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## The One Essential Thing

By N. P. NEILSEN

WE ARE living in a busy age. Men rush hither and thither. They have no time to wait. All is hurry and bustle. The world is busy. Intensity is taking hold of everything. The speed mania is taking possession of the people and is irresistibly rushing them along. The "lightning express" has become too slow. We must find other means of speed; so we "step on the gas," and seek to annihilate distance, or we rush through the air and attempt to race with the sun. More speed is the urge, and "step lively" is the daily word.

But why this haste? Why this speed in our day?—Ah, it is the spirit of the age. We are living in the last days. Time is short, and the end of all things is at hand. Men may not believe it, but the devil does. He, too, is busy. He is a student of prophecy, and he knows that we are in the last days. He knows that time is short; and this makes him angry. He is mad. He rushes forth, "having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." He is in a hurry. He wants to accomplish his work of destruction before the end. This same spirit is instilled into the hearts of the people today until the very atmosphere seems surcharged with the mania of rush and break-neck speed. It has taken possession of the world.

Being so busy, and living in such an age as this, there is a constant danger that we, too, shall become swallowed

up by this spirit of rush and hurry, and forget the *one thing most needful of all*—our daily, constant communion with God. As a people, we, too, are busy with activities, and this may be well. We have many different cam-

pagings for carrying forward our work; and this may be all right. We have many special days and programs and notices for our people, and this may all be good. Surely the time is short and the work must be finished.

*Tell About Jesus*

*Tell about Jesus by your life;  
Tell about Jesus in the strife;  
Tell about Jesus when you walk;  
Tell about Jesus when you talk;  
Tell about Jesus by your dress;  
Tell about Jesus—talking less;  
Tell about Jesus when you eat;  
Tell about Jesus—being neat;  
Tell about Jesus by your looks;  
Tell about Jesus—reading books;  
Tell about Jesus when you work;  
Tell about Jesus—never shirk;  
Tell about Jesus in your town;  
Tell about Jesus—sitting down;  
Tell about Jesus in your song;  
Tell about Jesus all day long.*

N. P. NEILSEN.

themselves, can never save us. We must take time for communion with God. We must not be so busy that we fail to pray. We must find time for this *one essential thing*, communion with God. Without this all our activities will be in vain.

Activity is not enough. While busy with many things we may lose our connection with heaven, and then be shorn of our power for doing the work God has given us to do.

In a certain hospital a little girl was to undergo a dangerous operation. As she was placed upon the operating table, before giving her the anaesthetic, the surgeon said to her, "Before we can make you well, we must put you to sleep."

Then the little girl spoke up and said, "Oh, if you are going to put me to sleep, I must say my prayers first." So she got on her knees, and said the little prayer she had been taught, "Now I lay me down to sleep." Afterward, the surgeon said that he himself prayed that night for the first time in thirty years.

In times of world stress, like these through which we are now passing, surely there is need of earnest prayer. We can never accomplish the task which God has given us to do without divine power. But to receive this power we must be connected with the source of all power. Yea, there must be a constant inflow of power into our lives. The plan of the devil is to so permeate us with the spirit of hurry and activity, that we shall forget to pray. This must not be. What do you say?

## EVANGELICAL WORK IN THE CENTRAL ARGENTINE CONFERENCE

By W. F. SCHUBERT

AT THE present time, five public efforts are under way in as many different cities in the territory of our Conference.

*Concordia:* Brother Armando Bonjour announces that he has seven people already prepared for baptism. One couple accepted the truth in the town of Ubajay, a town about thirty miles south of Concordia, through the efforts of Brother Pedro Cavil, one of our faithful colporteurs, who recently worked the town with the Spanish "Toward the Golden Age" and "El Atalaya." We hope that this small nucleus will develop into a group of believers in that place, as these two new believers have already intersted several other families in our message.

*Santa Fe:* Our brethren in Santa Fe are of very good courage. Brother Juan Riffel, our worker in the city, hopes that at least 25 new converts will be baptized during this year, through the united efforts of the church. Eight persons are already keeping the Sabbath, and preparing for baptism. The meetings for the public always have a very good attendance.

