One new feature of our music department has been our orchestra. It was organized at the beginning of the school year and has made good progress. The part it has taken in the programs and in the religious services has been appreciated by all. Our ministerial band has been especially active in giving programs and helping in near-by Sabbath schools. About four hundred *soles* have been raised by the college towards our Harvest Ingathering goal. This is almost two times as much as we raised last year. Thirteen members are regularly attending the baptismal class, which

is two members more than we had last year.

All of these things help us to realize more fully than ever before that this work is of the Lord, and that there can be no crisis in God's work. Business has its depressions, politics has its revolutions, society may break down, but God's work goes forward.

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True Love for the Message

ON AN Andean plateau, 7,000 feet above sea level, at the foot of the half-extinct volcano Misti, lies the beautiful city of Arequipa. Founded in 1540 by Francisco Pizarro, Arequipa has ever since been important in the history of Peru and especially so in occupying a prominent place as a Catholic stronghold and educational center.

It was in a suburb of this ancient city that a series of gospel meetings was recently held for the public. God blessed the efforts of the workers who were in charge of these meetings. People who for years had known nothing of a loving Saviour and of the winning story of His redeeming love for a lost world, attended these meetings night after night. Among these starved souls was an old lady who, as a token of reverence, kept her head and face closely covered with the black veil used by all devout Catholics in these Latin countries. As she listened to God's word, heavenly light and peace filled her yearning heart. A great longing came to her to do something for the Saviour who had done so much for her.

One day she visited the evangelist and said, "I am going to give you 1,000 soles to help God's work. And when I collect some money that I have loaned out I shall give you 100 soles more." Evangelist Plenc reports that this elderly lady loves the message with all her heart and that her faith in the Lord and His promises is great. She paid in another 100 soles thus making a gift of 1,100 soles to the cause of God.

Now, 1,100 soles may not mean much to those who handle dollars, but every sol is as hard to earn in Peru as a dollar is in the States. Still this old and a great love for the message burn-lady, with new hope for the future

ing in her heart, gave her savings to help God's work at this special time of need. If we all might have the same spirit of sacrifice and devotion for the cause of God, then not only the "widow's mite" would find its way into the Lord's treasury but every true-hearted Adventist would rally as never before to the support of the cause that we all love so dearly.

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The Colporteur Work in the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil

IN THIS time of distress and depression, when men are perplexed on every hand, our colporteurs bring hope and cheer to many sincere souls who are searching for an understanding of the times; searching for spiritual light. The Spirit of prophecy says: "As the rays of the sun penetrate to the remote corners of the globe, so God designs that the light of the gospel shall extend to *every soul* upon the earth." "Our message is to be, 'Lift up the standard, lift it up higher.' Proclaim the third angel's message that it may be heard by *all the world*." "The book work is not to be left to languish. Humble, faithful men are to go out as colporteur evangelists, bearing the truth to those who would otherwise never be enlightened."

Now is the most opportune time for scattering our literature "like the leaves of autumn." We are in the autumn of this old world's history. We must have men of a humble nature, those whom the Lord can mold and prepare for just such a time as this. "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on." Humble men of faith, men of courage, men who persevere under trials with a love for the lost in their hearts, endeavoring to reach them with this saving message—these are the men who have really put the armor on. These are the colporteurs

who have been given the "fitness" to proclaim the message with power. Our colporteur work is the marvel of this twentieth century!

I have been encouraged, my own soul has been watered, as I have worked side by side with the faithful colporteur. The Lord gives success and victory. It is inspiring to note the moving of the Spirit of God upon those whom we approach with our literature. One of my colporteurs was canvassing a zealous Catholic with "Vida de Jesus." The man grew angry and in a loud voice said, "This book is a Protestant book!" The colporteur talked patiently with him and turning the leaves of the book to the picture of the coming of Jesus, said, "The aim of this book is to prepare us to stand in the day of this glorious event." The man's heart was touched. Did he order a book? He ordered *two*.

Canvassing the manager of some granite works, the latter said, "I cannot afford to give you men my order," and then proceeded to show us notes of 25,000\$000 on which he could not collect a dime. We kept talking to him while he continued to think deeply. All at once he took my pen, signed for a book, and invited us to lunch. Not only an order, but lunch for two!

Another colporteur writes: "The Lord has wonderfully blessed my efforts during the week. Have taken 29 combination orders beside 17 others valued at 785\$000. I have worked three years in this country, but this is the best week I have ever had. My companion and I in 24 days have taken orders valued at 5,200\$000. We have 250 names on our list from the city of Rio Preto alone.

A colporteur and I canvassed a certain mayor. "And so you want my name on your list?" he asked. We smiled and answered in the affirmative. He signed for the book and then his secretary and three others also ordered.

