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The Business of the Church

THE story is told of a certain very earnest gospel worker, who one day met a fashionable lady, and although a stranger, he spoke to her about her soul's salvation. When this lady's husband came home she told him about this stranger who had spoken to her about religion. Her husband replied, "Well, why didn't you tell him to mind his own business." But she replied, "O, husband, if you had seen how earnest he was and had heard his words, you would have thought that he *was minding* his business."

Yes, his business as a gospel worker was to tell the gospel story and the power of God to save sinners. The business of the sewing machine agent is to talk sewing machines, and the business of the fruit vender is to talk fruit. So our business as children of God is to tell the story of redemption from sin. We, who know the truth for these times, should present the truth to others. That is our business.

The church of the living God is in this world for that very purpose. We must tell the world of the soon-coming of our Saviour, and of the needed preparation, in order to meet Him in peace. We must work for the salvation of others. We must win souls to Christ. We must lead them out of darkness into the marvelous light of God. We must proclaim the message that God has given us. That is our business. To that work we have been called.

There is no greater work in this world than that of winning souls for Christ. There is no work that can bring greater joy to the heart than to see souls for whom we are laboring turn from their sinful ways to serve

the living God. There is nothing that will bring greater returns to us in eternity than to lead souls who are lost in sin to the foot of the cross. Soul winning is therefore the greatest and most blessed work in which we can ever be engaged.

Napoleon once said: "The army that remains in its entrenchments is beaten." Evidently he believed in action, in aggressive warfare. This is also true in the spiritual realm. A church that is satisfied with its present attainments and spends all its energies upon itself, is a declining church, and will soon pass away.

The church must work for others, would it remain alive. It must do earnest, aggressive soul-winning work, would it grow strong in the Lord. It must have a vision of its mission in the world and then go forth to seek and to save the lost, even as its Master did. We cannot accumulate water in a heap except by freezing it. Nor can the church shut itself up to itself, without freezing to death. A warm church will flow out in loving service to others, but a cold church will remain at home, freeze up, and—die.

Our farmers may pray to the Lord for His blessings to rest upon their work, they may well pray for the Lord to give them the needed sunshine and rain to ripen their grain; but they should never pray for God to plow their fields for them, and then get up on the fence, and wait to see the dirt fly. So may the children

of God well pray for the conversion of sinners; they may well pray that this last message of mercy may soon be carried to the ends of the earth; but they should not sit down and fold their arms and just wait for God to answer their prayers. No, they should go to work for others as if the Lord would answer their prayers through them.

By working for others we ourselves are blessed. The truth becomes sweeter to us as we tell it over again. The more we give away of this message the more we will have left. When we permit the streams of God's blessings to flow through us to others, our own lives will be enriched. The plains that furnish a channel for the mountain streams to reach the sea, are made more fertile thereby. They are repaid a hundred-fold, for as the waters go singing on their way, they leave behind their gifts of verdure and fruitfulness. The grass is a fresher green, the trees have a richer verdure and the flowers are more abundant, because the waters have passed their way.

Thus it is with us in our Christian experience. Our lives will be made sweeter, our experience brighter, and our love for God deeper as we work for the salvation of others. One morning a young telegraph clerk, who was under a sense of sin, had to receive and forward a telegram. To his surprise, he spelled out the words, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." The message was not meant for him; but, as he passed it on, he drank in the words, and it proved a message of mercy to him. He believed and was saved.

The purpose of all true evangelism must always and ever be soul winning, and so soul winning is true evangelism, whether it be through what is termed the "laymen's evangelism" or the larger public efforts conducted by our experienced evangelists. There must ever be the individual work, the personal touch with souls, in order for the effort to be a success. Handpicked fruit is usually best. Soul winning is the purpose of all our endeavor. That is the business of the church. Without this work she will shrivel up and finally die. Let us work for souls. N. P. NEILSEN.

