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## The Problem of Teacher Morale

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CHRISTIAN education is essential if the children and youth are to be properly integrated into the spirit, the life and the activities of the Advent Movement.

During the past five years the rapid growth in the number of church schools has far exceeded the supply of fully trained teachers. In one union there has been an increase of 300%. To meet the needs of this expanding program our Educational Secretaries and Superintendents have often found it necessary to admit to the teaching service persons with meager preparation for the work. In many instances the shortage of teachers has been so acute that the churches have been willing to employ almost any Adventist young people who gave evidence of a reasonable degree of proficiency in the primary course of study, regardless of the inadequacy of this person's professional and technical training for the job. Many individuals of limited preparation have looked upon the teaching service as little more than a temporary "stepping-place" while casting about for a more desirable occupation, or while waiting for an opportunity to get married.

To fill the ranks with poorly-prepared and transient teachers inevitably brings inefficiency in the schoolroom, with resulting discouragement and loss of interest on the part of the church.

Drastic measures should be taken to provide and utilize a full corps of competent, professionally-minded

teachers, who take their responsibilities seriously and who look upon teaching as a *career*. Otherwise, a "vicious circle" is created which places in jeopardy the very existence of our church schools.

Inefficient teaching results in poor pupil progress and causes many parents to doubt the "superiority" of Christian education. Soon this lack of confidence manifests itself in an unwillingness to give adequate financial support to the school. As a result, the teacher's salary schedule, as compared to that of other workers, is gradually reduced to the point that the schoolroom ceases to attract the attention of strong, capable, professionally-minded young men and women as a possible and desirable career.

A strong conviction on the part of the church that the Christian school is a necessity often causes the church to seek a solution to the problem by making frequent changes in the teaching personnel, with the hope that a "good teacher" may eventually be found. If it is recognized that a certain amount of teacher turn-over is inevitable and sometimes even desirable. However, to repeat the process at too frequent intervals is expensive in both money and morale. The profession suffers, the children suffer, and the

church and community suffer. Not being acquainted with the local conditions, the teachers are forced to "feel their way" and labor as "experimenters," practicing their art on the children who must likewise adjust themselves each year to a new teacher personality and to different methods of instruction. To parents it means the necessity of acquainting the new teacher with the special needs of their children. To the director of education it means extra supervision, increased correspondence and more frequent interviews.

To young men and women still in training the impression is given that teaching is not a very satisfactory career. The expense of this inefficient procedure cannot be measured in terms of dollars and cents. A way must be found to improve the situation. Teaching has been referred to as a "profession" rather than a "vocation." There must be some fundamental reasons why young people do not choose teaching as a life work. Until these barriers to teacher-recruiting and to the stability of the teaching profession are clearly recognized and removed, our school system will continue to operate inefficiently, and who knows but that many of our schools may be closed by the governments, as has been the case in some countries.

Probably the two basic reasons why church school teaching is not attracting larger numbers of young people are:

a. *The low economic status of the church school teacher.*

Why should a young woman assume the responsibilities of a school-room when she can earn as much or more working as a stenographer in one of our conference offices, and with less training and less worry?

b. *The low esteem in which teaching is held as compared with other lines of work in the church.*

A teacher said to a young man about to enroll in the normal course: "Don't be foolish. There is no future for you in church school teaching." Acting upon this counsel, the young man decided to give up the idea of teaching, though he has a special talent for this line of work.

