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It Depends Upon Our Viewpoint

Nor long ago I went up into the state of Misiones, together with a young worker who had been brought up on the wide *pampas* of Argentina. He was unaccustomed to the hill country, having always lived on the plains where for many, many miles the country is almost as level as a barn floor. When we came to the low hills and valleys of Misiones with its rivers and brooks, he began to express his surprise and admiration at the "high hills and deep valleys" which we had to cross. As we went on his exclamations became more profuse, and he became almost enchanted with the view as it spread out before him. He had not seen anything like it before, and to him the hills were *high* as compared with the level plains where he had always lived.

But to me it was different. A few days before this I had come from my trip across the mighty Andes where many of the lofty peaks tower more than twenty thousand feet skyward. I had but recently passed along by the side of precipices where a person could look down, down, hundreds and it seemed thousands of feet into the abyss below. I had passed along on the mountain sides, where a mis-step might hurl a person down to destruction and where the steep mountains would tower thousands of feet above us. So to me the hills of Misiones seemed so very low that I could but smile as my brother would burst out in exclamations of wonderment. Finally I said to him, "To me these hills seem low and the country almost level." But he could not

understand that, and I preferred to let him enjoy the scenery to his heart's content.

After all, then, it becomes a matter of comparison and it depends upon our viewpoint as to how a matter may appeal to us. A mountain peak may appear quite different to us, depending upon the point from which we view it. Even our eyes may deceive us. When going up a grade toward a high mountain, it may actually appear to us as if we were going down grade. Many a traveler has been surprised to find that, when looking toward the mountain, the water appeared to be running uphill, although it was running away from the mountain.

So it is in our experience. Each one has his burdens to bear; each one his trials and struggles in life. To some these burdens may seem so heavy that they are almost crushed beneath the load; to others the same trials may seem but light. Much depends upon our viewpoint and our comparison.

In these times of world depression and financial crisis, many are finding their load too heavy to carry, and seeing no relief, they try to end their struggles by taking their own lives. Fearful is the record of these times. Many become discouraged with their outlook and do as George Eastman, of the kodak fame, is reported to have done: "What's the use," said he, and then ended his life.

Dictator Hitler of Germany said in his speech the other day, as reported

to the world: "Since the treaty of Versailles the German people have experienced a political and economic misery of the extent of which the rest of the world has no conception. The subsistence of millions has been destroyed, entire professions have been ruined, an enormous army of unemployed has been created. It is a dreadful misery, the extent and profundity of which I want to convey to the understanding of the outer world by one single figure. Since the signature of the treaty which was destined to lay the foundation for better times for all peoples, 224,900 persons have committed suicide in our nation—men, women, aged people, and children—almost exclusively out of misery."

Think of that vast army of people who have taken their own lives! Something must have been the matter. Something was wrong. They became discouraged. They lost their balance. Their viewpoint of life was wrong; their comparison was faulty. If their outlook upon life could have been changed they might have been alive today. Had they but placed themselves in the hands of God and permitted Him to work out their problems for them, the results would have been different. They needed an *uplook* toward God instead of their dark outlook on life, and this would have changed their condition, for much depends upon our viewpoint.

Paul knew what it was to suffer affliction for the truth's sake. He knew what it meant to suffer hunger and to be cold. He passed through many trials and difficulties. He says: "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I

beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." 2 Cor. 11: 24-27.

But he did not permit these things to discourage him. No, he looked forward to the reward. He looked at these things from the eternal and not from the human viewpoint. That made the great difference. Boldly could he say, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus." Acts 20: 24.

In making his comparison between the trials through which he passed; and the glory that awaited him, he found the difference so great that there could scarcely be any comparison. His sufferings were as nothing—they sank into insignificance before him, and were not worthy to be mentioned. He says: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

This was his viewpoint and this his comparison of all the afflictions which he was called upon to endure. Others would have called them heavy, terrible, unendurable, and unjust; but Paul's viewpoint was so different. He calls them *light* and "*but for a moment*." He declares: "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Cor. 4: 17.

The apostle John was on the lonely isle of Patmos, banished for the word of God and for the truth which he had proclaimed. Doubtless he would often go down to the rocky ocean shore and look across the waters toward the churches which he had left behind. Then a feeling of loneliness would steal over him and he would long to be with his own again. One Sabbath morning as he was thus sitting, meditating and looking across the deep blue waters, he was doubt-

less thinking of the Sabbath services in the churches so far away, and wished that he might be there to mingle his voice with others in holy worship to God. He longed to join



Farewell

HAVING had a part in the work in the fields comprising the Austral Union in its early history, and knowing something of the lack of facilities of workers and of means in those pioneer days, it has been a great pleasure for Mrs. Town and myself to return again for even a short term of service. Our hearts have been greatly cheered as we have seen how wonderfully the Lord has blessed and how the work has developed in the different departments.