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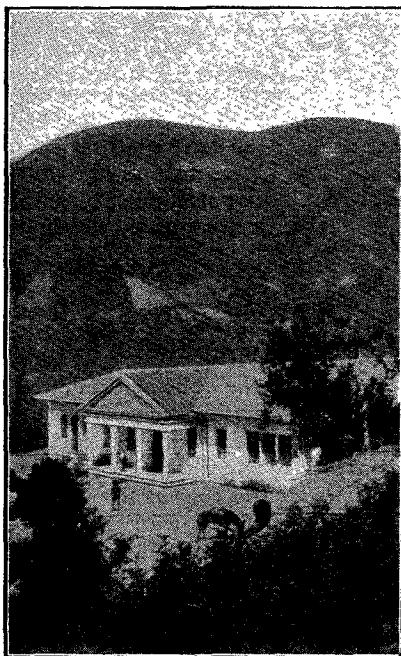
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Medical Missionary Influence in Bolivia and Peru

WHILE crossing the calm waters of Lake Titicaca on board the s.s. "Olianta" the writer overheard an interesting conversation at the dinner table. Two influential Germans, who for many years have been in the "Land of Opportunity" seeking their fortunes, and two North American tourists, carried on the following conversation, not knowing that Seventh-day Adventist missionaries were sitting at the same table: "Doctor Reed, who has his mission clinic in Juliaca, is carrying on a splendid work. He recently operated on my son," said the German. "He serves the Peruvian railroad as their official doctor. People come all the way from Arequipa, many times risking their lives as they travel over the altitudes, to receive the needed medical attention at the hands of the mission doctor." One of the tourists asked, "Are there no good doctors in the cities?" "Yes," replied one of the Germans, "but the people prefer the services of the mission doctors." The other German gentleman said, "Doctor Reed is going to spend about two months in the Chulumani hospital to relieve Doctor Taylor, who is coming to the coast to take his vacation. The Adventist people have a good hospital in Chulumani and there, too, they are doing a splendid work."

This round-table discussion continued to revolve around the medical aid offered to the people in these Andean countries by the mission doctors. Both the Germans and the tourist seemed to be well impressed by the splendid work carried on in our medical institutions. Later I learned that the American tourists were well acquainted with our largest sanitariums in the States, having spent several months in the Washington sanitarium as well as in another on the Pacific coast.

It was the writer's privilege to visit the Chulumani hospital. Having left La Paz at 8:30 a. m. we reached Chulumani at about 5:30 in the evening.



General Hospital at Chulumani, Bolivia, which was built by the government and turned over to the denomination to operate.

We met Doctor Taylor and his family and found them enjoying perfect health. The trip up and down the Andes into the Chulumani valley is indeed beautiful and interesting, but it is also dangerous. By *autocarril* we traveled high above the snow line and then down 15 miles to Hichuloma, where an autobus was waiting to take us to our destination.

We spent an interesting Sabbath with the church in Chulumani. The gathering was largely composed of Indians. They say that Chulumani is out of the way, but it must not be

forgotten because there is a great interest not only among the Indians in the valleys, but also among the white people in the town, to learn more about the true God and the message for our time. It was my privilege to visit a number of these families on Sabbath afternoon with Doctor Taylor. One business man on the main *plaza* said, "We need someone in this place to hold meetings and to circulate literature throughout this valley. I would like to receive *El Atalaya* regularly. Have you no one who can take my subscription?" We told him that the nurse at the hospital would see him the next day and place his name on the list of subscribers.

This field is ripe for the harvest. Another man, I was told, gave nearly \$20.00 gold for the Harvest Ingathering. Others gave liberally as Miss Celia Peverini, (the nurse) visited them with the Harvest Ingathering paper. The vice-president of Bolivia lives just across the valley from the hospital. He has a beautiful farm on the hillside, and he has observed the work of our missionaries very closely. He has been favorably impressed with the results and as a consequence has at different times defended the mission cause before the senate, when propaganda was being made to cause our doctors to cease their practice and leave the country.

At 7:30 on Sunday morning people began to make their way up the hill to the hospital. By noon 61 persons had received medical aid. Oh, I cannot describe the pitiful sights! Only one who spends a day with the hospital doctor and the nurses can understand—"yaws, leishmaniasis cutaneous, espundia, sore eyes, sore throats, ears and heads, consumption, paralysis, and other ailments." The 61 cases were clinic cases sent to the hospital by the municipality. Only a few were able to pay. About Bs. 18:00 (\$2.00 gold) was taken in. Aside from these cases the hospital has its regular patients, some who pay and some who don't. I especially noticed that no one was turned away without receiving counsel, treatment and help. Those who could read were given tracts or an *Atalaya*. The children were delighted with the Memory Verse Cards. (Some one might remember the Chulumani hospital by sending some of these cards for the Indian children.

The address would be: Doctor J. W. Taylor, Chulumani, Yungas, Bolivia).

Indeed the medical missionary work is the right hand of the message. Its influence is carried far back into the jungles and down the rivers. It serves as an entering wedge for the gospel minister and colporteur. Let us pray for our institutions and especially for the self-sacrificing doctors who meet daily with perplexing problems, that they may experience His power and divine guidance in their important work.