*Central Rosario:* Brother Aeschlimann is more than busy. It is his duty to develop the interest shown by at least 90 people. Mrs. Ida H. Gil, the bible worker, is helping him in this heavy duty. Fifteen of the interested persons are already keeping the Sabbath, and all prospects seem to indicate that a rich harvest of souls will be gathered before the end of the year. Brother Santiago Schneider, one of the church members, might well be called the right arm of the church; he takes it upon himself to see that nothing is missing in the churches, and is dedicating a large portion of his time to the work.

*Rosario (Suburbs):* At the end of April we organized a nice little group of twenty-five people, in the southern portion of the city of Rosario. We rented a nice hall at 2432 San Martin St., and invested about \$1,500.00 in equipment and rent. We call this group the San Martin church. The seating capacity of the hall is 142.

Immediately upon renting the hall, Brother Enrique Weiss, our evangelist in charge of that group, started a series lectures. His courage is running high, and everything seems to indicate that the Lord will bless him with a rich harvest of souls yet this year. About fifty persons have already shown their interest. Last Sabbath was kept for the first time by five of this number.

*Cordoba:* God is doing wonders in this fanatical city. Cordoba is often called the "Rome of Argentine." We have rented and furnished a comfortable hall, with a seating capacity of 172. When these seats are regularly filled, we can still accommodate about sixty more in a kind of balcony which forms a part of the hall.

Our hall here was inaugurated the 12th of May. Brother Carlos E. Krieghoff, the Conference Secretary and Treasurer, was present, as also Brother Ramón Isasi, from Paraná. The last named Brother gave the inaugural sermon.

Our Sunday meetings, and also the mid-week studies, have been very well attended. Brethren Gambetta and

Perez have their hands more than full. Several of the papers of the city have been giving free publicity to these meetings, both in the way of announcements as in publishing summaries of the lectures. By what we can see, we would judge that from forty to fifty persons will be baptized there this year. About a dozen are already keeping the Sabbath, and awaiting the opportunity to become church members. Since our workers arrived in the city just a few months ago, the Sabbath-school offerings have more than trebled, and twice as much tithes is being paid in each month.

Brother Andrés H. Riffel, our courageous and enthusiastic Missionary Volunteer secretary, with the aid of our church school teachers, is trying to win many of our children to a personal christian experience, before the end of the year. Brother Riffel has started an effort to try to get each one of our church members' children to be a real christian, consecrating themselves wholly to the work of being a blessing to others.

Pray for the work in this Conference. Pray for our loyal workers, for our courageous colporteurs and for our sacrificing church school teachers. Pray that many souls may accept the Truth. Pray that all our brethren may be faithful, and live consistent christian lives.

## BUENOS AIRES CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

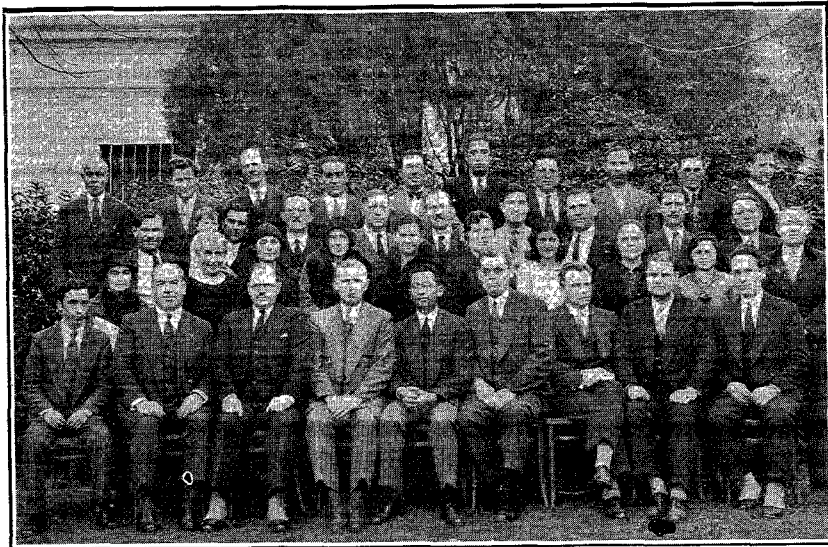
By J. L. BROWN

THE colporteurs' institute of the Buenos Aires Conference was indeed an occasion of special importance for the twenty-six colporteurs, church members and Conference workers. Each one of the colporteurs in no uncertain tone told of his experience in the field during the past year as well as of his determination to follow the Master.