When we arrived in Buenos Aires in 1930 we did not have in mind that we would return so soon but, owing to health reasons, we have asked to be released from the work here and will soon be taking our departure for the States. We plan to sail from Buenos Aires for New York June 3.

We have enjoyed very much our association with the workers in this union during the two and a half years we have been here, and have also appreciated very much their loyal cooperation and support. We thank the Lord for the degree of prosperity He has given us during this time. As the *Revista Adventista* reaches us from month to month, we shall read with special interest the reports of progress in these different fields and we shall pray that the Lord may continue to bless and prosper His work in the Austral Union. We feel sure that Brother Murray, who takes the presidency on our departure, will give this union strong leadership. We are also sure that he will have the same hearty cooperation that has been given to the writer. Well, it remains for us only to say "adios" to our dear friends and colaborers in the Austral Union.

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in the songs of praise that he knew were ascending to the throne above. He earnestly desired to be there.

But God had something better for him that Sabbath morning. The heav-

ens were opened to his view, and he saw the hosts of the redeemed in the city above. He heard the songs of praise from the unnumbered throng around the throne of the Eternal One. He looked and beheld the city of God in all its glory. He saw there the river of life, clear as crystal, that flows from the throne of God. He saw the wonderful tree of life yielding its fruit every month. He saw there the streets of gold and the jasper wall with its pearly gates. He saw the foundations of that wall garnished with all manner of precious stones. He looked and saw the name of Peter engraved upon one of the foundation stones. He looked again, and behold, there were the names of James and Andrew and Matthew inscribed as with letters of gold. Once more he gazed and lo, there was his own name so plainly engraved upon the wall—he saw it, and he was satisfied.

What now did it matter to him that his name was on the blacklist of Rome, when he saw it inscribed on the foundation stone of the Eternal City? What now did it matter to him that he was banished to that lonely isle when he could see the city of God in all its splendor, and could hear the song of the redeemed floating down to him from the courts above? He had seen a better world and this present one had lost all attractions for him. Its charms were gone. To him all the sufferings which he had endured were as nothing when compared with the glory that was revealed to him and would be his if he were faithful. He had seen, and he was fully satisfied. His trials were as nothing to him.

Some people grumble and complain because they do not have all the luxuries that they were accustomed to during more prosperous days, while others would be very happy could they have but one-half of that amount to use. Some who are well and strong complain if they must *walk* a mile or so to attend the meetings while others would gladly *walk* ten times that far could they but have the privilege of attending. Some are greatly dissatisfied if they are required to sleep on a springless bed, but Paul and Silas could sing hymns of praise to God while lying with their lacerated backs on the hard stone floor with their feet in the stocks in the inner prison.

Some become impatient and find fault when small troubles cross their pathway, while others will cheerfully bear up under much heavier trials. What makes the difference? It is the viewpoint from which we measure these things.

In these days of financial crisis we may need to adjust ourselves to a different standard of living.

These are days of world trouble, when "men's hearts are failing them for fear" and we need an anchor for the soul. When the world is looking down in discouragement we are to look up and lift up our heads. When others see nothing but destruction and chaos before them, we are to view matters from the mountain-peak of God's promises, and get a correct perspective of the meaning of these things. We are to look beyond the smoke and battlefields of earth and see the land of the blest, the home where changes never come. We are to look for the coming of the Lord and the redemption of the faithful ones.

"We must have a vision of the future and of the blessedness of heaven. Stand on the threshold of eternity, and hear the gracious welcome given to those who in this life have cooperated with Christ, regarding it as a privilege and an honor to suffer for His sake. . . . Look up, look up, and let your faith continually increase. Let this faith guide you along the narrow path that leads through the gates of the city of God into the great beyond, the great, unbounded future of glory that is for the redeemed."—*Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White,* pp. 231-236.

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THERE was once a poor woman who did proofreading work to support herself and child. Her eyesight began failing, and she went to a specialist to get help. The specialist asked what kind of scenery she could see from her office window. Her first reply was that there were just houses and people to be seen; but on second thought she remembered that there were mountains in the distance. The specialist then told her that she could resume her work if she spent ten minutes of each hour looking up at the mountains. Her eye-strain came from looking down all the time. The *up-look* was needed.