J. L. BOWN.

Lake Titicaca Primary Teachers' Institute

THIS year in the historic city of Puno, on the shore of Lake Titicaca, an institute was held for the primary teachers of the mission of the same name. In connection with the institute a meeting of the mission committee was also held. Present from outside the mission were W. E. Murray and H. B. Lundquist of the South American Division, and C. H. Baker of the Inca Union Mission, all three educational workers.

Inasmuch as we are living in times of diminishing appropriations and commercial depression, it was really not surprising to find that the number of primary schools in prospect for the present year had diminished also. But the drop was so appreciable, that all present were forced to appeal to our divine Master for wisdom to know how to check the retreating forces. Many things had combined to bring about the condition. The schools had been placed on an entirely self-supporting basis some years before, and only last year the appropriations for the support of the teachers during the time classes were not in session, had been withdrawn. In order to hold on to the teachers during the vacation time, the school year of six months had been increased to nine months, so that they would at least have support during three-fourths of the year. That meant an increase in the tuition rate. Then, of course, the products which our Indian brethren have to sell are worth less each succeeding year.

But the burden for the thousands of Indian boys and girls once pupils in the mission schools and now at the mercy of the forces of ignorance and sin, pressed upon our hearts. After

much study and prayer, it was voted to return to the former plan of a six months' school year, and also to decrease the rate of tuition over the last year's rate by increasing the basic number of students for a teacher from forty to forty-five. By calling some of the present evangelists into school work, and by readjusting the budget provisions, it will also be possible to employ from twenty to twenty-five of the present staff of teachers during the vacation time. The situation appealed strongly to the hearts of all, and although the number of schools in prospect was only about twelve, or a 50 percent decrease over the twenty-five conducted last year, which in turn was a 50 percent decrease over the year previous, yet the mission directors voted to go back to their committees and matriculate students for fifty one schools, a 300 percent increase over what was in sight. And God will honor the faith and devotion of these men and women who had worked from daybreak until late at night to secure the twelve. They are now going back to get thirty-nine more in these days of depression. God could not fail to honor such faith!

The Lake Titicaca training school has been hard hit by the depression also. That school, which once had 350 of our Indian youth in attendance, this year has an attendance of forty. The situation also appealed to mission station directors and teachers, with the result that all joined in pledging themselves to secure one hundred new students for the coming year. We may be sure that the enemy of souls will bestir himself in view of the new spirit that has come into our ranks. This institution must be kept going strong if we are to supply well-trained teachers for the mission schools, and during the present year a well-organized campaign for students will be conducted from one end of the field to the other, and undoubtedly when the school year of 1934 opens, with the help of God, we will see at least a 200 percent increase in the attendance in this institution. We are in the time when we must "attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God" if we are to meet His expectations, and finish His work in the place allotted us in the time allotted. By faith we must rise up and carry our work forward in spite

of untoward conditions which have arisen, such as from a natural standpoint would discourage the most stout-hearted. It is now time for that other angel of Revelation 18 to add his loud cry to the proclamation of the three-fold message, and if we are to be clothed with Elijah's power, we must be able to see the chariots and horsemen of the Lord.

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In the Magallanes, Cuyo and Nordeste Mission

SINCE the time of Allen Gardiner's unfortunate attempt to reach the Indians of Patagonia and Magallanes with the gospel and his tragic end, these fields have had a special interest for the Christian missionary. In the early history of the Adventist work in South America a laborer was located in Magallanes. Much evangelical literature was circulated on the mainland and in the Falkland Islands. Recent correspondence has brought cheering reports of what this literature, and the efforts of our missionary located in Magallanes, is accomplishing. A humble colporteur placed a copy of *El Atalaya* in the hands of a gentleman who is the manager of a large hospital in Magallanes, but who before receiving this periodical was an infidel. He at once saw that *El Atalaya* contained a different message from other evangelical periodicals and his interest was aroused. After a few months of study of the literature and with the missionary, this gentleman gave his heart to God. It was the privilege of the writer to meet this gentleman a few months ago in Chile. The account he gave of his conversion stirred the hearts of all present at the annual conference then in session. This is only one illustration of what is being done in transforming lives in Magallanes.

