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The Paradoxes of the Gospel

A PARADOX is a statement or doctrine which seemingly is a contradiction of facts, but yet is true. There are many paradoxes in the Gospel, for the spiritual laws are above all natural laws, and can be only imperfectly illustrated or described by the laws and things of nature. There are apparent contradictions in the Bible, which, after all, are not contradictions. There are statements which seemingly are self-contradictory in their terms, but after all are really true. There are paradoxes in the Gospel, which reveal grand and profound truths. To the superficial observer they may seem like contradiction, but rightly understood they reveal to us the controlling law of the great principles underlying the law of God.

The apostle Paul enunciated one of these great principles when he said, "when I am weak, then am I strong." (2 Cor. 12: 10.) This may appear to be a contradiction, but it is a fact in the spiritual life. It is a when a person feels his own weakness that the Lord can step in and do great things through him. When he feels his own inability to do anything in his own strength, and places himself in the hands of the Lord, to be used by Him, then there

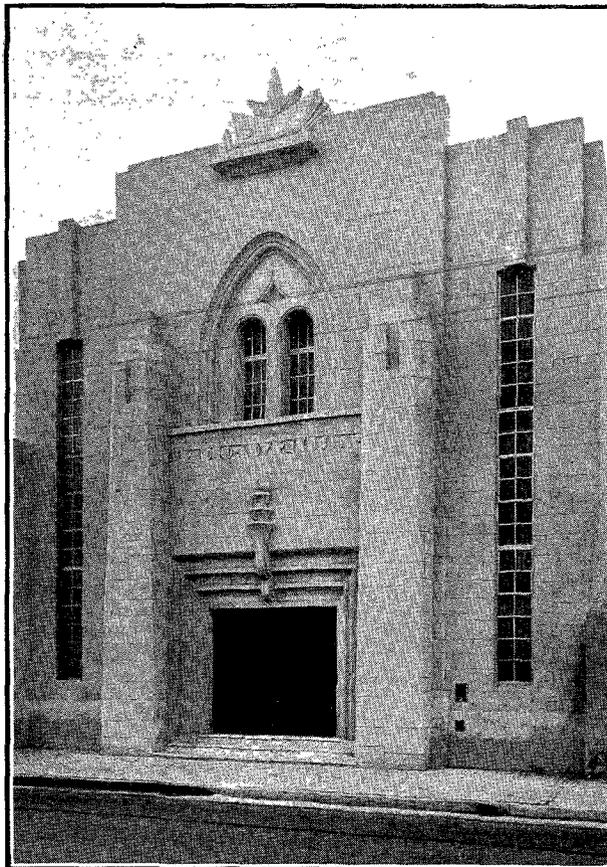
is no limit to the possibilities before him. The apostle Paul wrote: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." Col. 4: 13.

On the other hand, when a person

thinks himself able of himself to do something for the Lord, his own strength becomes but weakness, for he has cut himself off from the source of all strength. Said Jesus: "Without me ye can do nothing." (John 15: 5.) Nothing remains nothing, no matter how many times we multiply it. We can do nothing in our own strength, no matter how much we try to do so. Our strength, in itself, becomes our weakness.

For us to attempt to do something without the divine connection, can only end in failure. But with the Lord there is power, and He desires to manifest His power through human weakness, that all the glory may belong to Him. He says: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor. 12: 9.) Thus it is the recognition of our own weakness, coupled with faith in the mighty power of God, that enables the Lord to work through us for the accomplishment of His will.

Speaking of the experiences of God's people, who through faith gained the victory, Paul declares that they "out of weakness were made strong." (Heb. 11: 34.) This may seem to be paradoxical, but it is true. In themselves they had no strength to overcome the mighty powers of evil that were hurled against them;



The new Seventh-day Adventist church which was dedicated in the city of Rosario, Argentina, on June 17, 1933.

but through faith in the power of God they: "Subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." (Heb. 11: 33, 34.) Out of their own weakness, through faith in God, they were made strong to overcome.

It is not the strength of the electric wire itself that pulls the electric train, as it rushes along upon the shining track, but it is the current that flows through the wire, which does the work. This current is many times stronger than the wire itself. The wire is only a channel of communication, a medium of conducting the secret power of the electric current. The wire has no power of itself to move the long train of cars.

We are but weakness in ourselves, but when we are connected with God, His mighty power may flow through us for the accomplishment of His divine purpose. Without this connection we are powerless, even as the wire becomes "dead" when the connection is severed.