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Witnessing for Christ

AFTER living many years in sin, Damiana da Conceicao accepted Christ, and a radical change was brought about in her life. Before she would become drunk, and caused many a disturbance in the streets of Ribeirao Preto. She also smoked and had many other vices. More than once she was taken to jail because of her bad deportment.

One day, Belisaria da Carvalho, an old Seventh-day Adventist sister who observed that every Sabbath after-



Sister Damiana da Conceicao whose reclining years were a powerful witness to the reclaiming power of the Gospel

noon Damiana passed by her house with a bottle to go buy *pinga*,—a very harmful drink,—called her and counselled her not to get drunk any more. The following Sabbath our sister tried another method. She called Damiana, when she was passing, and entertained her until the stores were closed and Damiana could not purchase her *pinga*. She did this for a number of Sabbaths, until finally Damiana gave up the habit of drinking, and became accustomed to go each Sabbath to this home to hear about Christ. Being old, and having her brain benumbed by alcohol, the truth penetrated her heart very slowly but when it finally pene-

trated it took root and produced much fruit.

Even though she could not in her own words explain to others all the truth, she did not fail to tell the little that her mind retained. She did not know how to read or write, but when it was necessary she would walk more than ten city blocks to get somebody to teach her the Sabbath school lesson. It is true that it took the whole week for her to learn just the title and the memory verse, but she never became discouraged and each Sabbath when the superintendent of the school asked somebody to recite the verse, if nobody else got up she recited it. Many times there were words that were difficult for her to pronounce, but she would repeat them until she learned them.

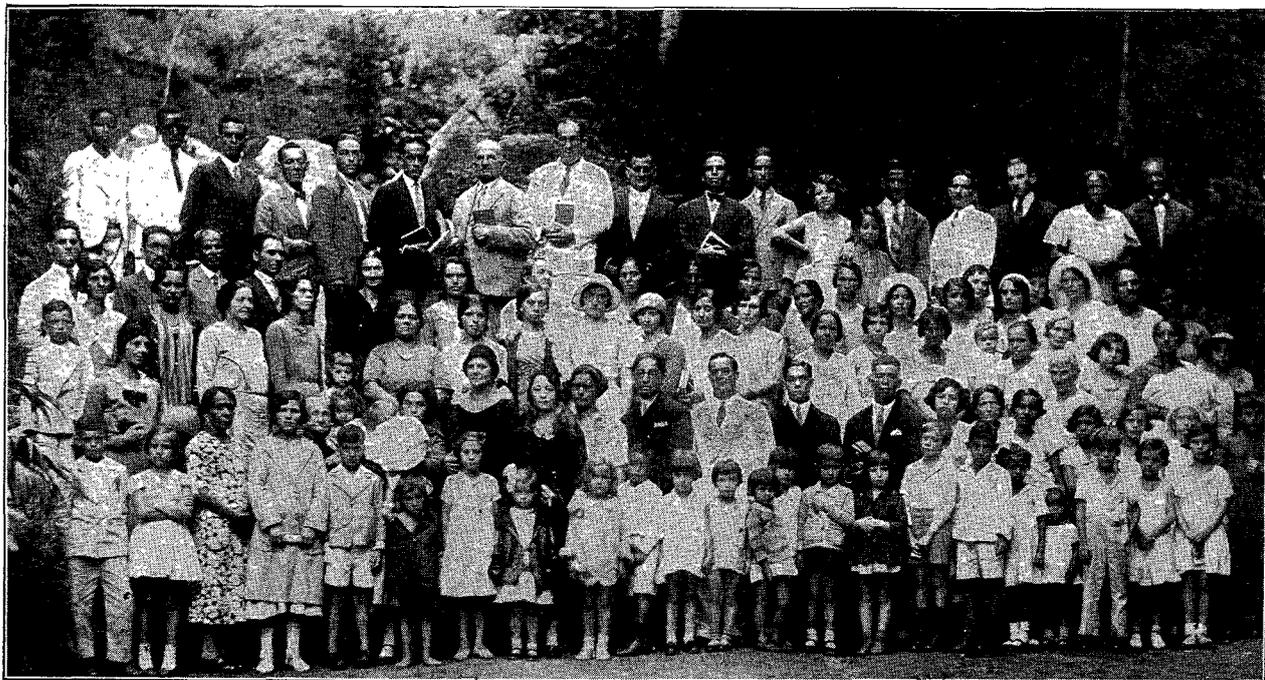
In the Harvest Ingathering her name was not the last on the list of the amounts raised, but to the contrary she always solicited much more than other persons of more capacity. She took part in the Big Week, and in all of the activities of the church. She never arrived late at any meeting, and only sickness prevented her from attending all services.