Pastor Luis Rojas, who received his training in the Adventist missionary training school in Puiggari, Entre Rios, in the early history of that institution, and who is now superinten-



Church officers' meeting recently held at Campinas, state of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

dent of the Cuyo Mission with headquarters in Mendoza, writes:

"Wherever we go in this mission we find the field ready for the harvest. During the year 1932 fifty persons were baptized, and there is a goodly number still waiting for baptism. The colporteurs are placing the gospel not only in the palaces of the rich, but in the humble cottages of the laborers, and not only in the cities, but in the humble villages as well. Many have turned from their evil ways as the result of the circulation of this gospel literature."

Pastor David Dalinger, director of the Nordeste Mission, sends the following encouraging word:

"Blessed, said the Lord, are those who bring good tidings, who publish peace, who go out into the highways and byways with the joyful news of eternal salvation. Tucuman, Catamarca, La Rioja, Salta, Jujuy, Santiago del Estero, all had this privilege in 1931 and 1932. These places, which are so filled with fanaticism, where to a certain degree God is rejected, where no minister nor Bible worker has gone, were visited by the colporteurs. Here arrived the men whom the cold of the winter, the difficulties of the way, the heat of the summer, do not discourage. They follow the great General, suffer, weep perhaps many times, but return again with joy, bringing in their sheaves. May the

Lord bless the colporteurs in all the world. They placed in the hands of the people during 1932 more than 15,000 pesos worth of books and pamphlets and 11,900 copies of *El Atalaya*. The Lord has promised that His Word, sown abroad, will not return void. We find the crisis in all parts, but in spite of this, what the prophet said (as mentioned at the beginning of the paragraph) is being fulfilled in this mission. N. Z. TOWN.

Hohenau, Paraguay

BROTHER Godofredo Block and the writer left Posadas on May 11, and reached Hohenau on Friday afternoon, in time to begin our ten-day meetings that same evening. During our stay we held three meetings a day—in the forenoon, afternoon and evening. We were thankful for the good weather. All the meetings were well attended, especially was there a very good attendance from the outside, who seemed to receive a very favorable impression, causing us to hope that some of them will unite with us.

One person was baptized, and seven others requested baptism, but were advised to wait until August or September, when we expect to have another baptism. Thus the Lord greatly blessed these meetings, if we can

judge by what our people said, for they said that this was the best meeting they had ever had.

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Workers Meeting in Campinas, Brazil

God's army is a mighty army. It includes every man, woman and child who has accepted Christ. This army must be well trained so as to do efficient work. The Sao Paulo Conference of Brazil believers that it pays to train its officials. This conference has just held a well-planned and well-directed church officers convention. There were about forty church officers present. The meetings were held in the beautiful city of Campinas. Elders R. R. Breitigam, J. Berger Johnson, Ennis V. Moore, G. F. Ruf, R. W. Belz and the writer, all took an active part in presenting the different subjects. The convention lasted from the 3rd to the 7th of May.

All who were present took an active part in every meeting and in the discussion of the subjects presented. For some it was the first convention they had ever attended. Many received a larger vision of their duties and responsibilities. Others remarked that they had attended many meetings, but that they had never attended a meeting in which they had received the help they had in this one.

Some of the problems considered were the following: church organization; the need of organization; the duties of the different officers; the relation of one department of the work to another; campaigns; and the relation of officers to the conference office.

Studies were given each day on the Spirit of prophecy and the love of God. A devotional meeting was held each morning. Elder Breitigam gave a very helpful talk on missions, illustrating his talk with films showing actually what is being done in mission lands. This was greatly ap-

preciated and all resolved to return home and do more for missions than ever before.

The spiritual phase of our work was the question to which the greatest emphasis was given. If we will but live godly lives we as leaders can really lead.

The last meeting was a consecration meeting in which all took part, expressing their desire to live more godly lives, win more souls, do better work and help to make their church or group the best and most active of all. We pray that God may richly bless these faithful men who are leading in these churches and groups.