The same apparently self-contradictory terms are used by the apostle Paul when he said: "As deceivers and yet true, as unknown and yet well known, as dying, and behold we live, as chastened and not killed, as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, as poor, yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things." (2 Cor. 6: 8-10.) These statements are not contradictory, but are the very essence of the great principles of the spiritual life.

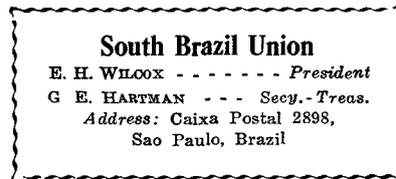
There is a glory that is higher than the self seeking glory. It is the glory of that sacrificial spirit, which is willing to give up glory for the sake of others. There is an honor that is deeper than the grasping after honor. It is the honor of that person who is willing to suffer reproach that others may be helped. There is a greatness that is greater than that of trying to be great. True greatness consists in taking delight in becoming nothing, that others may become great.

This principle is illustrated in the life of Jesus. He was great; but his greatness came through His humility. His exaltation came by way of self-

abnegation. His crown was gained by way of the cross. His glory was gained by being willing to suffer shame and reproach, that lost sinners might be lifted up from the miry clay and placed upon the eternal rock. These are the paradoxes of the gospel. The true principle of the law of life is love.

True love delights in sacrificing that others may be blessed. God did not love us because Christ died for us, but Christ died for us, because God loved us. By His own choice Jesus tasted death for every man. Thus His humiliation has become His greatness. This is the law of life, the paradox of the gospel. Said Jesus, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever will lose his life for my sake the same shall save it." (Luke 9: 24.) To try to save is but to lose; to be willing to lose for His sake means to save. We lose, what we try to keep and we save what we give away. This may seem like a contradiction, but it is one of the paradoxes of the gospel. We must die in order to live; we must become nothing in order to be something. And out of weakness we may be made strong. God grant that this may be our experience!

N. P. NEILSEN.



Some Great Benefactors of Humanity

EVERY time I begin my work, I recognize the sublimity of that which God has given mortal men to do.

I am mentioning again the humble body of ministers of the printed page, and I have to say in all sincerity, that there are no other more rapid, efficacious and economical factors to do God's will on earth, in the propagation of the message in this generation, than the colporteurs.

During my seventy-five-day trip in the south of Brazil, from January to April, we held three colporteur institutes where we studied how to do the work and where we sought God

in a special manner. More than sixty ministers of the printed page attended the institute, and when these institutes, which were richly blessed, finished, all the colporteurs with their directors, returned to the field with new courage and strength.

The writer, in all places where he was together with these benefactors of humanity, had more than once the privilege of seeing many interested people, as the result of the work of the faithful colporteurs. If the different missions would attend faithfully to the interests raised up by these workers, all our ministers would be busy in preparing the believers for baptism.

In Pelotas, the queen of the south, we took six orders for "*Esperanca do Mundo*" (Hope of the World). In Porto Alegre we took twelve orders for "Patriarchs and Prophets" in eight hours. In Santa Maria, Brother Emilio Doehnert and the writer helped Sister Branca, and we took several orders in combination with our good magazine *O Atalaia*. In Sao Gabriel, a small frontier city in Rio Grande do Sul, two sisters, Maria de Nascimento and Serafina Oliveira, took more than fifty subscriptions, and most of these in combinations. In Bage, the faithful ministers of the printed page, Brother Manuel Doria and Archimedes Piaggio, in three days took fifty-two orders for the good book "*Esperanca do Mundo*," after having worked throughout the whole field with the same book. In Curityba, Ponta Grossa and in other places we had similar experiences. A short time ago Brother Zerth and the writer, with colporteurs Ruhe and Baransky, in one day took eleven subscriptions for our magazine *O Atalaia* in combination with some book. In Itabatinga, at the side of our faithful coworker, Brother Cavalcanti, working in the rural district, we took orders for more than 200\$000 (20.00 gold). We could continue to tell how the work of God, done by these humble workers, goes successfully forward, nearing its end.

Now, let us see some of the results of this sowing. I gave you above some statements to show that the work is God's, and that He directs it; for from the moment in which the faithful colporteur does his duty, the Lord works in his behalf and he sells books like the leaves of autumn.

The point which I want to mention and to which I want to call the attention of the readers, is the great interest awakened in all the fields through which the colporteur passed. If the directors of the colporteur work would attend to the calls which come from their colporteurs and to the calls that come from the people who found the truth through the colporteurs, the directors could do no other work but give Bible studies and preach the message.