Brother Lautaret, one of those who received a little *recuerdo* given by the Conference president for his faithful service and cooperation in every way, stated that on one occasion while canvassing from door to door, he was ferociously bitten by a vicious dog, and that on another occasion while traveling in the open pampa

where houses are few and far apart, he was overtaken by a terrific hail storm. He showed the scars of the dog bite as well as the scars of the hail stones which bruised and cut his hands and face. His eyes filled with tears as he told of the many interested people he had found in all his travels. These people are waiting for the message for this time. They treated him kindly and they showed a deep interest in the things of God.

Colporteur Prentel said that he had spent three years in the World War fighting and suffering, but that now he was glad that the truth had found him and that he counted it a privilege to suffer and to fight for his Master in this universal war against Satan



Group of ministers of the printed page in attendance at the Buenos Aires institute for 1934, with their instructors and Conference workers.

and his hosts in the earth. He also stated that many people were accepting the message which our literature contains.

Colporteur Osuna said when his turn came that he visited a home and found that the family was too busy with visitors to listen to him. He kindly asked the man to accept a little tract "for his soul's salvation." That very evening a girl canvassed the hotels asking for "The man that sells books." She finally found the hotel where Brother Osuna was staying. In her polite Spanish way she asked him to please do her the favor of pardoning her father for not having given attention to him while he was at her home. Then she asked if he did not sell the *Atalaya*. On learning that he did she said that she had come to buy all the numbers that he had with him. Her father had been greatly stirred with the message in the tract. Brother Osuna returned to the home again, took a subscription to *El Atalaya* and sold several books to the interested man.

When Brother Osuna left that place for the institute, the entire family came to town to bid him good-by as he left the station. The Lord has again used this minister of the printed page to win this family for Christ.

Colporteur leader Gmelin and the writer gave the technical and practical phase of the instruction during the institute, while Elders W. E. Murray,

J. T. Thompson, F. Sittner and Brethren Tucker, Fayard and Soto administered to the spiritual, financial and moral necessities of the colporteurs. Elder Murray's series of special

studies on character building was of special importance. God came very near us during the week we spent together. From this one and that one it was heard that "This was the best institute we ever had in Buenos Aires." It is a coined phrase as in every case, and we are glad that each institute is the best.

Our Sabbath morning service was given over to the special colporteur program. The colporteurs reconsecrated themselves to God for another year of service in the Master's vineyard. Special prayer was offered and mention was made of the appreciation felt by the Conference officers for the faithful work that has been done in preaching the Gospel by this noble group of workers. To close the institute the Lord's Supper was celebrated as the binding tie of Jesus' love among these ministers of the printed page. All the colporteurs have returned to their respective territories with a new vision of duty and a new determination to gain the final victory. May God bless the Buenos Aires colporteur army.

## A MISINFORMED ENEMY

By J. L. BROWN

THERE are thousands of enemies of the truth who are misinformed. They are enemies because they have been told this or that about the man who sells the book that contains the message of God's love.

Just recently one of our faithful colporteurs in the Buenos Aires Conference entered a store to canvass the owner. This merchant had been "informed" and was waiting for the colporteur to enter his premises. He had been told by his spiritual leader that the books that the man was selling from house to house were bad and that they were harming the people. The "informed" man got his revolver ready and also a bar of iron. The colporteur, of course, walked in not knowing that he was stepping into a war zone. The man sprang forth with his bar of iron in one hand and his revolver in the other and yelled to the colporteur to get out at once or die.

Just then the store-keeper's wife broke into the scene and protected the

colporteur telling him to leave because her husband had heard that the books were harmful, and that he was nervous and furious and was determined to do him harm. She also told him to come again at about three o'clock in the afternoon.