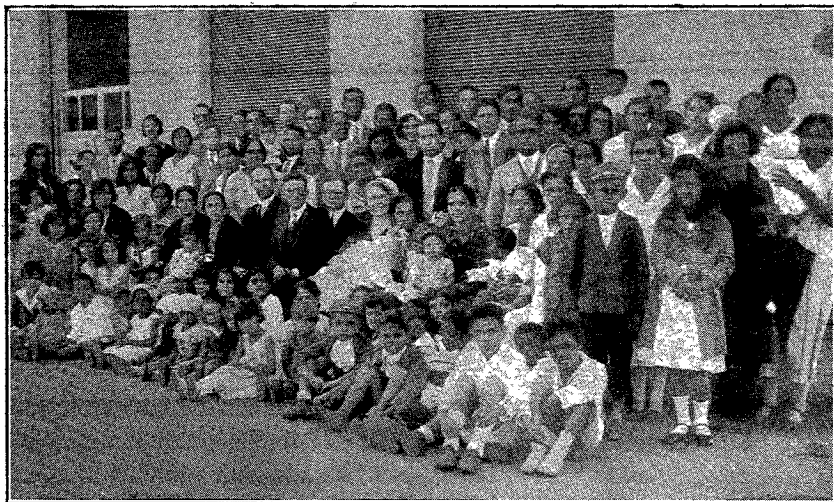
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Harvest Ingathering in Santa Catharina-Parana 1933

THE Santa Catharina-Parana Mission committee decided that Brother Dau and the writer begin their Harvest Ingathering work this year during the month of May, a little in advance of the campaign date. We entered this work full of courage and faith in the Lord and His business. As a consequence, the Lord is visibly helping us and the work is going forward successfully. Up to the present time we have worked in the cities of Joinville, Blumenau, Brusque and Itajubá, and are just now entering the work in Florianopolis.

In all these cities we had many opportunities of speaking to those seeking the truth of the One who alone can help us in these difficult times. In Joinville we found a number of new friends who gave cheerfully. The *Prefeito* of the city, whose attention had been called to our work through some public meetings held by the writer, spoke commendably of our work, and he is one of the many Nicodemus' in the country.

The Harvest Ingathering does not only require tact in our treatment of our fellow men, but is also a constant warning for the display of our Christian virtues, so that as a people we may win the hearts of our fellowmen, for that means victory in all lines of endeavor. Last year we visited a diplomat in the city of Blumenau. He manifested no interest in our work and even refused to take the paper. In order to win this man for the



Members and friends, taken in front of the hall used for a meeting place at Bello Horizonte, Minas Geraes, Brazil, on the day the church was organized.

truth I visited him again, and he finally took the magazine. The result did not fail to manifest itself. As we approached him this year, he was ready to meet us with his offering. Not only must we be persistent, but we must always remember that we are Christians, and have in our possession, or represent, a glorious business.

It seemed as though circumstances in Brusque were against us. There was a strike among the workers, and everything was at a standstill. But trusting in the Lord, we went ahead with our work. We visited the largest industrial plant, whose workers were on strike. The directors were in the act of having a meeting behind closed doors. Nevertheless, they listened to our presentation and to our joy gave us the largest amount which we had received this year up to that time.

It is miraculous to see how the people are willing to help along in the things of God. They give with a friendly smile and the greatest consideration, even excusing themselves that their offerings are not larger, pointing to the existing circumstances as the reason for this, and they ask us to return next year. And all our thanks for their kindness they refuse with the words that they are sorry they can do so little. Many who would like to help us but cannot, offer us their wares as gifts. In that way we received from different factories large numbers of mouth harmo-

nicas, stockings and chocolate, all of which were sold and the money received therefrom credited as gifts from the different firms.

In spite of the lack of money, (bartering is in full swing here) palpable unemployment, strikes, the bankruptcy of many old firms, there is money for the work of the Lord, because, "The Lord will provide."

So let us all enter into the Harvest Ingathering work; for this means offers a wonderful opportunity of speaking to our friends regarding the present situation in the light of the Bible, inspiring them with new hope, and giving them true courage.

A. SUESSMANN,
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We Shall See Him

A BEAUTIFUL story is told of Wendell Philips, the orator. His wife was an invalid and he loved her dearly. After his lectures on a certain occasion his friends urged him not to return to Boston that night. They said, "The last train has left and you will be obliged to take a carriage. It will be twelve miles of cold riding through the sleet." But he replied, "Ah, yes, but at the end of the journey I shall find Annie Philips."

We have learned to love our Saviour. He is the joy and the light of our life. The road may be long, the storms may rage and the winds may blow. Life's night may be dark, but at the end of our journey we shall meet Jesus our Friend.

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A Church Organized in Bello Horizonte

FOR a number of years Adventists have been known in Bello Horizonte, one of the most beautiful cities in Brazil, and capital of the state of Minas Geraes. Different workers have labored there for a shorter or longer period. It has only been possible, however, with the going of Pastor Jose R. dos Passos to that place, to maintain a permanent work. Various small series of meetings have been held in the suburbs of the city, but in 1932 Pastor Luiz Braun assisted by Pastor Passos and Brother Daniel Feder, held a public effort in the center of the city. Since that time, with the transfer of Brother Passos to the Northeast Mission, Brother Feder has continued the work there.