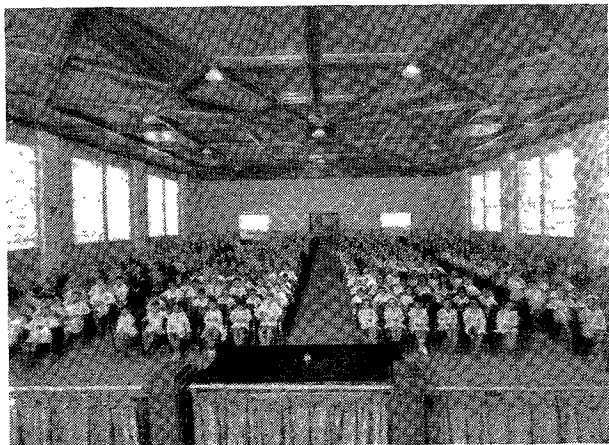
c. *The fact that church school teachers are not considered workers as are stenographers, office helpers, bookkeepers, Bible instructors, departmental secretaries, etc.* This situation is being changed in some unions, the teachers being paid by the Conference as are all other workers. All school funds are sent to the Conference, and

teachers receive their monthly salary from the conference treasurer. Teachers' salaries in those fields are equal to those of other workers of similar experience.

To facilitate teacher-recruiting and to stabilize the profession, it is of urgent necessity not only that the conference and educational leaders do their part in improving the conditions under which the teachers must labor, but also, that the teachers now in service stay with the work even though conditions at present are unfavorable. They should strive earnestly to grow professionally, and help to elevate the work of teaching in the estimation of parents and church-members as well as of young men and women who are now undecided as to whether they should engage in this important work or not. Every effort should be made to build up a stable, well-trained corps of teachers so that the children and youth of the church may sit under the instruction of teachers fully devoted to their work and fully matured in their ability.

## PROGRESS AT THE BRAZIL COLLEGE

By D. PEIXOTO DA SILVA, *President*



Brazil College auditorium, with church school children occupying the front seats.

BEAUTIFULLY situated on the rolling hills near the thriving city of Sao Paulo, the Brazil College stands as a beacon light to the surrounding territory. Its influence has widened through the years until now it is well known throughout Brazil and other South American countries.

The enrollment for 1945 went beyond all expectations. Coming from

all the states of Brazil, the number of matriculated students reached 510.

The Brazil College is to be congratulated because for the first time in its thirty years of useful and progressive existence eighty-eight students are graduating this year, receiving their certificates and diplomas in the following courses:

Nursing, Normal, Commercial, Aca-

demic, Pre-University and Theological.

We have followed most of these students through their primary and academy courses, and now will have the pleasure of seeing them graduate from the advanced courses. Such an occasion is truly inspiring. The hard problems, the battles fought, the grey hairs, the vigils kept, during more than one decade of teaching and administration are almost forgotten as we contemplate with joy what has been accomplished under the blessing and direction of God.

The Brazil College was founded to prepare the youth—the future and the hope of the church—to take the message of hope, peace and love to a suffering world.

### WHAT THE COLLEGE HAS DONE

It appears perhaps as though the College has failed because it has not been able to keep pace with the growing need of more workers for the Brazil field. Nevertheless, considering the facts, we shall see the efficient contribution the College has made to God's work in Brazil. Let us consider what has been done in reality.

From the year 1922 to 1944, 212 students, young men and young women, have graduated from the advanced courses. In all four corners of Brazil, 176 of these are occupying positions of various responsibilities in the denomination as union presidents, conference and mission presidents, college presidents, publishing house managers, evangelists, editors, pastors, departmental secretaries, Bible workers, primary, academy and college teachers, treasurers, secretaries and office helpers. Would it be just or advisable to withdraw this fine, consecrated group of workers from their responsibilities and tell them that their services are no longer necessary? Certainly not! Has the Brazil College failed in its purpose? No, it has not, thank God! Let us be grateful, then, to God for what has been done through these workers who have been consecrated to His work. Let us also be thankful for the spirit of sacrifice that possessed the founders of the Brazil College.

### ACTIVITIES

During the vacation period between 1944 and 1945 the student colporteurs sold \$ 25,875.00 U. S. worth of books, representing 187 scholarships. In the



The Faculty, Brazil College. In the center of the front row can be seen the Director, Prof. Peixoto da Silva, and Mrs. Peixoto da Silva.