The colporteur returned at three o'clock that afternoon with his partner. Before leaving their room both knelt in prayer to ask for God's protection and His power. He entered the store again and found the same man, but he was a changed man. He now asked that he be forgiven for his wicked attitude because, he said, "I was misinformed." The priest had told him that the book sellers were going around deceiving the people, but he had learned from a neighbor that it was not so. He listened attentively as the colporteur presented the message the book contained. He bought one of the books and manifested an interest in the truth. He is now a friend of the everlasting Gospel.

Another colporteur told of a lady who had been a staunch Catholic believer, then a Pentecostal believer, and now she is a well-informed truth lover. She is using the daily papers in her town to give the message. She is informing her friends far and near of their christian privileges and duties

in regard to Present Truth.

Can anyone imagine what good is being done by the colporteur as he seeks to clarify the minds of misinformed people? Will the true minister of the printed page dare to faint in his noble work? Will the enemy frighten him?

## "IT IS RAINING AGAIN!"

By G. S. STORCH

WE ARE very thankful for the help which was sent us for our famine-stricken members in this mission. We will do the best we can with this money in helping the most needy cases. We are glad to report that it is raining again this year in our mission. It now looks as if we will have a good crop of corn, beans and cotton. Our people have already some things to eat, although as yet they have no money at all.

Up to this present time we are holding our own in tithes and offerings. Sometimes we are a little above our goal and sometimes we fall a little below. The crops will have been harvested before the end of the year, and then we hope to receive some more tithes and offerings. Thus far this year we have baptized about eighty persons. Last year we baptized one-hundred-fifty people in this Mission.

## ITINERATING ON THE AMAZON RIVER

By H. B. WESTCOTT

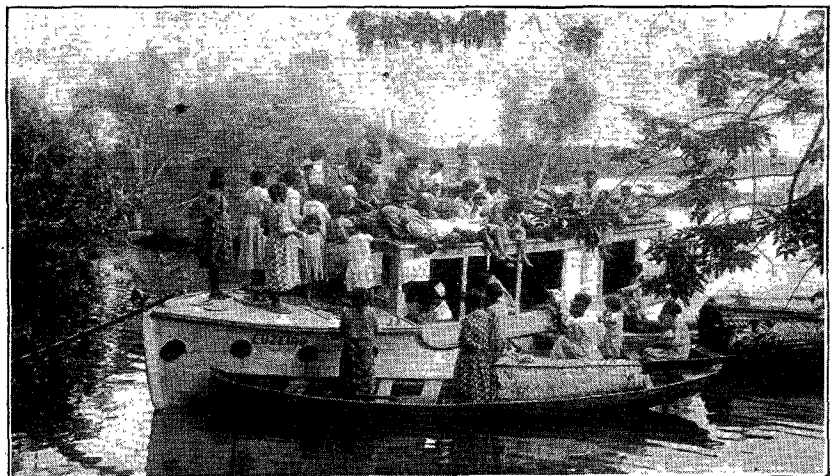
THE accompanying picture shows Sister Jessie Halliwell, wife of Elder L. B. Halliwell, superintendent of the Lower Amazon Mission, giving an injection to a sufferer from malaria, while on one of the trips of mercy that she makes with her husband in our mission launch, on the waters of the mighty Amazon system. These sufferers from malaria are very common in certain sections of that field. Brother and Sister Halliwell were gone from their home for three months on one trip during this year. They travelled from Belem to Manaus and back in their little boat, also making many side trips up near the head waters of the Maués and Andirá rivers. Sister Halliwell's training as a graduate nurse is very helpful in alleviating the many sufferers they find as they travel about. On this trip she and Brother Halliwell, who is also becoming very practical in treating the people, cared for over one thousand three hundred people. In one day more than one hundred received treatment.

Naturally on these visits they meet many sad and disheartening cases. One that was especially touching this year was that of a little baby that was found by a passer-by, lying in the father and mother were lying in their hammocks dead. The poor baby was

found by a passer-by lying in the hammock with its dead mother, clinging to her breast and crying from hunger as well as from the sickness. The baby was brought to the mission boat and after being cared for was left in the home of a near-by neighbor.

It was the writer's privilege to travel with Brother and Sister Halliwell this year for nearly a month. It was really pitiful to see people coming in large numbers, the majority of them revealing in their faces the need of medical aid. Some even had to be carried to the boat.