As a result of these united efforts, on the occasion of the visit of Pastor H. B. Westcott, Superintendent of the East Brazil Union Mission, a church of 28 members was organized on the 10th of June 1933. Other members of the mission church living in the city will be given letters to join this church which will give them a total of some forty members. Brother Feder was chosen as elder.

Just now there is offered a wonderful opportunity to buy a lot from the city at a very cheap price. The lot is near the center of the city. Prospects are encouraging for the work of God in Bello Horizonte. E. M. DAVIS,

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Home Missionary and Sabbath School Convention

IT WAS the writer's privilege to assist Elder R. R. Breitigam in conducting a strong Home Missionary and Sabbath School convention at the Collegio Adventista, Santo Amaro, Sao Paulo, from the 13th to the 20th of May, during the first part of which we had the efficient and much-appreciated help of the Brethren J. B. Johnson and G. F. Ruf.

We are glad to report a most profitable and blessed week spent with our dear students in considering the important work of these two departments, one of the greatest educational institutions among us as a people, which trains workers for service; and the other which leads us all, as members and workers, in a united effort into active service for the Master, in a definite soul-winning campaign.

Considering that our colleges are centers of training for our future workers, and that our students in these schools are our strength and hope for the rapid consummation of the Lord's work, we believe it necessary and essential that these young men and women become familiar and are trained early in their preparation, for the important work of these two departments. We further believe that such a training as this is clearly indicated in the following statement from the Spirit of prophecy: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!"—"Education," p. 271.

It was a real pleasure to be at our Collegio and become better acquainted with that fine group of ambitious students. Many are their activities, and all definitely aimed at the ultimate goal—a thorough preparation for efficient service.

The impression received during our week's stay here was the most favorable possible. With all certainty we can say that never have we seen a better Christian spirit manifested anywhere. They live and work as one united family in the most harmonious way. Highly commendable and greatly appreciated is also the whole-hearted cooperation of the faculty members in making this convention a success.

Both Friday evening meetings, conducted by Elder R. R. Breitigam, were deeply spiritual and merit special mention. The first Friday evening meeting ended in a consecration service in which every student took part. The last Friday evening was turned into a testimony meeting in which again nearly all took part. May the Lord continue to bless these dear students in their preparation as well as consecration for the early finishing of God's work. C. C. SCHNEIDER.

Gleanings of Progress Throughout the Field

Conducted by N. P. Neilsen

PASTOR Alfredo Suessmann, assisted by Brother Joao Linhares, has recently held an evangelistic effort at Sao Francisco, Santa Catharina, Brazil. Writing from there he says: "The meetings were well attended up to the last and made a deep impression upon the people of Sao Francisco. We have a goodly number of names of interested ones.

WRITING from Bahia, Brazil, Brother Jose dos Passos says: "The result of our last series of public meetings held in the church in Bahia is that the whole church was encouraged and new members are preparing themselves for baptism. We have now organized a baptismal class of twelve members, six of these being the direct result of the meetings and the others have been won through the efforts of our lay members."

EVANGELISTIC efforts are being held in Araraquara, Sao Paulo, by Pastor Jeronymo G. Garcia, and Brother Nelson Schwantes, and the report is that "the hall in which the meetings are held, is always full." Let us pray for the different efforts that many believers may be won for the Lord.

"I BELIEVE I can say to the glory of God, that this year will show the greatest progress in the educational work in our state. Also the young people's work is going forward. We have entered a large number upon our lists, and the principal thing is that the young people become interested in the meetings and activities of the Missionary Volunteers." Thus writes Brother Ernesto Roth, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer and Educational Departments of the Rio Grande do Sul Conference.

THE following words of progress and courage were given by Pastor H. G. Stoehr, superintendent of the Santa Catharina-Parana Mission: "People speak of the crisis, but it seems that in the hearts of our brethren there is no crisis. Our tithes for the first four months of this year show

an increase of nearly 8:000\$000 over the same period of last year. The offerings for missions during the same time show an increase of more than 6:000\$000 over last year. We thank the Lord, for it is He who did it, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

A NOTE of courage comes to us from our publishing house in Brazil. Brother J. Berger Johnson, the director, writes from there: "Your letter found us all busy as bees and trying hard to keep ahead of the work. There is no let-up in the work yet, and so far as I can see there will not be for some time to come. Several editions have run low simultaneously and so the press room is more than busy. That, of course, furnishes work for the bindery. The editorial department seems to have as hard a time as any to take care of the work expected of it."