Harvest Ingathering campaign and Reconstruction Offering the College raised \$1,265.00 and \$747.50 respectively.

There are 130 candidates in the baptismal class, and the colporteur band consists of 130 students, all of whom intend to go canvassing during the next vacation period, God willing.

The Progressive Missionary Volunteer classes are an energetic group and have made a splendid record in the South American Division in the number that have completed the requirements. So far this year 376 have been invested.

The industries at the College are making exceptionally good progress.

From January to August of this year \$92,000 worth of our food products were sold. This amount corresponds to the total sales for 1944. The building for the Food Factory, not yet finished, occupies an area of 1,200 square meters, and without doubt will be ready for use by the next canning season.

Throughout Brazil our cattle are famous. It is impossible to take care of all the orders that come in from those who wish to buy from us. We are frequently visited by persons of high social rank and also by government officials who are interested in seeing what we have and also in buying our stock. In this way they come in contact with the truth, and it is our privilege to tell them more about it.

For all that has been done we have every reason to thank and praise our good God and express our sincere gratitude for the help which we have received from the General Conference, Division, Unions and local fields.

## EVANGELISM BY CORRESPONDENCE IN THE BAHIA MISSION

Soon after my arrival in Bahia I learned that there were many interested people in this great territory of the Bahia Mission, but most of these interested ones lived in far away, inaccessible places and were not in direct contact with the Mission, so were not receiving spiritual help of any kind. From the fields we received letters like this one:

"The little map which I enclose indicates that there were more or less fifty interested persons, but today there are only a very few left. What shall we do, brother? Even those who are awaiting baptism are weak in their faith."

These words cut my heart, and I began to meditate on the problem to see what could be done to solve it. Should I leave these interested ones without giving them at least the minimum attention—leave them to wait for a remote time in the future when it might be possible to send a worker? I could not dismiss the problem so easily.

So in the month of September 1943, it was decided to initiate a course of

By E. G. EBINGER

Bible studies by correspondence, and endeavor to contact all the interested ones of whom we had names and addresses. I organized a card file giving each one a number. All information was placed on this card which would be of interest and help to us here in the office. Today we have a list of 156 names with whom we are maintaining correspondence.

We use the twenty-eight brief studies published by the Brazil Publishing House, adding to these tracts and leaflets which correspond with the same subject, and a circular letter with more explanations. In these same letters we also make propaganda for our books, and as a result have sold several. Later on we also asked them to subscribe to the Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly and the *Revista Adventista*, which many have done.

The 1945 Red Cross nursing class of the Brazil College, which is under the direction of Mrs. Peixoto da Silva.



# STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION — SECOND QUARTER, 1946

NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	1 Number of Churches	2 Membership at Begin- ning of Quarter	3 MEMBERS ADDED DURING QUARTER			4 MEMBERS DROPPED DURING QUARTER			5 Entire Church Membership at Close of Quarter	6 Ordained Ministers		7 Licensed Ministers		8 Credentialed Missionaries	
			By Bap- tism	By Pro- fession of Faith	By Letter	By Death	By Apos- tasy	By Letter		In Conf.	In Inst.	In Conf.	In Inst.	In Conf.	In Inst.
1 Austral Union Conference	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	---	---	---	---	---
2 Buenos Aires Conference	19	1,805	9	1	60	3	17	60	1,792	4	---	10	---	---	---
3 Central Argentine Conference	21	2,207	27	2	120	3	18	116	2,219	7	---	1	---	---	---
4 Chile Conference	40	3,223	3	3	11	6	13	12	3,209	7	---	8	---	---	---
5 Cuyo Mission	7	396	2	---	2	2	5	4	389	3	---	2	---	---	---
6 Northwest Mission	2	---	---	---	68	---	6	---	62	1	---	---	---	---	---
7 North Mission	14	1,112	9	2	26	1	4	85	1,059	5	---	3	---	---	---
8 Uruguay Mission	16	1,211	---	---	23	1	8	21	1,198	3	---	3	---	---	---
Totals	119	9,954	50	8	310	16	71	298	9,928	36	---	27	---	---	---
9 East Brazil Union Mission	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	2	1	1	1	---
10 Baia Mission	5	910	15	---	---	3	1	8	913	3	---	---	---	---	---
11 Northeast Mission	7	1,070	23	1	1	2	---	---	1,093	3	---	3	---	---	---
12 Rio-Espirito Santo Mission	25	2,349	56	1	3	---	7	2	2,400	3	---	5	---	11	1
13 Rio-Minas Gerais Mission	14	1,977	---	1	12	3	1	7	1,979	4	---	---	---	8	---
Totals	51	6,306	94	3	16	8	9	17	6,385	16	2	9	1	20	1
14 Inca Union Mission	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	---	---	2	---
15 Bolivia Mission	8	2,088	13	2	9	---	---	6	2,106	2	1	1	1	---	1
16 Ecuador Mission	3	170	12	---	---	---	---	2	180	2	---	3	---	---	---
17 Lake Titicaca Mission	14	6,362	4	---	---	6	---	2	6,358	6	1	9	1	3	4
18 Peru Mission	17	2,041	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,041	7	---	4	---	5	---
19 Upper Amazon Mission	7	705	31	---	---	---	---	---	736	1	---	5	---	2	---
Totals	49	11,366	60	2	9	6	---	10	11,421	22	2	22	2	12	5
20 North Brazil Union Mission	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	---
21 Central Amazon Mission	2	80	4	---	---	2	5	---	77	---	---	2	---	---	---
22 Lower Amazon Mission	3	486	19	---	1	2	16	3	485	---	---	4	---	---	---
23 North Coast Mission	3	240	8	---	3	1	4	10	236	1	---	2	---	---	---
Totals	8	806	31	---	4	5	25	13	798	5	---	8	---	---	---
24 South Brazil Union Conf.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	3	---	1	---
25 Goiano-Mineira Mission	2	296	---	---	---	---	---	---	296	2	---	3	---	---	---
26 Mato-Grosso Mission	4	240	19	2	---	---	1	---	260	2	---	---	---	2	---
27 Paraná-Sta. Cat. Conf.	17	2,998	6	---	---	8	15	10	2,971	5	---	3	---	8	3
28 Rio Grande do Sul Conf.	24	3,051	33	1	4	4	8	---	3,077	4	1	3	2	4	3
29 Sao Paulo Conference	17	4,571	48	2	24	15	1	5	4,624	8	---	3	---	1	---
Totals	64	11,156	106	5	28	27	25	15	11,228	24	1	15	2	16	6
RECAPITULATION															
30 South American Division	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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32 East Brazil Union Mission	51	6,306	94	3	16	8	9	17	6,385	16	2	9	1	20	1
33 Inca Union Mission	49	11,366	60	2	9	6	---	10	11,421	22	2	22	2	12	5
34 North Brazil Union Mission	8	806	31	---	4	5	25	13	798	5	---	8	---	---	---
35 South Brazil Union Conf.	64	11,156	106	5	28	27	25	15	11,228	24	1	15	2	16	6
Totals	291	39,588	341	18	367	62	130	353	39,760	103	5	81	5	48	12

With the ninth letter we sent a questionnaire to be filled out inquiring as to whether they agreed with the principles of Bible truth as they had been presented. Forty-seven filled out these questionnaires, and fifty-four wrote letters expressing their great joy and satisfaction. There are many letters that might be quoted, but for lack of space I will leave them for some other occasion.