A short time ago the writer was delayed in one of the frontier cities of Rio Grande do Sul, to give some instructions to a group of more than 30 persons, who are being prepared for baptism. They have their Sabbath school and soon will be ready to be baptized. This group is the result of the work of the faithful colporteurs. Some of the interested people are waiting for a minister.

Later I went to Perdeneirra, in the state of Sao Paulo, to help Brother Herminio Sarli. While we were making our plans for the work in this city, together with Brother Zeroth, the colporteur came to me and said: "Brother Margarido, you must make an effort to visit a group of ninety people in Tres Barras, six kilometers from Dous Corregos." This colporteur stayed in that place because of his love for the lost. We did not deny his request, but at first tried to work with the books in the city and afterward we made plans for the visit. Trying not to change the itinerary made by the committee, I went to Tres Barras, where I met a group of people desirous of hearing the message. I studied with them until late in the evening and then we sang songs. After the service I returned to Dous Corregos to take the train and arrived there at 1 o'clock in the morning.

I can tell you that with the few instructions which the colporteurs had given the people and some instructions given by Brother Nelson, who went to see them, they are now keeping the Sabbath, they are free from vices, and there is already a well-organized Sabbath school in the place. It was touching to see the simple faith of these people. I became still more impressed when I had to tell them good-bye, for in another city others were waiting. As they saw that I

could not accede to their pleadings, they said: "Please tell the brethren there, that they should send us a worker to stay with us and teach us the truth."

I have given you a small picture of the interest that our colporteurs are awakening in all places. Many times we do not know how to carry on the work, for from all sides the people are calling, asking for somebody to explain to them the truth which they found in the books we sold them.

May the Lord help us to follow the interest raised through the work of the colporteur that we may look after the marvelous sowing and care for the people who with tears in their eyes are asking for a worker to show them the way which leads to eternal rest.

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Evangelism

ON MARCH 12 of this year the writer of this article, assisted by Brother Deodoro Barbosa, started a public effort in one of the cities of Minas Geraes, Brazil.

In spite of the terrible warnings from the priests against our meetings, we had a good attendance, who listened attentively to the truth we presented every night except the evening after the Sabbath.

Due to accusations made against us by the head priest of the cathedral, I decided to go and speak with the papal representative concerning these. I took someone with me, and after explaining to this man our position, the attitude of the priest above referred to, was condemned. Since that time they have not made accusations against us.

Having won the first battle a greater one had to be faced, caused by the ministers of the Protestant churches and by the Spiritualists. These worked furiously against us, and we were obliged to meet them and fight their error. A popular proverb says: "Where the lion roars there

is prey." This is true in the evangelistic work. The devil became angry against us and this was because he was fearing the loss of some in the field. We thank God that this was so. On Sabbath June 17, I had the privilege of baptizing ten persons, two of them of the Captim Roxo church and eight won in the public effort. Others desired baptism also, but we thought it well to wait over until the next baptism, when we expect to accept from ten of fifteen new believers.

Brother Barbosa remained in the city to follow up the work that had been started, giving his attention to a large number of interested people, and he solicits the prayers of the readers of this paper.

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Another Marvel in the Harvest Field

"For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom. 9: 28.

God himself has determined to terminate the work on this dark, erring earth. Even though many churches are asleep, yet the Lord is pouring out His Spirit, and groups of believers spring up here and there, only through the possession of the quiet ministers of books and the Holy Bible.

About two months ago colporteur Generoso de Oliveira reported a group of people in the interior of the state of Sergipe, who were keeping the Sabbath and asked for a minister to instruct them further. I had the happy privilege of visiting them the past week and found a group of twenty-five keeping the Sabbath and awaiting baptism. In order to encourage our believers in other parts, I will tell how the truth came to these people in such a marvelous way.

A member of another church, Brother Severo F. dos Santos, was one evening agonizing in prayer and with tears, asking God to help him solve some of the problems which had arisen against him in the church. While thus occupied he heard a voice saying "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." He looked for the text in the Bible and

found that the Lord desires baptism by immersion. He spoke to his sisters and brothers about it, but they were against the thought.

This Brother Severo had the right missionary spirit, and began to work with his neighbors, giving Bible studies to one named Josepha. At the time when they were almost convinced of everything through personal study they found the books "*Nossa Epoca*" (Our Day) and "*Rei-Vindouro*" (Coming King) which a Presbyterian lent them. Josepha soon found the Sabbath, and began to teach her teacher. Many were the discussions regarding this subject, and at last Sister Josepha said, "Then you stay with your Sunday, and I will keep my Sabbath."