If Damiana was known formerly for her dissolute life, now rich and poor knew her for her missionary zeal. Her color, poverty, ignorance and age were in no way an obstacle to her in carrying to her acquaintances the present truth. Much more, however, than the tracts, books and *Atalaias* that she distributed, her regenerated life gave witness of the power that there is in the blood of Christ.

After her new birth Damiana lived about nine years, and on April 22, on her knees in prayer to her God, she rested from the struggles of this life, in the hope of the resurrection on the glorious day of the return of Christ. The church of Ribeirao Preto feels the loss of this sister, who served as a stimulus to so many of its members, but it does not weep as those who have no hope.

May the example of Damiana serve as an incentive to us to improve all of our opportunities of doing missionary work! Let us not excuse ourselves because of our lack of ability, because we do not know how to speak, or because we are poor, for even these things the Lord can utilize to advance His cause.

EVANGELINA PAULA-MEIER.



Members and interested people of the church in Petropolis, state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Missionary Work with the Morning Watch Calendar

SOME time ago I received a letter from an active Missionary Volunteer in which he tells something about his experience in using the Morning Watch calendar as a means of doing missionary work.

"As a Missionary Volunteer I am of good courage, for yesterday when I spoke with a lady about the text of the Morning Watch as given for February 8, I saw that tears appeared in her eyes. I emphasized the words: 'For to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.'

"When I had finished my explanations, the lady asked: 'What is the price of this calendar?' Then she ordered a copy. Now I know that by means of the Morning Watch good missionary work can be done.

"Brother Ruf, the first effort I put forth with the Morning Watch calendar was successful, for the lady of whom I am speaking became very much impressed with the text and she asked that my wife and I visit her from time to time. The way is open. Sister White has told us that they are as little keys which open the doors to put forth greater efforts. This year I want to put in the hands of the peo-

ple fifty Morning Watch calendars, and I am sure that in the next year there will be many observers of the Morning Watch."

What this brother did in the distribution of these good booklets, other Misisonary Volunteers can also do. Let us follow his good example.

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Reaping the First Fruits in Petropolis, Brazil

ON OCTOBER 4 of last year Pastor Luiz Braun and the undersigned began a public effort in the beautiful city of Petropolis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A cinema with capacity for 500 persons was the place we used for this purpose during two months, holding five meetings a week. There were nights in which the attendance reached 700.

When we went to that city there was a Sabbath school with an average

attendance of six persons. At the present time there are sixty persons attending the school.

It was the happy privilege of the writer to baptize on Sabbath, February 25, the first fruits of this effort. The baptism was held in one of the beauty spots of Petropolis. Seven persons took this step in behalf of the truth. The service, carried on with simplicity and solemnity, greatly impressed those present.

Pastor Braun remains alone in Petropolis and the undersigned goes to the city of Carangola, Minas, to help Brother D. Barbosa in a series of meetings. The work in Petropolis is promising. The Bible worker, Sister Isaura Peixoto, has her hands full of work. These two workers in Petropolis need the prayers of the readers of this note. I think that Brother Braun plans to baptize about twenty believers at the end of April. These are already keeping the Sabbath. Some of our brethren who had backslidden or become indifferent, returned to the fold as a result of the meetings and now join the ranks of God's people on the side of the truth. May the Lord receive the honor!

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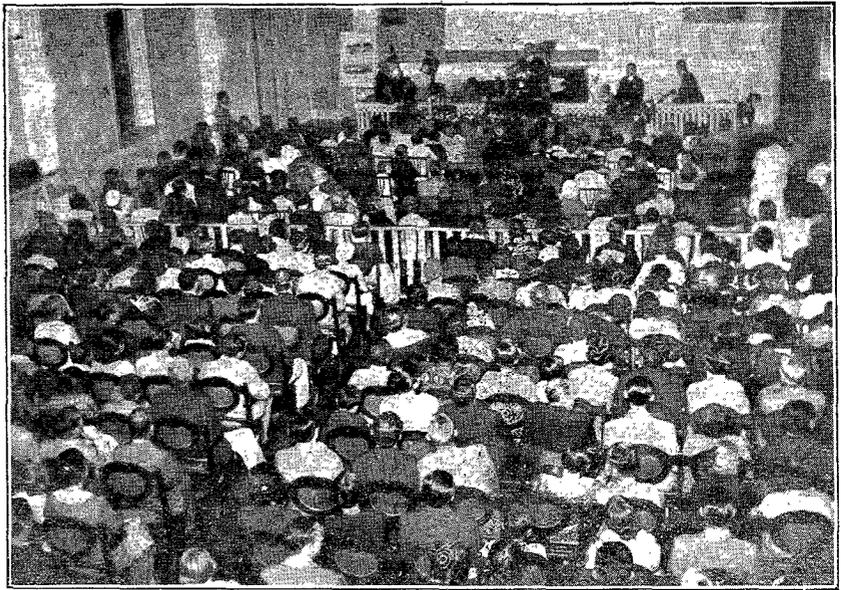
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Experiences from Huacho, Peru