Up to the present moment, as these

lines are being written, 1,440 letters have been written besides many private letters which answer specific questions and encourage them to prepare for the coming of Jesus. In addition 3,335 pamphlets have been sent to them and 3,320 printed Bible studies. Many of the interested ones have received a good supply of leaflets so that they may use them to do missionary work where they live, and this has been done with good results,

as some have been brought into the truth through this means. Having in their hearts the first love of the truth and in their hands the fine little Bible studies, they go forth eager to speak to others of the message that has touched their own hearts. In this way one interested person brought twelve other families into the truth. Another one brought in eight families. Our workers already have organized four Sabbath Schools, one with

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9 Licensed Missionaries		10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17		18	19	20	21
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In Conf.	In Inst.	Honorary Ordained Ministers	Honorary Credentialed Missionaries	Bible Instructors	Book and Periodical Canvassers	Other Workers	Total Laborers	Total Tithe Receipts	Tithe per Capita	Total Offerings to Foreign Missions Including Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita	Total Sabbath School Contribu- tions	Total Con- tributions for Home Mission Work	Total Con- tributions for Local Church Work	Home and Local Offerings per Capita
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2	5	--	--	4	32	5	62	8,236.39	5.06	3,082.01	1.89	1,435.34	38.10	---	.02
8	--	--	--	2	16	7	41	5,361.53	2.55	1,697.45	.81	1,377.80	1,250.52	691.33	.92
8	--	--	--	--	23	13	59	11,015.93	3.78	3,808.07	1.31	1,873.49	394.36	2,549.90	1.11
1	--	--	--	1	9	2	18	1,166.11	4.68	336.28	1.35	253.84	41.89	162.59	.82
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4	4	--	--	--	6	9	31	2,471.57	2.01	2,768.64	2.25	610.47	30.77	362.50	.32
5	--	--	--	3	12	4	30	4,587.67	3.93	3,972.98	3.41	779.52	836.53	710.73	1.33
32	9	13	4	10	98	40	269	33,077.87	3.56	16,478.24	1.77	6,399.75	2,592.17	4,485.20	.48
3	8	--	--	--	---	--	19	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
6	--	1	--	--	16	1	27	2,053.40	2.52	1,361.02	1.67	372.26	1,081.84	22.46	1.35
5	--	--	--	1	11	14	37	2,601.00	2.89	1,347.70	1.50	562.46	1,367.06	400.16	1.96
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14	8	3	1	5	43	21	144	14,958.38	2.74	10,901.21	2.00	3,147.99	9,488.04	840.66	1.89
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17	9	--	1	--	5	--	38	2,418.47	1.24	5,795.30	2.97	835.69	8.55	87.87	.04
5	--	--	--	--	5	1	16	358.15	2.60	668.46	4.84	51.60	36.37	89.68	.91
10	5	--	3	--	10	--	52	3,865.06	.64	1,900.51	.31	731.19	1.35	120.40	.02
3	--	--	--	--	24	--	43	4,817.90	2.64	6,063.00	3.33	1,321.57	1.50	124.67	.07
4	--	--	1	--	1	6	20	1,017.76	1.50	844.13	1.24	354.06	---	20.11	.02
47	14	--	5	--	45	7	183	12,477.34	1.17	15,271.40	1.44	3,294.11	47.77	442.73	.04
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9	1	--	--	--	20	--	43	2,565.66	4.07	2,218.76	3.52	562.35	8.49	108.05	.18
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1	--	--	--	--	2	--	7	1,001.11	4.46	453.36	2.02	171.40	274.14	103.50	1.69
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10	4	--	--	--	17	19	62	18,374.90	4.45	2,472.63	.60	2,275.52	1,069.90	3,654.30	1.14
11	4	--	--	3	61	31	174	33,804.91	3.34	8,636.15	.85	4,876.93	1,654.94	4,469.96	.60
RECAPITULATION															
32	9	13	4	10	98	40	269	33,077.87	3.56	16,478.24	1.77	6,399.75	2,592.17	4,485.20	.48
14	8	3	1	5	43	21	144	14,958.38	2.74	10,901.21	2.00	3,147.99	9,488.04	840.66	1.89
47	14	--	5	--	45	7	183	12,477.34	1.17	15,271.40	1.44	3,294.11	47.77	442.73	.04
9	1	--	--	--	20	--	43	2,565.66	4.07	2,218.76	3.52	562.35	8.49	108.05	.18
11	4	--	--	3	61	31	174	33,804.91	3.34	8,636.15	.85	4,876.93	1,654.94	4,469.96	.60
113	36	16	10	18	267	99	813	96,884.16	2.68	53,505.76	1.48	18,281.13	13,791.41	10,346.60	.67