Brother Severo was much disturbed by this question. The Lord, however, desired to give him another opportunity. He went to a nearby city to make some purchases and stepped into a store. After he had purchased what he wanted and was ready to leave, the son of the owner handed him a package of tracts. His surprise was great when he found among them tracts dealing with the Sabbath. He read them, was converted, and began to keep the Sabbath. He went immediately to visit *Dona* Josepha, and both rejoiced in the truth. But they did not forget the young man who had given them the tract. They went to ask him where he had obtained them. He told them how he had obtained several books and liked their contents so much that he had written to the Casa Publicadora asking for others, in order that he might distribute these among his friends and neighbors. The young man had found that there was no other truth.

Soon *Dona* Josepha, Brother Severo and the young man, Antonio Diaz, organized for work, and formed the first group of Adventists in that place. Brother Severo presented the Sabbath question in his church and many joined him in the worship on this day. It has been possible to form two groups into Sabbath schools, one with Brother Severo as leader and the other being led by Brother Antonio Diaz.

These believers are happy in the truth and are preparing for baptism, which will soon take place. They are already planning to build a chapel and a fair sum has been gathered for this purpose.

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Echoes from Inca Land

Extract from a letter received by Brother Lundquist in the Division office.

"HAD a very nice trip some time ago with Field to the south, down around Ica, Cañete, Chincha and neighboring towns. Did some visiting with the groups found down that way, and did some Harvest Ingathering work with pretty good success. With prophetic utterances stating that two hundred soles would be the limit secured . . . with hard work we were able to raise five hundred thirty-one soles. . . . We had placed our goal at five hundred when we saw the territory and when we considered the time we had to do the work. There are even greater opportunities for Ingathering funds with somewhat more time and with convenient means of travel through the cotton section. There are many cotton factories and from these we secured a good sum. The Peru Mission has a goal of 5,250 soles and to date have more or less 4,600 soles. Field and I will visit the mines up around Cerro de Pasco, Oroya and environs. Perhaps we may be able to get three or four hundred soles more.

"A matter of concern which is troubling us at the present time is the question of military training in the school at. . . . We have been required to secure military officials for this class instruction. Things did not go so badly until the question of arms was presented to the principal the other day. The officer is requiring that muskets be secured to facilitate the training, in harmony with military plans formulated by the government. I cannot tell you right now how this disturbing matter is going to come out. The principal has endeavored to change the attitude of the officer in charge of this military instruction as regards the carrying of firearms, seeking to relieve our youth of this part of the training. . . . It is really a matter which involves the very existence of our work. We cannot operate our school with official value without

complying with these exigencies of the school law of the land, nor can we operate a school of any kind without having government recognition."

C. H. BAKER, *Edu., M. V. and*
S. S. Secretary, *Inca Union Mission.*

How Brother Diaz Delivers his Books

SOME time ago Brother C. Diaz was canvassing in a village in the northern part of Peru. Two days before time for his delivery the police took him in custody without telling him the reason for his arrest. After he had been in the prison for some hours, they gave him to understand that he was a conscript and should have served in the army, and because he had not, as a punishment, they detained him for seven days.

Our brother conducted himself like a gentleman, and the chief of police soon made him his assistant. Brother Diaz could neither eat nor sleep because of his preoccupation regarding his delivery of 25 "Home Physician." So he told the chief that he would like one hour at his disposal to write 25 notes to that many friends he had in that village. The man gave Brother Diaz permission, and he wrote the addresses of the 25 people who had ordered the book. Then he called a tailor, a friend of his, and asked him if he would be willing to take a book to each of the directions which were noted down. The tailor acquiesced, and went out with the books.

The day drew to a close and the tailor arrived with all the money for the books. But he had made a mistake—had given them all to new clients for which he himself had looked. The tailor told Brother Diaz that he had met twenty-five of his friends who bought the books and had congratulated him on the good work he was doing, treating him to beer as an added token of their appreciation. The money was given to Brother Diaz, and once the latter had his liberty he delivered twenty-five books to his original clients. That is how it happened that he was privileged to have a double delivery—through a rather strange but none-the-less marvelous occurrence.

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Adventist Influence in Bolivia

SOME time ago when the excitement of war was at its height the question of Adventism in Bolivia came before parliament. "The Chulumani doctor must either qualify or leave the country, and Adventist books must be kept out of the country," was the cry of the opposition.

Fortunately, the hospital at Chulumani had made its influence felt among high government officials, while the valiant colporteur had placed our books in the hands of most every senator, deputy, lawyer, and public man in La Paz, the capital. Even the president and the vice-president had received our literature and thus become acquainted with our writings.