HERE is a good word from Pastor Pedro Brouchy, president of the Buenos Aires Conference. He says:

"We have a splendid outlook in this field for winning people. I believe that we shall easily pass the 200 goal which we fixed at the time of our quadrennial meeting.

PASTOR Domingo Peixoto, assisted by Brother Deodoro Barbosa, has recently been holding a series of public meetings in Carangola, Minas Geraes, Brazil. These meetings have been well attended and a good interest was manifested in the truth. Writing from there under date of April 28, Brother Peixoto says: "After I had presented the sanctuary question, the law, the Sabbath, etc., I invited the people to the first public Sabbath school, and it was a joy to us to have a Sabbath school with thirty-six persons on the first Sabbath.

UNDER date of May 3, Brother M. Margarido, Field Missionary secretary of the South Brazil Union, gives us the following words of progress of the book work in that field: "We had the best colporteur institutes this year that we have had in the history of the colporteur work in this union. The Lord was with us very closely, and this was seen and felt by all who attended, and was so expressed by all the workers who helped us in the institutes. After the institutes together with the respective colporteur directors we went into the field by the side of

the colporteurs, with wonderful success in these times of crisis. At the close of one of the institutes held in Pelotas, I visited the office of the mayor of the city, together with a new colporteur, and in two hours we had taken six orders from the officials including the mayor. In Porto Alegre, together with two colporteurs we started to work with 'Patriarchs and Prophets' and in eight hours we had taken twelve orders for this good book in the government offices. I believe that they have already taken more than sixty orders in that place. In every place where we went and worked we had success, which seems wonderful in these times when the cry is 'crisis.' The Lord is surely good to His children. He is more interested in His work than we are. During my colporteur life, I was never once disappointed, when I fulfilled my duty in this work."

BROTHER M. I. Fayard, editor of *El Atalaya*, has been holding a series of Sunday afternoon meetings in the new Buenos Aires church, with a good attendance, and a good interest has been aroused. Recently a special class has been organized for those who are interested in receiving further Bible studies. This class meeting follows the afternoon service and about fifty have been attending, thereby manifesting an interest in the study of the Word of God and the truths for this time. We believe this special class will prove to be a means of still further developing the interest that has already been created. We pray for its success.

Annual Meeting in Alto Parana

ABOUT twenty-seven years ago, while Pastor N. Z. Town was living in Florida, near Buenos Aires, he received word that there was a company of Russian-German Adventists in an immigrant hotel in Buenos Aires, who would like to see him. In response to their request he visited them and helped them in different ways. Then they went up into Misiones in the northern part of Argentina, and settled in the virgin tropical forests about 100 kilometers from the city of Posadas, a place first called Picada Rusa, but since changed to Picada Libertad. Here they cleared their

lands and established their new homes, far away from the busy marts of the world.

Here they have raised their large families of children, surrounded by virgin nature, far away from the attractions and corruptions that so frequently infest the larger cities. Here they were free to worship God unmolested while nature testified of His handiwork, as seen on the hill and in the valley, in the babbling brook, in the flowers and trees of the fields. It is far better to bring up children under such conditions than in the great thoroughfares of earth with all its allurements. Nevertheless it must be admitted that even here the enemy of souls will come with his temptations, and thorns and thistles and pests will infest the ground.

Since these first years of toil and struggle in a new place, these people now have their comfortable homes and well-cultivated fields. Many of the children have since grown up and have families of their own. A number of our German families from Santa Catharina, Brazil, have also moved in here and have joined this company. They now have a church membership of about 165, with a neat school building and church near the center of the colony. Their Sabbath school numbers nearly 200. They have a good church school with 64 students, taught by Brother Jorge Sittner and his wife. The Lord is richly blessing the work of these teachers, not only in the school room, but among the large number of young people in the church. Brother Sittner also serves as first elder of this church.

It was my privilege to attend a ten-day annual meeting at this place, held April 28 to May 7, together with Pastor W. A. Ernenputsch, superintendent of the Alto Parana Mission, and Pastor Godofredo Block of Posadas. Five or six meetings were held a day, when the weather permitted, and our brethren attended well, and the church was packed most of the time, especially in the evenings and on Sabbaths and Sundays, when many not of our faith came to hear the words spoken. Often it became necessary for some of the people to stand outside and listen through the open windows for lack of room inside. On the last Sunday it became necessary to remove all the seats from the church and place them

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outside and hold an open-air meeting as there seemed to be more people outside than could get into the building. It was estimated that there were between 500 and 600 present, a good attendance for a meeting "in the bush," a hundred kilometers away from the city.