27 members, another with 22 members, and two Sabbath Schools with eight members enrolled, and these are directed by the interested ones themselves. In a certain place lives a family of sixteen persons who are all interested in the truth.

I am happy to report that some of the interested ones have already been baptized, four in one place and in another place two. It will be my privilege in a few weeks to baptize eight

or ten more who have come to a knowledge of the truth through this correspondence course. There are still other places where they are waiting for a visit from a worker.

All who are enrolled in our correspondence course are also enrolled in the Radio Bible School and are receiving besides our instructions the splendid Voice of Prophecy studies. The interested ones have distributed hundreds of enrollment cards for the

Voice of Prophecy Bible School, sending us the names.

We have at the moment interests in 78 different places where we do not have any workers, not even a colporteur or a baptized member, but all are being evangelized through the correspondence course, and they are very satisfied. To the more interested ones we also send our *Luzero Baiano*, our Mission bulletin. Several are sending us their tithes and offer-

ings. One gave a donation of 1,000 Cr. (\$57.50 U. S.) for the Voice of Prophecy, and later on he intends to give other good donations for the same purpose, all of which reveals a sincere love of the message.

A great many names of these interested ones have come to us through our colporteurs, who find them out in the field, and others have been furnished by our workers and lay members. We register only those who live far from our churches, where they cannot be visited frequently by lay members or workers, so that they may not be forgotten and cool off for lack of interest in their spiritual welfare. We want to avoid the fulfilment of what is written in Ezekiel 34: 5 and 6: "And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd, and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep

wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill; yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them."

I am expecting great things from this correspondence work, and as a result many souls won to this precious truth. Our expectation is nothing less than four or five hundred souls as a direct result of this work. We maintain a complete report in our office so that at a glance new information can be found without losing time.

Our great need is for more workers. We need one who can dedicate himself exclusively to this enormous interest which we have in all these 78 places. They must all be visited and receive more instruction before they can be baptized by ordained ministers.

## SABBATH AND SUNDAY-KEEPERS

By C. E. LAMBETH

As TIME RACES ON we hear more and more from the out-of-the-way places where the Third Angel's Message is taking root. Just the other day the following experience came to my attention.

It seems that some time ago two of our lay members travelling through the far interior of the state of Bahia stopped for awhile in a village where the message of the Gospel had never entered. While there they had dealings with a certain man, and when the opportunity presented itself they talked to him about the truth. They left some literature which awakened a desire in him to know more about the Bible. In his search through the Scriptures he discovered that the Sabbath is holy, and he believed right then that the message presented in the literature must be correct. With this, however, the man was more confused than ever, for the church taught him that Sunday was the day that should be kept. Surely the church could not be wrong with all its millions of followers. Most certainly all the many very learned men who lead out in the church could not be wrong. So, then, Sunday must also be holy. Why would almost everybody close shop and leave their usual work on

this day? Forthwith he decided that both days must be holy, and together with his family began to observe both. For a considerable time he faithfully obeyed his conscience regarding the holiness of these two days, and proceeded to do missionary work among his friends. When the case came to our attention he had seven other families all keeping holy two days a week together with him and his family. They followed as best they knew how an improvised organization, had their own meetings, and gave their offerings.