SOME two or three years ago a man who had come from the mountains of the interior a distance of three days' journey on muleback, bringing with him his 15 year old daughter, knocked on the mission door here in Huacho. After a short conversation we found that although he himself was not a member of our church, he sympathized with our belief and wished to leave his daughter with us, in order to learn more about the Bible, as well as advance in history, grammar, Spanish, and learn how to take care of a house. We arranged a place for Ricardina, who proved to be an exceedingly bright and quick worker as well as an ardent believer. After remaining with us some ten months, her father came to a neighboring town and sent for her to return to her home in the cordillera, as he had his doubts and fears as to what she might be learning.

It so happened that my wife and I were obliged to make a trip in those days and she could be spared for some weeks. She returned to her mountain home, and, of course, we



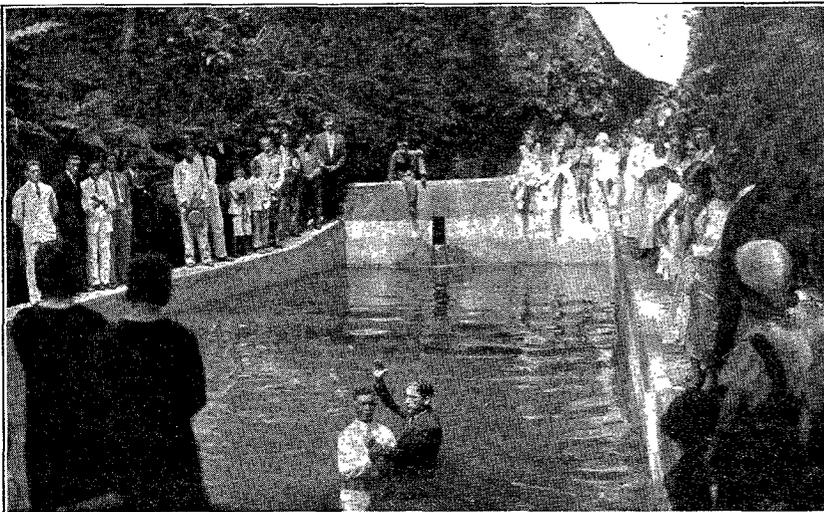
Attendance at the public meetings held in the city of Petropolis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

never expected to see her again. After a few months we received a letter saying that she could not come because it was the rainy season in the sierras, and traveling is very difficult. However, one day she came to the mission, although the rains in the mountains had not ceased, and wanted to work with us again. But during her absence we had employed another helper. This girl, upon the return of Ricardina, immediately got sick and was obliged to return to her nearby home and Ricardina remained.

She told us later that her father was a bad man and did not treat her very well, so she decided to leave her home for good. Accompanied by another girl a little older, after feigning to go to bed about 9 o'clock in the evening, she set out for our house, in order to continue her studies and learn more about the true God and be in a Christian home. The two girls unaccompanied walked all night for two or three nights, sleeping during the day and protecting themselves as best they could from the intense cold which reigns at such heights, until they could get in touch with civilization and take a truck to a nearby village and thus arrive in Huacho. She was nearly worn out, but being in the place desired, she soon recovered.

We told Ricardina that our time to leave would arrive in a year and she should save her scant earnings in order to be ready for us to take her to our school in Lima, when we left. This she did, and with a little help financially and working part of the time, she has been accepted by the director of the school and from the beginning of the school year of 1933 she has been steadily at work studying to continue her education and working in the meantime, that she too may be a blessing to others.

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 Huacho, Peru.



Baptismal scene in connection with the public meetings held at Petropolis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

WHEN the day's work is over, it is our custom to go to the front door and watch the passerby as he goes on his homeward journey and try to imagine what his thoughts and problems might be, how he could be helped and, also, to refresh our tired and weary frames before dismissing the day with thanksgiving to the Eternal Father.