The readers of the BULLETIN will rejoice, I am sure, to know that as a result of this medical work souls have been brought to the acceptance of the truth. One such case is especially interesting. The man told me that he was very prejudiced against protestantism, as was also his wife. He being sick, however, had a dream in which he thought he saw a large fat man come to him and give him some medicine. He said that as a result of taking the medicine great numbers of worms came from his body, and that then he got well. Later he met Elder Halliwell, and any one who knows this good brother knows that he fills the description that was given the man. Also as there are so many people in that section that suffer from hook worms Elder Halliwell finds it necessary to give medicine for that trouble to nearly every one that is sick, so he is known as the worm doctor. When this man met Brother Halli-



Elder and Mrs. L. B. Halliwell on one of their missions of mercy on the Amazon river. At this place they treated 168 people. On a recent trip they treated more than 1,300 persons.



Sister Jessie Halliwell giving an injection to a patient on the mission boat, "Luzeiro" as described in Brother Wescott's report on opposite page.

well he was told that he had the symptoms of the hook worm trouble, so he was given the medicine for that trouble. He felt that his dream was so literally fulfilled both in the description he had of a large fat man, and also in the results with the worms that he was impressed that he should listen to the teachings of this "worm doctor." As a result he and his wife

are now baptized members of our mission church.

The government officials are appreciating very much the work we are doing. This year they furnished us with some two hundred dollars worth of medicines.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of all in behalf of the work in this very needy as well as interesting field.

## GOD USES THEM

By E. V. MOORE

"THE angel sent to Philip could himself have done the work for the Ethiopian, but this is not God's way of working. It is His plan that men are to work for their fellow men."—*Christian Service*, p. 7.

We will notice that it is God's plan to use the members and the believers of the Christian Church to evangelize those who do not know the truth. Let us be grateful to the Lord that we have everywhere in all churches and groups active members who realize their responsibility toward the cause of God. Here in the Sao Paulo Conference we have many lay members who are preaching the word of God. Recently I received a letter from Brother Eugenio Correa, from Briga-

deiro Tobias, which tells us the following experience:

"A long time ago I wanted to make a missionary trip to a place called Capim Azedo (Sour Grass). Only on

the 27th of last month did I have the opportunity to make this trip together with an interested brother, by name of Joaquim Dias da Silva. It was a difficult trip, for the place is almost ten leagues from Brigadeiro Tobias; however it was a pleasure to see with what interest those brethren listened to the Word of God. Friday evening we had the privilege to give a Bible study on the "Love of God." The following day, Sabbath, I gave another study on the "Plan of Salvation," and at the close of the same day, I spoke about the "Signs of the Coming of Christ."

"There are three interested families. The lady of the house where we stayed, was ill, but even so, she asked me to hold another meeting, and at eight o'clock in the evening I gave a study on "The Law of God." It was encouraging to see the interest those people manifested. I could see the great need of workers, for although a colporteur had never passed through this place there are people, however, who keep the Sabbath. One of them told me that he had been keeping the Sabbath for two years. The harvest is great, but there are only a few workers. It is a pleasure to see how anxious the people are to learn more about God and the message for this time. A good spirit is manifested among them. May I ask you to pray for us and for these interested people?"

Brother Correa does not pretend to preach sermons, but he gives Bible readings, and this is the best way for our lay members to engage in evangelistic work. May the Lord bless the sincere efforts of this brother. May many others join in this good work, for in this way we can evangelize the millions of inhabitants in our conference.

## JOBOATAO, PERNAMBUCO

By OSCAR CASTELLANI

As we draw nearer the end God does wonders on all sides. The number of tents are increasing and the stakes are strengthened. New fields of labour are opened and from them come the children of God who join the message. The work is progressing

in every place, but never before have I had such a clear vision of the words of the Master: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Today I can realize

the greatness of the work, and how little I have been able to do.

Brother José Baracat and I were appointed to conduct a series of public meetings in the beautiful little city of Floresta dos Leões, where we have a prosperous group of believers, but because of the need of an appropriate hall, we resolved to select this neighboring town in the proximity of Recife. Although this place is near the capital of Pernambuco, we had only one sister there. She came to Floresta a short time ago and is living in the home of a relative. It was an opportune time and the Lord blessed us.