We canvassed a tailor with *O Atalaia*. He responded, "I used to be a subscriber, and I like this magazine. Many of my customers also like it. I want to subscribe again." A tailor doing missionary work with our literature! A certain lady without waiting for our canvass, said, "I like the magazine, it is one of the best evangelistic magazines published," and paid for

her subscription. A business man, and director of a prominent club said, "I used to be a subscriber and like the magazine because of its moral worth to my family, especially to my boys and girls." He appreciated greatly our visit.

Another colporteur writes: "Today under a burning sun, with God's help, I was able in eight hours to take 27 orders for *O Atalaia*, twelve of which were in combination." By the end of the week this colporteur had taken 177 orders, 21 of which were combination.

Our plan was to raise the subscription list of *O Atalaia* during the year, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed the efforts of our faithful colporteurs. At the close of the first six months' work, ending in June, we lacked 510 subscriptions of being at the head of the list, but by the close of the month of August we had passed the best field in subscriptions by 158 paid-in-full subscribers. Our goal is to have 3000 by the end of the year.

Our men, who are giving their full time to the selling of our books, are doing well. One colporteur working with "*Vida de Jesus*," during one week of 54 hours took 83 orders. Another with the same book during one day, and that on Sunday, took 30 orders in 47 hours.

Since the month of July our work has been seriously hindered by the revolution which was being fought within the borders of our state. Hundreds of families were made homeless. Our good colporteurs stayed "right on the job" carrying forward the battle of the cross. Now that peace has come, a goodly number of our students from the college are out in the field. Every student is determined, and it is marvelous how they are taking orders for our books. We are looking for a good number of scholarships. Our courage is good and with the Lord's help we shall press the battle to the very gates, and make this year's work the best.

J. M. ZEROETH,
Field Missionary Secretary,
Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Preacher Binds *Atalaia*s

WHILE traveling across the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, I met a number of Methodist missionaries who were on their way to their annual

conference in Passo Fundo. When they learned that I was a missionary and was traveling in the interest of the Publishing Department, several of the ministers became interested, and one said:

"You people do a wonderful work with your literature. It is marvelous how your colporteurs sell books and papers. In the town where I work a lady came to me and said: 'If you want to read something good read this paper.' It was the *Atalaia* printed by your publishing house. And let me tell you that I appreciate that paper. It is the best and only Protestant paper of the kind in Brazil. I am going to subscribe for it because of the fine material it contains. While I was in the home of the pastor of our church in Santa Maria I noticed a large well-bound book on the table. I picked it up, and there was the *Atalaia* of several years saved and bound for permanent use."

We traveled on, and just before we reached Passo Fundo, the destination of these Methodist friends, one came to me and said, "I have a number of Seventh-day Adventist books. I appreciate your literature. There is no book like 'Steps to Christ' for devotional reading. Two of your colporteurs visited our town a short time ago. They seemed to be sincere Christians and good workers. Before they left our town many books had been placed in the homes of the people. It is surprising how your colporteurs can sell so many books during this time of financial distress. In the town we are approaching 700 "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy" have been sold. How they did it at 30\$000 (thirty milreis) each is more than I can understand. Other denominations can't do such work." This gave me an opportunity to explain our work, including the various branches of our organization.

The train stopped, we hastily gave each other the *Brazilian abraço* (bear hug) and parted, my missionary friends for their conference, and I, with new courage, continued my trip to the state of Parana. Seeing that ministers of other denominations appreciate our truth-filled literature and bind our *Atalaia*s for future reference, should make us appreciate more our message and make us more faithful in sowing the seed "beside all waters."

J. L. BROWN.

Gleanings of Progress Throughout the Field

Conducted by N. P. Neilsen

BROTHER J. M. Linares of Arequipa, Peru, writes that five dear people were recently baptized there by Pastor Plenc, and then he adds: "Two of these are already in the colporteur work, one with our large books in Moquegua and the other with *El Atalaya* in Arequipa, and it is good to see and hear their daily experiences. We now have two Sabbath schools here, one in Tingo and the other in Arequipa. We are of good courage, and even though our numbers are small yet if God will help these to spread the truth it will fall as a testimony to others."

ON SABBATH, November 19, forty-seven people were baptized by Pastor P. M. Brouchy in our beautiful new building which has just been completed in Buenos Aires. It was an impressive service, and the church was filled to capacity. It seems very fitting that the first Sabbath service held in this new, commodious church building, should be celebrated by having so many earnest souls follow their Saviour into the watery grave. God grant that they may all remain faithful to their Master!

It is with much pleasure that we can communicate to our dear people of the Northeast Brazil Mission the good news that our Harvest Ingathering thermometer exploded. Our goal was eleven *contos de reis*; but we reached about twelve *contos de reis*, and we are still waiting for reports from different groups and churches. . . . The Adventist people is a people with faith and courage. The Adventist people is a good people; after all, it is the best people in the world. May God recompense each one according to the zeal and fervor which he manifested in the sacred harvest field of the Master.—G. S. Storch in *Boletim Nordeste*.