At such an hour Mrs. Dennis went one evening to the door of the mission and found a man, his wife and three children waiting. She asked them if they had knocked on the door and if they wanted to come in, and they said while they had not knocked, they did want to enter and arrange for their children to study with us. Later they told us that they had known of our work for a very long time and had come to our place many times during the past six months, but each time on arriving they had said to one another, "you knock," but each one was afraid to do so far some reason, until they were surprised by the sudden opening of the door when they were obliged to confess their errand and enter.

Formerly they had imagined we were devils, (according to the popular belief where the Gospel is new), and that on receiving a new member we took a large knife and cut the candidates' arm, making him sign a paper with his own blood, of fealty to the cause, and that we had a large machine which hugged people until they accepted our belief, and other tales of like nature circulated among the people when we first entered the field. This family said that all such reports had ceased to make any impression on their minds and that they wished their children to learn English, and if they learned the Gospel as well, they would be contented.

For two years the young people came to our home and scarcely missed a day, becoming very proficient in their studies. Upon learning that our period of service was about to expire, they were very sad until we told them they might continue their studies in our school at Lima, Peru. So they began to make arrangements to go. As they represented the first fruits among the better class of young people of the city, it was somewhat difficult for them to break off their social relations and attend an evan-

gelical school. However, they made a trip with the writer to visit our school and were so deeply impressed that they returned to publish the good news and prepare for their attendance during 1933. In the meantime their father received a raise in salary unexpectedly, so in spite of the hard times and his large family—six growing children—he was able to meet the expenses and we left them all happy and ready to start off on time for the school year. A. R. D.

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Notes from the Austral Union

THE secretary treasurer of the Chile Conference, J. A. Ayvazian, sends the following good word from that field:

"When we closed our books for March we found that our tithe had reached the sum of 21,103.00 pesos for the month of March. As the Bible tells us that 'a good report maketh the bones fat,' I am sending on this word. For the first quarter of the new year our tithe amounted to 41,000.00 pesos, which means a gain of more than 6,000 pesos over what we had estimated in our budget for the quarter."

G. E. Emmenegger, who has been spending some weeks in Chile, also writes:

"Tonight, May 5, the new church in Recoleta will be dedicated. It has a roof and a floor, but the walls are unplastered, there is no ceiling and as yet it has only doors at the front. The brethren have a task before them to finish the building. On Sabbath, April 22, twenty-one persons were baptized in the Porvenir church, six of these are from that church, twelve from the Recoleta, two from the Alameda and one from outside the city."

ON THE 25th of April Miss Otilia Peverini left Buenos Aires by the international train to connect with the treatment rooms in Chile. Brother Emmenegger writes: "Miss Peverini began work the first morning after she arrived in Santiago, didn't

have time even to get her trunk from the station in which was her uniform. The people here appreciate her services very much and she is happy and contented."

URUGUAY

From *El Herald* we take the following interesting news regarding the work in Montevideo: "With the arrival of Pastor Samuel Weber and family the activities of the church in Montevideo are taking on new life. The attendance of the Sabbath meetings is increasing and we thank God for the splendid cooperation that Brother Weber is having from all the members of the church. They all seem to be contented and happy and ready to do their part in cooperating in evangelizing this city.

"As we said there is a larger attendance at the meetings than formerly. Some Sabbaths there have been so many that there were not sufficient seats for all. This is a good sign and we feel sure that this will not be a temporary enthusiasm, but that the brethren will continue to manifest this helpful spirit.

"Definite plans are being made to enlist the missionary activities of the church in a way that will produce fruit. The church is divided into groups and we may look for good results from the united efforts of the lay members, the church officials, the pastor and the Bible workers.

"At present we are seeking diligently for a new meeting hall. The section of the city where we are now is not the best, and we feel the necessity of changing not only from this section of the city but also to a more suitable building. We do not know when we may be able to do this, but it is possible that we will soon be leaving Arenal Grande. We are also making efforts to sell the property we now have and secure a building lot in a more convenient section, and when we have the means, to erect a simple building, but one that will meet our needs and be an honor to the cause which we represent.

"As this is the year in which the Uruguay Mission receives the portion of the Harvest Ingathering which is dedicated each year to church buildings, we have started a building fund for a church in Montevideo. Our church members in this city have worked earnestly and have gathered

130.00 *pesos* more this year than last in the Harvest Ingathering. Up to date the amount gathered is 530.00 *pesos*. We are also thankful for the efforts made by the brethren in other churches. They have cooperated loyally that Montevideo, the capital of the Republic, might have a place suitable for the presentation of the truth."