The hall we rented had been a cine and had been redecorated. On the first of April we began our work. That same night we were surprised by a very good attendance of more than 300 persons. The following nights the attendance still grew and our meetings stirred the city of Jaboatao. In a short time there were interested people, and now more than thirty are receiving Bible studies. On the 19th of May we held the first Sabbath school at this place and eighteen members were enrolled. Many visitors from Recife and Jaboatao honor us with their presence.

## Faithfulness in Affliction

WHEN I was called to work in the city of Rio Claro, I met a group of faithful believers and also others who were greatly interested in the truth. Two members of that church, a lame man and a blind sister, had a real surprise in store for me.

Brother — is living two leagues from Rio Claro. He has only one leg, the other is artificial; but in spite of this, he does not miss any meetings. I cannot understand how he can walk this distance, but I know that he does not stay away from Sabbath School nor from any evening meeting during the week. His sun-burnt face shows perfect peace and joy in the Lord.

Sister — who also deserves admiration, is almost blind. She lost her right eye, while her left eye is also greatly impaired. Being a widow she struggles against hardships, but this does not weaken her faith. She always comes to the meetings with her youngest son. The other day when I went to see her, I asked her if she needed anything, but she said that she had everything she needed and was satisfied. I was surprised at the cleanliness of her home. She herself takes care of her home and she also does her own washing.

This brother and sister are examples of faithfulness in the paying of their tithe. They are happy and sure of the promise given by Jesus through the prophet Isaiah, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened. . . and the lame shall leap as an hart." Isa. 35: 5, 6.

CATHERINE GRABBY.

## THAT YE MAY KNOW

By N. P. NEILSEN

"THAT ye may know . . . what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead." Eph. 1:18-20.

We are surrounded by power. We see its manifestation on every hand. We behold it in nature. We feel it in our beings. We marvel at the power of the electric current as it turns the great wheels of machinery. We stand in amazement at the power of the great ocean waves as they break in all their fury upon the rocky shore. We stand in awe of the power of the element. The thunderbolt leaps from yonder cloud, and in an instant the great tree is splintered into a thousand pieces. The roaring tornado sweeps by and in a moment the works of men are crushed beneath its whirl like an eggshell. We feel the tremble of the earthquake and whole cities are shaken down, as the very foundations of the earth tremble.

We may experience the same mighty power in our own lives. It can change our vile nature and make us become partakers of the Divine nature. By nature we are sinners. We are dead in trespasses and wickedness. We are aliens from God. We are lost. We have no power of our own, even as the tiny blade has no power to carry its own weight when severed from the plant. But the mighty power of God, manifested in

the resurrection of Christ, can change our lives. We may become new creatures in Him.

Well may we marvel at the change that takes place in the lives of men through the power of God. We find brutality changed to kindness, hatred to love, superstition to faith, fear to belief, and darkness to light. The drunkard is changed to a sober man, the thief and robber is transformed into an honest person. It is the power of God, manifested in His word, which makes these transformations.

Not only may we be born again by the word of God, but we may also be upheld by the same word. We may be kept from sinning. He who upholds the world in space, is able to uphold us and keep us from falling. Thus by the word of God are we born again and by the word of God may we be kept. This, too, is a manifestation of power, the resurrection power of God. Yes, we may feel the workings of this mighty power in our lives, although we may not be able to explain all its operations.

HOWEVER small your talent, God has a place for it. That one talent, wisely used, will accomplish its appointed work. By faithfulness in little duties, we are to work on the plan of addition, and God will work for us on the plan of multiplication. These littles will become the most precious influences in His work.—C. O. L.

## Courage is Running High

THE April report of both our publishing houses show a gain over the sales of last year and courage is running high. The Spanish publishing house has a respectable gain for the first five months of this year, and the Portuguese publishing house has started with April to make its gains and will recover all its losses before the year ends. Both plants are very busy these days preparing new books which will soon go forth to cheer the colporteurs in the field.