When the test came, influential men stood as one man in favor of our work and literature, and thus Doctor Taylor was permitted to continue his work in Chulumani, and the colporteurs were given the right-of-way in all Bolivia to sell and scatter the truth-filled pages.

A letter just came to the office from one of our faithful colporteurs. I shall quote a paragraph to show what God is doing by way of influencing the thinking people of Bolivia:

"We enjoy a splendid climate here in Sucre (one-time capital of Bolivia). The people are affable, and educated. It is a pleasure to work with them, although a bit of religious fanaticism still exists. We are well treated, since the fame of the Seventh-day Adventist work in Bolivia has reached every place. The greater part of the people well know about the educational endeavors of our people for the Indians, and of our medical work in behalf of everybody. They appreciate our efforts in fighting alcohol and tobacco, which have done so much harm in this generation, and whose evil effects would be still greater in the coming generations, should time last.

"The two only normal colleges in Bolivia are located in Sucre. One is for young ladies and the other for young men. I visited both institutions and received an order for "Toward the Golden Age," from both directors. When the director of the ladies school understood my mission and was satisfied that I represented the Seventh-day Adventist organization, she expressed her pleasure and made known

her appreciation of our work. She at once ordered a copy of my book. This young lady is an honor to the army of Bolivian school teachers, not only because of her vast cultural preparedness, but also because of her liberal ideas and religious toleration. The director of the boys' normal college also treated me fine, and ordered a copy of "Toward the Golden Age."

"On arriving here, Brethren Diaz, Chavez and I visited the Archbishop. He gladly placed his signature in our prospectus. Then we visited the priests and sold them many of our books. They, without doubt, will have great pleasure in receiving the Advent message, and will meditate seriously on the truths that we proclaim."

So the work goes on. Adventist medical, educational and publishing influences are reaching the high and low classes of society in the cities as well as in the far-flung regions of Bolivia and of all South America. This influence on the minds and hearts of the people is bearing its fruit, and will eventually produce a mighty harvest of souls for Christ's everlasting kingdom.

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Dedication of the Rosario Church

ON JUNE 17, in the prosperous city of Rosario, Argentina, a beautiful temple was dedicated to the high purpose of worshipping God. This building will seat 300 people, being located within easy access of the center of the city.

At the dedicatory service Pastor N. P. Neilsen, President of the South American Division, spoke using as his text a part of Genesis 28: 16, 17: "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not . . . this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." At this dedication the local conference was represented by its president, Walter Schubert, and other members of the conference committee. The writer was there from the Austral Union.

On the Sunday evening following the dedication, Brother Schubert opened a series of meetings for the public. On this first night he had an overflow crowd of about 350 people who gave an offering of 34.00 pesos.

It was not long until the corps of workers had over fifty addresses of those desiring visits and studies. By Sabbath, July 8, the first one had begun to keep the Sabbath, even before this truth had been presented in a public way.

Having a beautiful temple for their worship and having a public effort of such interest, is satisfying to our seventy baptized members in Rosario, who have lived in hope of better days for the cause in that city and have patiently worked on.

Rosario is the second city of the Argentine republic having about 500,000 inhabitants and located in the center of a large and prosperous agricultural district. It is an important port of embarkation for not only products destined to national ports but also to foreign parts. Ocean vessels are constantly in her river port. This city is 303 kilometers northwest of the capital of the republic, Buenos Aires. These two cities are connected by the main line of the Central Argentine railroad. Express trains make this run in about five hours. The port of Rosario is on the line of river steamers to the interior of Argentina as well as to Paraguay.

An advance step has been taken in the progress of the Advent movement in this great republic with the building of this new church and the beginning of aggressive public work in the city of Rosario. May the Lord bless Pastor Schubert and his helpers in Rosario, Victor Aeschlimann and Armando Bonjour.

W. E. MURRAY.

Progress in Chile

WE ARE all filled with courage and enthusiasm. The successful colporteurs are having more success, and those who failed yesterday are today beginning to count themselves among the better colporteurs. Such an experience in these times, when the whole world is groaning under the weight of depression and crisis, is surely a fulfillment of what the Lord tells us in Hab. 3: 17-19.

Business men are glad to see a person whose face radiates this "something" which they do not possess, but would so much like to have in these times of uncertainty. Great and eminent men are desiring and hoping for a visit from the true colporteur of faith. We are experimenting this in Chile. But yet we lack more colporteurs.