RIVERA

"On Sabbath, April 8, this church had the pleasure of receiving six new members who were baptized the same day by Pastor Weber. This church is gradually growing in number and we expect that with God's blessing we may continue to make progress in our missionary endeavors.

"The members of this church are cooperating faithfully with Brother Pidoux, the worker located there, and as a result, believers are begin brought into the truth. Brother Pidoux is working earnestly and his meetings are well attended.

"With the help of Pastor Weber, who made a short visit to Rivera to baptize the new believers, we spent sometime in the Harvest Ingathering, and by the blessing of God we were able to gather 20.00 *pesos* more this year than last, the total being 84.05 *pesos* Uruguay.

THE COLPORTEUR WORK

"C. A. Ferri, (Field Missionary secretary) writes as follows: "The Publishing Department of the Uruguay Mission is to be congratulated on having two such loyal supporters as Samuel C. Weber, pastor of the church in Montevideo, and Daniel Weiss, secretary treasurer of the mission. Both these brethren are enthusiastic supporters of this department of the work and have hopes that the work in this department will have a prosperous year.

"The few colporteurs we have in this mission are pushing forward with new courage and are cooperating loyally with the colporteur director in carrying forward the work of giving the message to the thousands in this field."

PAYSANDU

"The work is prospering in Paysandu. Brother Peverini is working very earnestly. The number of interested ones who attend the meetings is larger at times than there are church members. Brother Peverini has the

hearty cooperation of the church officials. They attend all the meetings and are working faithfully. We may expect that a goodly number will be baptized and join the church in Paysandu at the end of the year."

COLPORTEUR WORK IN CHILE

Jose Viñolo, secretary of the Publishing Department of the Austral Union, has recently spent several weeks assisting Pablo Wensell in the colporteur work in Chile. Concerning the work in that field, Brother Viñolo writes:

"Brother Wensell and I have just made a trip through south Chile, where we spent some time with each colporteur in that part of the field. We visited all the important cities and towns. We have just arrived in Santiago again and are very pleased with the good impression which we received from the places we have visited.

"The central and southern parts of Chile are very prosperous. One sees or hears very little of the crisis. Money circulates in abundance and the trains, of which there are many running in this part of Chile, are always crowded with people. Although the farmers cultivate their fields in a very primitive manner, they are able to live very comfortably. They have had a good harvest and receive a good price for their products. "The governments employees as well as employees of private concerns, periodically receive an increase in salary. During these days their salaries have been raised from 10 to 12 per cent. The merchants who deal in the products of the country are doing a good business while those who deal in imported products are facing a difficult situation. The day laborer is the one who is feeling the burden of the crisis. He finds work, there is little idleness, but the wage is small and the prices they have to pay for the necessities of life are out of proportion to what they receive. We found the people very hospitable and agreeable, ready to buy our books. At present sixteen colporteurs are at work and every one is a missionary. They all carry a Bible with them and as soon as they find a person who shows interest, they give them a Bible study, and there is no lack of interest. The Chileans are a people who are inclined to spiritual things.

"There is a good outlook for the colporteur work in Chile. The better and middle classes, farmers, public employees, factory workers, merchants and professional men can buy our large books and are willing to buy. As soon as our colporteurs receive the necessary training to reach this class of people they will be able to duplicate their sales.

"Brother Wensell is very much encouraged and is expecting great things. The other week in three days, working with one of the colporteurs, they took thirty-one orders for 'Home Physician' a total value of 2500 Chile *pesos*. He expects to deliver at least 90 percent of the orders. At present he is making an effort to secure ten additional colporteurs besides training those he already has. I believe the Lord will do great things through this company of consecrated workers."

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What is the Reason?

VERY often we hear people talk of the present critical situation in which we find ourselves and of the difficult financial situation especially in the rural districts. Our brethren complain of the misery that exists, of the very low prices they receive for their products and especially of the disastrous results of the locusts.

One cannot earn as much as formerly and because of this, more than one thinks that he is losing heavily. And the question arises, "How can I pay tithe? We hardly earn enough to buy our food, therefore we do not need to pay tithe. There has been no harvest, there will be little this year, almost nothing, and it is therefore impossible to fulfil the instruction regarding tithing."