BROTHER H. G. Stoehr, superintendent of the Santa Catharina-Parana Mission, wrote as follows: "I was never of better courage in this field than now. God is blessing us in a wonderful way, although we have had great

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battles, we have seen His mighty hand over us. In spite of the crisis and the revolution, the months of July and August were good months in the sale of our books as well as in our tithe and offerings for missions. At the close of August our tithes showed an increase of more than 10:000\$000 over that of last year, while our offerings showed an increase of about 5:000\$000. Thus we can see how the Lord cares for His work."

BROTHER R. R. Breitigam, secretary of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Department of the South American Division, recently spent some time visiting the different parts of the Inca Union Mission. Writing about some of the impressions which came to him as he saw the progress the cause is making, he says: "While in the Peru Mission I had the privilege of making a trip to our Indian work on the Perene, where Brother William Schaeffler is working, and I can say without reserve, that I have never made a visit to any part of South America which I enjoyed more. The Lord has surely done a wonderful work there, which not only appears wonderful to us, but to all who see it."

WRITING from Valdivia, Chile, Brother Luis A. Griott gives us some encouraging words regarding the interests which are found in the different parts of that field. He says: "At Nanculen we have a fine group of twenty-two persons who are keeping the Sabbath, twelve of whom are

ready for baptism. This group was won to the truth through the curiosity of one of them who had seen a Bible in the home of one of his relatives. He could see that it was a good book and it was not long before he, together with his family, commenced to keep the Sabbath which the Bible enjoins. Recently I was at this place for six days and we had a good attendance at our meetings. Now we have thirty interested ones who desire to study the message more fully. We have a good attendance here in Valdivia and we will soon have a good baptism. There is a fine group for baptism, at Pichi-Ropulli, also at Los Lagos we have a small group recently organized into a Sabbath school of eight persons and one other family interested. I expect the Lord will give us a good harvest of souls for His kingdom this year."

PASTOR K. Kaltenhauser, who is working among the German people in the state of Espirito Santo, Brazil, writes that his district is so large and that he finds so much to do, that with all his best efforts he is unable to accomplish all that should be done. He then gives us the following encouraging experiences:

"We spent ten days in the church at Manteiga and visited every family, also conducted meetings in the evenings, and then on Sabbath, May 17, had a baptism of seventeen persons. After that I was privileged to visit Theophilo Ottoni, to baptize thirteen in S. Jacintho and thirty-two in Liberdade. The whole journey occupied thirty seven days. In these places I had been alone, but upon my return we had a young people's convention at which Brethren Murray, Hardt and Streithorst were also present. On Sabbath, August 20, I had a baptism of thirteen here. The Lord in His great love will keep all these dear people faithful, that they may not be influenced in any way by any wrong example, but be filled more and more with the Holy Ghost."

BROTHER Juan Meier has written to Brother R. R. Breitigam, sending the following report of his work: "We are working hard here in the interior of the state of Bahia. Three weeks ago we began a series of public meetings. My wife is here with me but she will return to our permanent place of resi-

dent, Jequie, some twenty leagues from here. This trip has to be made by truck over quite disagreeable roads. This is a completely new place, so we are breaking hard ground and sowing the precious seed in the hope that the Lord will make it bring forth fruit. The circumstances in these desolate regions are quite disagreeable, but we are always of good courage. My wife and I, as well as our children, are enjoying good health."

Division News Notes

THE Division office welcomed as one of its guests Brother L. D. Minner, superintendent of the Inca Union Mission, who spent several days at this office before leaving for Lima, on his return from the Division Council held at Santo Amaro, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

AFTER a spell of quiet, the office again hums with busy activity. All of the officers have returned from the Division Council, held in Brazil, and are now attending the Austral Union Council here in Buenos Aires.

WE ARE very happy to have with us Elders O. Montgomery and J. A. P. Green, who are making the round of the unions. Elder Montgomery is giving splendid help in the workers' meetings, and Brother Green, together with Brother J. L. Brown, is carrying on active and inspiring publishing conventions. All of these brethren will continue their journey after a short stay here, to spend some time also in the Inca Union Mission.

A PLEASANT New Year's surprise was accorded one of the members of our family upon the arrival of her mother. Mrs. Otto Keppke, wife of our Portuguese translator, welcomed her mother the last day of 1932, for an extended visit.

A RECENT occasion for a social evening was the gathering of the Division family to wish one of its workers Godspeed on his return to his home. Brother H. V. Espino, our Spanish translator, left in company with Brother Minner for Lima. He will take up work in the Inca Union after a short period of rest.

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