I have heard the word "crisis" but few times. In a small town, while accompanying a colporteur, we took more than thirty orders for "Home Physician" in something like three days. All of these were delivered, and several who did not care to order the book, bought it for cash when we delivered the others. I remember especially one man who did not care to give his order. On the day of delivery he saw me in the street and told me to bring to him also a book in the best binding. Being a man who did not look very pretentious, I told him, "but the one in leather binding costs \$100.00," (Chile money). He answered, "It makes no difference, a good thing one has to get in the best binding," and paid for his book right then and there.

Another colporteur who had passed through difficulties, and who for the past two years had forgotten the meaning of the word "success" started anew close to Santiago. The following morning, after I had accompanied him, he alone took in about two hours, nine orders for "Home Physician" besides orders for the Big Three and received advance payments. He is going forward with good success, and will surely continue to do great things.

Brother Thomas Bishop is also doing great things in the north of Chile. These four months during which he has been working he has delivered each month on an average of 3000 Chile pesos. He has just asked for 200 sets of the Big Three to make another delivery.

One colporteur writes: "I thought that only in the north could books be sold, but that in the southern part it would be impossible. When I made the first delivery, together with the director, I was not yet sure of what I was seeing. But my good delivery has shown me that the Lord is powerful enough to fulfil His promise and work His will."

In the city of Talca we were able to sell "Toward the Golden Age" to several railroad officials. The director of the prison and penitentiary also appreciated our visit very much. This man asked us to show our work to other officials at that place.

In the first six months of this year our deliveries were higher by several thousand pesos than the total deliveries in 1932. We give thanks to God who has granted us this forward step. With the Lord we expect to do still greater things. With Him there is no crisis. The crisis with the sons of God exists only insofar as these permit the same to enter their minds.

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One Governor Asks for Adventist Mission Schools

DURING the Harvest Ingathering campaign we visited a governor of one of the territories in the south of Argentina. He was much interested in our work and asked us to establish a school among the Indians and natives who live in the cordilleras. He told us that it was his conviction that in order for the moral and spiritual tone of these people to be raised, they needed the religious factor. When we told him of the work we were doing in Bolivia and Peru, he reminded us of the fact that we should not neglect those closer to our homes. He promised to supply us with the means of transportation and the necessary help that we might the coming summer visit the different places in order to see which would be most adequate for the establishment of our work.

The conversation which we had with this governor, and the interest he manifested in the establishment of our work in his territory, is only one proof of the interest there is to be found in our territory. Few times has a more urgent call been made to us than the one made by this military man, the governor of this province. We told him that we would consider his request and his offer of cooperation, but that we could give no definite promise because of the difficult financial situation in which we find ourselves.

This is a very promising field for our work, as no other religious orga-

nization has started work there. If it would be possible for us to start a school headed by a couple who would at the same time be nurses, it would give us a powerful wedge to enter the homes of the people, and give us a talking point in the Harvest Ingathering; it might also be that through this effort we would be able to get more money in the Harvest Ingathering than the enterprise would cost us.

In the territory of Rio Negro, as a result of the Harvest Ingathering work, we now have a number of candidates for baptism, five of whom will be baptized this coming summer. All of this valley, which is more than 180 miles long, is enormously productive. Our association has to date not established any work in any territory as promising and productive as this. But now, in spite of the scarcity of means, we have decided to begin work there. At the end of the year Pastor Ascione will go up there to hold a series of meetings for the public, at the same time he will give the necessary studies to those who will be baptized this summer.

This year our appropriations were cut more than 5000 pesos, but thanks be to God, not only has His work continued to go forward, but this year seems to promise a larger harvest of believers than any other year.

All over this great conference colporteurs are writing in, telling us of interested people who ask for a visit from some pastor. They have written to me directly, asking that we do not neglect these calls. One lady, the wife of a lawyer in a city in the province of Buenos Aires said, "Please do not neglect us after the colporteur, who is now here with us, leaves. We want to continue the meetings, and because of this have rented a hall. Send us a pastor."

Another lady writes me: "I desire to be baptized in the Adventist faith. If it is not possible for you to come, I am ready to go to Buenos Aires to be baptized there."

May the Lord bless the liberal hearts, who in spite of the economic depression give liberally for the support of the work, that the ones who are still in darkness may enjoy the light of this truth.

P. M. BROUCHY,
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Conference.

Missionary Activities in the Central Argentine Conference

AT THE present time we are engaged in a great campaign of evangelization, and the prophecy which says: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh" (Joel 2: 28) is being fulfilled.