It is true, brethren, that the situation is difficult, that things are not as they were formerly, that one cannot earn as much, that we have to economize more; but at the same time we are obliged to do these things which for many are real blessings. We should ask ourselves with all sincerity, "Is it really because of the difficult financial situation that we cannot pay our tithe, or is this only an excuse?"

I am fully convinced, brethren, that if we suffer so much from the crisis, and if we are not enjoying the full blessing of God, the reason is that we are not faithful in paying our tithe.

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God's promises are sure in their fulfillment, and it is impossible that we should suffer because we are faithful in what the Lord asks of us. He says: "Prove me now herewith." We should prove God, not for the purpose of becoming rich ourselves, but for the purpose of using the blessings which He gives in helping others. He says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Can we sincerely ask God for His blessings when we know that we are not faithful to Him, that we are not doing His will? The tithe is not only to be paid on big sums from the sale of our harvest, etc., but also on the little sums which we sometimes think unimportant. Investigate the matter, brethren. Is it really true that we do not bring our tithe because conditions are bad and things are not going well with us; or are things going bad with us, and are we failing to receive the blessings of God, because we do not pay tithe? As members of the church we should give our money in sustaining the work of God and especially in this time when we are so near the end.

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"IF CHRIST be in full possession of our hearts, it will not be long before we are doing in our poor way some of the beautiful things He would do if He were here Himself in bodily form."—*Thomas Cook*.

Gleanings of Progress Throughout the Field

Conducted by N. P. Neilsen

THERE were 215 persons baptized in the South Brazil Union during the first quarter of this year, as compared with 129 last year.

THE value of books delivered in the East Brazil Union Mission for the first quarter of this year shows an increase of 3:644\$100 (\$364.44) over the same period of last year.

PASTOR H. G. Stoechr writes that about 140 persons were baptized in the Santa Catharina-Parana Mission during the first four months of 1933.

THE number of *O Atalaia* magazines sold by the Brazil publishing house for the first three months of this year, shows an increase of 6,751 copies over that of last year.

ELEVEN persons were baptized in Campos, and ten in Tenares, by Pastor Germano Streithorst, superintendent of the Rio-Espirito Santo Mission, East Brazil.

SIX persons were baptized by Pastor S. C. Weber at Rivera, Uruguay, as the result of the work of Brother Marcelo Pidoux. May the Lord bless these new members!

BROTHER Hector Peverini is holding an evangelistic effort in the Guichon, Uruguay church with an excellent attendance. The members of the church are assisting him and good results are expected.

PASTOR A. E. Hagen, of the large Sao Paulo church, began holding an evangelistic effort in the *Circolo Italiano* hall in the city of Sao Paulo, and his meetings are being well attended.

PASTOR F. R. Kuempel, working in Castro, Parana, Brazil, writes that they have had two more baptisms there, bringing the number of new members up to sixty-two, with three Sabbath schools organized.

UNDER date of May 8, Pastor G. S. Storch, superintendent of the Northeast Mission, Brazil, writes: "We are

holding a series of meetings here in Recife, and our attendance has exceeded our expectation. We have good hope of having a good harvest of souls here. Brother Oscar Castellani is assisting me."

THE tithes of the South Brazil Union Conference for the first quarter of this year show an increase of 4:863\$400 over last year, and the mission offerings an increase of 3:697\$100. In these times of world depression we are thankful for even small increases, rather than decreases.

BROTHER Jose dos Passos, our evangelist in Bahia, Brazil, reports that there is a group of fifteen persons at Lagarto, Sergipe, who are interested in the truth through our colporteur work. He expected to go there and prepare them for baptism. Thus we have another evidence that our colporteur work does bring people into the truth.

THE total number of copies of *El Atalaya*, our Spanish magazine, sold by our Casa Editora Sudamericana for the first four months of this year were 106,586. They, if the pages could be placed end to end, would form a line 370 miles long, giving the message for this time through this means. Thus through this avenue alone the message is reaching thousands and thousands of people in these Spanish-speaking countries of South America.

UNDER date of May 19, Pastor Walter Schubert, president of the Central Argentine Conference, writes: "I see many possibilities for the advancement of the work in this conference. Wherever I go, I find that we could win hundreds and hundreds of people, if we only had some workers which we could place where the people are truly hungering for the truth. I feel sure that this year we will double the number of baptisms of last year. Beginning with next month I am going to hold three public efforts; in Rosario, Santa Fe and in Parana. With the help of God we wish to win one hundred members in these three cities by the end of the year. I know that these three months will be hard on me; but I have confidence in the Lord that He will grant me good health to do this."