The Sabbath services were especially blessed of God. Hearts were touched by the Spirit of the Lord and sins were confessed and forsaken. A goodly number made a start to serve the Lord for the first time, while the whole church gave themselves anew to the Lord for more consecrated living and active service for their Master.

On the last Sunday of these meetings we gathered on the banks of a little stream not far from the church, and thirteen dear folk followed their Lord into the baptismal waters. It was a beautiful afternoon and hundreds of people gathered at the stream to witness the scene. We pray that these new-born souls may indeed walk in newness of life and grow up into Him who is the Head of the church. Several others requested baptism, but were advised to join the baptismal class and prepare more fully for this sacred rite. It was a good day for the church "out in the wild woods," at Picada Libertad.

The writer greatly enjoyed this, his first visit to this place, and it was an inspiration to see more than one hundred young people and children growing up in the truth away from the noise and bustle of city life, surround-

ed by the influences of nature and nature's God. No, they are not free from temptations, but we pray that the Lord may keep them faithful to Him and this message, and that many a young person may go forth from here, even as the Waldensean youth did from the fastnesses of the Alps, to carry the message of God to others who know it not. God grant that it may be even so!

N. P. NEILSEN.

Encouraging News From the Front

IN THE May number of *O Ministerio da Pagina Impressa* from the Publishing Department of the Sao Paulo (Brazil) Conference, there are some interesting news items that should reach all our people and therefore we take the liberty of condensing these for our readers.

In the report of sales for the month of March we were happily surprised to find heading the list a young lady colporteur, working exclusively with *O Atalaia*, having sold 1:525\$000 (\$152.50) during the month. The next two colporteurs, in the order of largest sales were workers with "Patriarchs and Prophets," with a little over 1:000\$000 (\$100.00) of sales each. Turning over the page to the April report of sales I find that the first four colporteurs at the head of the list worked with *O Atalaia* in combination with some book.

In one place a colporteur worked with *Atalaia* in combination with one book last year and this year he is renewing the *Atalaia* subscriptions in combination with another book. This is a splendid plan. He says he finds many friends of *O Atalaia*. He found one man who has been a subscriber for nine years and says it is the only paper he subscribes for and he wants no other. Several of his customers testified that they had left off smoking and drinking because of the articles against those vices. In one factory four men had read the same copy of *O Atalaia*, anti-tobacco and anti-alcohol edition, and had left off these vices. The first week's work in renewing subscriptions he worked twenty-eight hours, got forty-six orders, twenty-nine of them in combination, totalling 630\$000 (\$63.00).

One colporteur's first week's sales of "Esperanca do Mundo" ("Return

of Jesus") netted him eighteen orders for this book, beside twenty-three orders for auxiliary books, to the amount of 768\$000 (\$76.80). Not so bad in these times of crisis!

A certain colporteur decided to visit the priest first in a certain place and after prayer he was visited and a canvass given him for *O Atalaia* in combination with a book. He gladly subscribed for the combination and paid in advance, although this is not required. "Thus another priest enters my subscription list," writes the colporteur. During the first week's work in this city the colporteur took orders amounting to 608\$000 (60.80) and at the end of the first month he had 149 orders amounting to 2:134\$000 (\$213.40). It is quite evident that not only the priest of the place was interested in the product of the publishing house but the people were also. Another good record for these times of crisis!

One boy wrote in to the director "The deliveries for the week were more than 100 percent."

A new kind of crisis has been encountered by one of the boys. It was this that nearly all his customers met him with such large bank notes that he had difficulty in arranging enough smaller notes for change! He hopes for this kind of crisis continually through the year. We hope he will not be disappointed.

These experiences cheer us for we see that the colporteurs who put their whole soul into the work and mix their work with prayer and consecration can sell books and magazines even though the world does suffer from the crisis. It takes genuine evangelistic colporteurs today to sell books and the increased sales of the publishing house indicate that we have some of this quality in the different fields in Brazil. May their tribe increase!

J. BERGER JOHNSON,
Manager, Brazil Publishing House.

"KIND words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. We never hear of any mental trouble arising from this quarter. Though they do not cost much, yet they accomplish much. They make other people good-natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls, and a beautiful image it is."