Professor Marshall, president of the River Plate Junior College, and his students, are doing great things for the Lord. Pastor Livingston is directing a public effort in the city of Diamante. Already we find there a small group observing the Sabbath. One group of students is holding meetings in Racedo and Professor Marshall is holding one in Puiggari.

Doctor Westphal, with the personnel of the sanitarium and college, is directing a large effort in the town of Crespo, where hundreds of persons attend. Even in this cold weather the people avidly listen to the message out in the street, through doors and windows, because the meeting place is too small to hold them all.

Brother Christian Mueller, the elder of the Centenario church and Brother Utz, elder of the Viale church, with their deacons, are visiting and encouraging other brethren of other churches, as in Macia and Hernandez.

Brother Henry Weiss of Concordia writes me that already he has ten persons more who are prepared for baptism. Brother John Riffel passed some time in Larroque, Entre Rios, on the invitation of a former brother in the faith, and now this brother is ready to again join our people, together with his wife; also his children are anxious to be baptized. Besides this family there are others, not formerly of our faith, who desire to unite with the Adventists. As soon as possible we will send a worker to harvest the seed sown, which is now growing.

In Santa Fe word comes from Brother Hugo Beskow that they have eleven new believers keeping the Sabbath. Sisters von Oertel, Velia Berisso, Amalia and Flora de Beskow are devoting much of their time giving Bible studies. The meetings are well attended, crowding the place to capacity.

The Lord is also with us in Rosario. Brethren Victor Aeschlimann, Armando Bonjour and Sister Gil, are doing a noble work. They have a list

of eighty persons whom they visit. Twenty of these people are already listed for baptism, although our effort began only about six weeks ago. Every Sunday the temple is full of people eagerly drinking in the message. The church has increased its club of *Atalaya* (Watchman) magazines from 300 to 1000 copies. Besides this the members of the church are scattering out, doing missionary work, aiming for the salvation of souls.

In a recent missionary meeting held in the Parana, E. Rios, church, Brethren Isasi, Green, Avila, Galarza and others, told how the Lord had given them souls in answer to their fervent prayers. In view of such perspectives, we have decided to hold a public effort in the city. We hope that the Lord will give Brother Ramon Isasi and Hugo Beskow a great harvest of believers in the capital of the province of Entre Rios.

We see this same awakening in all parts. Pray, brethren, for the work in the Central Argentine Conference, in order that many more may embrace this precious truth.

WALTER SCHUBERT, *President,*
Central Argentine Conference.

His Word will not Return Void

THE Word of the Lord will not return void. Many times we think that the missionary work we do is of no avail, but that is not so. The seed of the Word, sown in the hearts of the people who listen, sooner or later will produce their effect for good. In Eccl. 11: 1 we read, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days."

A young gardner living in Florida, Argentina, received one day as a present from his employer a good overcoat, which happened, however, to be a bit large for him. To have this adjusted he took the coat to a faithful Adventist tailor, who misses no opportunity to speak a word for the message to those who come to his shop. When this young man came to the shop with his overcoat the brother talked to him, while taking his measurements, regarding the precious hope within him, and tactfully invited the young man to attend the meetings being held in the church. The young

man accepted the invitation and came. At last he accepted the truth and was baptized. We have heard that his wife desires baptism also. They left the town of Florida and went to live out in the country in the province of Rio Negro. When we went to visit them, living away out in the country, we had to ask our way about until we could locate their house. It was surely a joy for us to hear the testimonies which were given by the different people we questioned, regarding the faithfulness of our brother.

One business man, when we spoke to him regarding the Harvest Ingathering, said: "It is not necessary to make more explanations, I know an Adventists, and surely his religion must be good, for he is an excellent person." Again and again we hear like testimonies of all who know him. While we were in his home we held meetings and at times thirty persons would congregate to hear the message. Some of these are very much interested in the truth.

All this is the fruit of a few words spoken by a faithful brother who believes in the efficacy of missionary work.

P. M. BROUCHY, *President,*
Buenos Aires Conference.

Public Effort in Bahia Blanca, Argentina

A SHORT time ago they placed me in charge of the work in this Atlantic seacoast city, and as soon as we were through with our Week of Prayer and our special Young People's Week, we decided to start a public effort.

There were no end of discouraging factors mentioned to us at the beginning aimed at trying to dissuade us; giving such reasons as the excessive cold of the winter which is always several degrees below zero; that the brethren would not attend; and that the public knew enough about Adventism already.