J. L. BROWN.

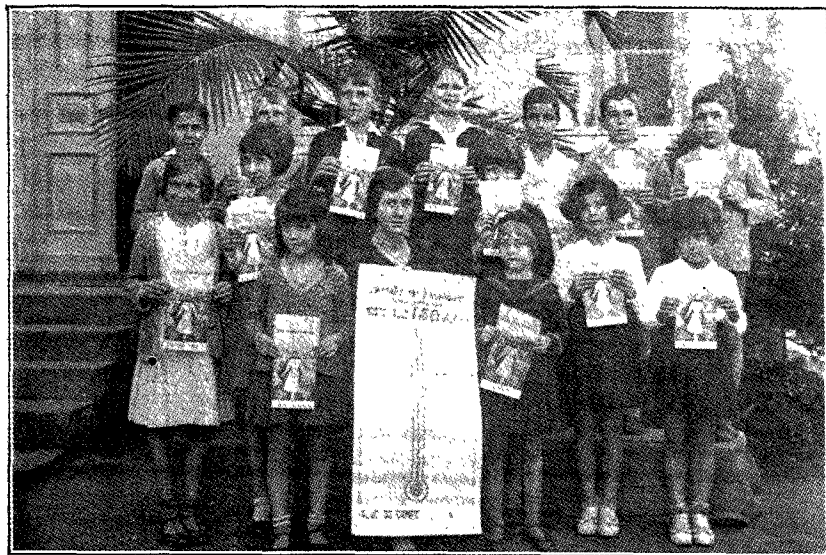


## THEIR THERMOMETER EXPLODED

By SANTIAGO SCHMIDT

WE HAVE almost finished the Harvest Ingathering in our field and have almost reached our goal. Never before have we finished this campaign in so short a time as this year. I believe that a larger number of our members took part in this campaign this time than formerly. Our Brazilian church here in Porto Alegre had a

*Harvest Ingathering Appeals* to them. We did the same this year. Our first reply was accompanied by 100\$000. Our church school here also did better than before. The children passed their goal of 150\$000, without including what was done by the teacher. They are all small boys and girls. I will send a small picture of this school.



Church school children of Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. These children passed their goal in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and their thermometer exploded.

goal of 1:500\$000, and our Conference workers had a goal of 4:000\$000; but both goals were more than reached. We believe our German church here will soon reach its goal also.

I could give many experiences, especially in the Harvest Ingathering. I will give one only. Here at our office we have a long list of interested persons. Every year we send one of our

Last Sabbath three persons were baptized here in Porto Alegre, and about twelve others are expecting to be baptized a little later. Also in the interior of our Conference there are many, many places, where there are people awaiting baptism, but where we have not been able to go to fully instruct them because of a lack of workers. We need more workers.

## INAUGURATION OF THE TEMPLE IN MOGY DAS CRUZES

By E. V. MOORE

THE first visit I made to the interior of Sao Paulo was with Brother Clemente Ferreira, in Mogy das Cruzes, together with Elder H. B. Westcott, in the beginning of 1921. We went there to work in the Harvest

Ingathering. We were well impressed with the city of Mogy das Cruzes. Some years later Brother Germano Conrad with his family moved to this place. In 1932 Elder Jeronymo G. Garcia, assisted by Sister Catherina

Grabby and Brother Conrad, rented a hall and held a public effort. Not long after this, a good Sabbath school was organized and a little later seventeen people were baptized.

Soon the old and the new members of that church, together with the workers of the conference, began to agitate the matter of securing their own church building with a suitable room for a church school.

The construction of the building was started, and fortunately the effort was crowned with success, thanks to the sincere efforts of Brother Conrad and other brethren of that church. Many of the friends gave brick, tile, electrical fixtures, flowers, besides helping with their own hands. We are desirous of having a good church school there in 1935 and we are laying plans for its realization.

On Sabbath, June 2, Elder N. P. Neilsen, president of the South American Division, gave the inaugural sermon, to a congregation of more than 250 persons. The choir from Sao Bernardo sang some beautiful songs and Sister Butler from the Sao Paulo church sang two solos. In the afternoon of the same day there was a program with recitations and music which everyone enjoyed. In the evening Elder Domingos Peixoto from the Collegio Adventista had charge of the sermon, and on Sunday evening Elder Ricardo Wilfarth started a public effort which will continue during the month of June.

THAT which above all other considerations should lead us to prize the Bible, is that in it is revealed to men the will of God. Here we learn the object of our creation, and the means by which that object may be attained. We learn how to improve wisely the present life, and how to secure the future life. No other book can satisfy the questionings of the mind or the cravings of the heart. By obtaining a knowledge of God's Word and giving heed thereto, men may rise from the lowest depths of degradation to become the sons of God, the associates of sinless angels.—"*Counsel's to Teachers*," pp. 53, 54.

"THE spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven."

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## One Hundred Million

WE ARE just about now crossing the one-hundred-million-dollar line in the total value of Seventh-day Adventist literature circulated since the beginning of this movement. Some of it has been destroyed, no doubt, but much of it has been preserved and will bear a harvest of fruit. In this magazine-reading age special efforts are being made to increase greatly the circulation of our magazines, and these efforts are meeting with success. For example, in the Central European Division last month 484,000 copies of their missionary magazine were put into circulation. Last year six of our world divisions showed a gain in literature sales, and ten of the divisions closed the first quarter of the present year with a substantial gain. We have now an army of three thousand colporteurs carrying the message to the world. J. L. BROWN.

## We are Advancing

THE Advent Movement belongs to God. He is leading out in it. I will not write much except to state that we are advancing. From January to May we have a gain in our book sales of nearly 15:000\$000 (\$1,500.00). We have five colporteurs selling "Patriarchs and Prophets," and all, except one, are selling them in combination with "O Atalaia." With the Lord's help we will by far pass our goal for this year.

SATURNINO M. OLIVEIRA.

## FAITHFULNESS IN TITHE PAYING BRINGS BLESSINGS

By JOSE R. DOS PASSOS

A SISTER in the Bahia church for a long time wanted to pay tithe, but did not know how to do it. Her husband is not a member of the church and gives her only the necessary amount of money for the monthly expenses.

"Many times," she said, "the money which my husband gave me was not enough to cover the monthly expenses, and I had to ask him for more. This caused contentions. Finally I realized that it was my duty to pay tithe on the money that was given to me for the home expenses, and I began to do it. I was surprised when at the end of the month I still had some *milreis*

left over, and these I saved in a little box. Since then I have continued to pay my tithe and I have not had to ask my husband for more money than the regular allowance. I always have some money over and I am glad that I can give the tithe to the Lord besides something for Mission offerings."

God never fails. Don't you want to accept His challenge? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, 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." Mal. 3:10.

## NOTES FROM SOUTH BRAZIL

By E. H. WILCOX

ON SABBATH, June 2, the new church building in Mogy das Cruzes was dedicated.

THE construction of the new church building in Curitiba, State of Paraná, is progressing. Surely within a short time, we shall hear of its dedication. We hope that the work in Curitiba will go forward and that our brethren will reconsecrate themselves to the Lord and to the work as never before, that the new church may be filled with members.

BROTHER Siegfried Hoffmann is holding a public effort in Rio Claro, State of Sao Paulo. He wrote us that they bought a lot for a new church building. We hope that the meetings held there will be a great blessing for the cause of God in that place.

BROTHER Longino Niz writes from Cuyabá, saying that he has organized four Sabbath schools in the vicinity of that city and that ten people are ready for baptism. Brother Longino Niz is the colporteur in that State.

THE brethren in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, are very glad that they have found a nice lot in the center of that city. We are planning to build a new church in that capital before the end of this year. When the building

is ready and we have the help of pastor J. G. Garcia, we hope that many souls will be won for the kingdom of God.

I REMEMBER once, said the late Henry Ward Beecher, that a man came to our house, boiling over with rage. He had, or supposed he had, a grievance of which to complain. My father listened to him with attention, and then said in soft and low tone, "Well, I suppose you only want what is just and right?" The man said, "Yes," but went on to state the case over again. Very gently father said to him, "If you have been misinformed, I presume you would be perfectly willing to know the truth?" He said he would. Then father quietly made a statement of the other side; and when he was through the man said, "Forgive me, doctor. Forgive me." It was a striking illustration of the passage, "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city."—*Publisher Unknown*.

HE WHO does not think too much of himself is much more esteemed than he imagines.—*Goethe*.