But we were not discouraged by these fantastic lions in the way; we decided to find out for ourselves, and oh, what a surprise! The terrible lions turned out to be meek lambs. On Sunday, the 18th of June, we began the meetings with the subject, "The Economic Problem and its Lessons." Since that time we have had the chapel well filled with chosen people.

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Not only are all the benches occupied, but extra chairs are brought in, and yet many have to remain standing.

When I saw the hall so well filled that it seemed just one human mass after having heard so few encouraging words, tears filled my eyes and a prayer of thanksgiving arose from my heart to the throne of God. Since the first night many people who seem interested in the truth come night after night. The daily papers have kindly conceded us space in their columns, publishing announcements of our meetings, and after the meetings, extracts of the sermons. Some of the newspaper men attend the meeting, and on several occasions these have manifested a distinct interest and sympathy for our work.

Among those present have been high functionaries of the city, such as the chief engineer of public works, and the inspector of the same, the president of the city council, and others. The president of the city council on leaving our chapel, told me, "Pastor, you surely speak as one inspired of God." Another, a newspaper man, said: "You should give these meetings in the municipal theater (the largest in the city). The fact that they are being held in a chapel prevents many from coming." Another newspaper man said: "To speak is not difficult, but to speak the truth is difficult." A radio commentator wrote me a letter congratulating me. Three of the state professors have asked for meetings. On a certain night twenty-eight Methodists were present, among

them the daughters of the minister of that church.

The broadcasting station L. U. 2, Radio of Bahia Blanca, announces disinterestedly all of our meetings, and in that way, as well as through the newspapers, many people, far and near, have become acquainted with our work, a thing which has helped our colporteurs in their work in the city and neighboring towns.

We are of good courage, and ready to work with all our energies, that many may be won for Christ.

ANDRES ASCIONE, *Pastor,*
Bahia Blanca, Argentina.

Austral Union News Notes

THE Missionary Campaign is still being carried on by the sanitarium and the college at Puiggari. Doctor Westphal of the sanitarium is carrying on an evangelistic effort in the village of Crespo which is located about twenty kilometers from the sanitarium. The attendance at his meetings runs as high as two hundred people. He preaches his sermon each Sunday night in two languages, German and Spanish. He reports that the congregation is quite large at both meetings.

A children's meeting has been started under the direction of some of the ladies and on Sabbath July 15 it was reported that seventy-four children attended this meeting. In the city of Diamante which is about eighteen kilometers from the school, Professor J. D. Livingston, the Bible teacher, is holding a series of public meetings with the pastoral training class. In the village of Puiggari, Professor Marshall, the president of the school, is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings for the people of that place. He reports that there is a large attendance during these meetings on Saturday nights. On Sabbath afternoons the young people from the school go about visiting the interested families and inviting all to come to the meeting in the evening. Indeed it is satisfying to see such a revival of missionary spirit and work. May the Lord give His blessing to these young people and their teachers in these efforts.

A VERY successful colporteurs institute was held in the city of Parana from July 7 to 15 for the Central Ar-

gentine Conference. We were glad to have present at this meeting Brother J. L. Brown, of the Division Department of Publication and Brother Viñolo, the Field Missionary secretary of the union. There were about fifteen colporteurs in attendance to receive the good instructions. The studies by Pastor Schubert on the work of the Holy Spirit were appreciated, as were also the splendid instructions on salesmanship and Christian missionary activity of the secretaries from the Division and from the union. The colporteurs have returned to their fields of labor with new courage under the leadership of Brother Manuel Graña, colporteur director of the Central Argentine Conference.

ANOTHER colporteur institute was held in the city of Buenos Aires from the 21st to the 30th of July. At this meeting there were between 25 and 30 colporteurs present. The same help from outside the local workers were present at this meeting as were present at the Parana meeting with the exception of Brother M. I. Fayard, director of our missionary magazine, *El Atalaya* who took part in the Buenos Aires Conference but not in the Parana institute. During the week the evenings were occupied with a series of studies on the effect of the Adventist movement on the world. To these meetings the general public was invited. At the end of this institute the combination plan was introduced in rather a novel way—Sister Anita Quadro and Brother Juan Busso, both colporteurs, were united in marriage.

FROM July 4 to 8 a combined Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary Convention was held in the Florida church. During this time subjects were presented which were profitable for the up-building of these departments. We were favored with the presence of R. R. Breitigam of the Home Missionary Department of the Division and H. B. Lundquist of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Division. The group of churches near Florida took advantage of these good meetings. It is to be hoped that more of these conventions will be held to open our eyes to the great results to be accomplished in these different lines of work.

W. E. MURRAY.