A short time ago some colporteurs found this group and presented the pure, unadulterated truths of the Bible. Now all of these Sabbath-Sunday observers have dropped the keeping of Sunday and have organized a group Sabbath school. From what we can learn, all these men and adult members of their families are ready and waiting for baptism. Others now in the locality have become interested, and shortly we expect to have a thriving church in that vicinity which is a great distance from our closest church.

The ways of the Lord are marvelous, and through the period of uncertainty by His Spirit He held this group to-

gether impressing them constantly with the importance of the Sabbath truth, and even though they were still closely connected with the religion of the world, they were kept steadfast until more light came to them. Surely the Lord is awakening thousands throughout our territory, calling and holding them until the day when by some means we can contact them, either by public evangelism, the literature ministry, health work, lay activity, or by radio.

## Reaping on the Amazon

By R. R. FIGUHR

MANAOS, an important city a thousand kilometers up the Amazon River and center of the rubber production of that great region, is being stirred by this message. Pastor Storch, one of our leading Brazilian evangelists, recently returned from the United States, where he has been attending the Theological Seminary and associating with Pastor Shuler in evangelism, is holding the meetings, assisted by a number of other workers. A fine hall, centrally located, is filled to overflowing four nights a week by deeply interested listeners. One hundred fifty have signed their names to join the baptismal class. Undoubtedly others will join as the meeting progresses. About this number attend the special Sabbath school and church service that is held for the interested ones on Sabbath afternoons.

God's spirit is working in the hearts of the people. Many are deeply impressed. One man had a dream and seemed to be in a desperate plight. He appeared to be in a large pit of mud and slime and helplessly sinking deeper and deeper. Then a large, strong man appeared and pulled him out, saving his life. Shortly after this dream, the man attended the meetings and saw Pastor Storch. "That" he said, "is the man who pulled me out of the pit in my dream."

It was not easy to find a meeting-hall. With the city the center of rubber receiving and shipping, people have flocked in until everything available is occupied. But the Lord raised us up a friend in the person of the head of the Electric Light and Street-car Company. He is a North American, who has lived in Brazil for thirty

years. He calls himself a pagan and infidel and cares little for religion. For some time he has been observing our medical work on the river. "You folks," he says, "have a practical side to your religion and help the sick." He has himself been on our launches and annually asks Pastor Halliwell to give him a physical check-up. This good man interceded for us, and not only secured the meeting-hall, but defended us later when certain elements wanted to eject us from the hall. Speaking with us he said: "Storch has stirred this city with his meetings." What is taking place in Manaus, we expect to see in other cities and towns in the great northern region of Brazil.

For years the work of seed-sowing has been going on along the great Amazon in Brazil and Peru. Our missionaries have lived on its banks, isolated and largely cut off from civilization, to teach the truth and heal the sick, many of whom never see a doctor or medical worker of any kind until our medical workers arrive. The medical launches ply up and down this great stream and its many branches, seeking out the sick and suffering.

This work is greatly appreciated by government officials and others who have come in contact with it. One business man, who lives as far away as Buenos Aires, learned of our work on the Amazon through Pastor Brooks, the editor of *La Revista Adventista* (Spanish Review), as he was doing Ingathering. This man has given our workers a letter authorizing them to get any amount of medical supplies they need and to charge it to his account. As he is in the wholesale drug business and has contacts in North Brazil, it is easy to do this. This good man has listened with tears in his eyes as our missionaries have reported to him the good that his medicines have done.

As one passes through this great northern section of Brazil, he sees the great need and boundless opportunities, and the words of Jesus come to him with special force: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

May God make us more diligent laborers in His whitening harvest.

## A MESSAGE FOR YOU

*From the Ministerial Association*

*Dear Fellow Worker:*

No period in the expanding development of the great second advent movement has presented so pressing a challenge as the present. Doubtless no year in our history has been fraught with greater demands and opportunities than 1946 will bring to us. The coming of peace, the plans for rehabilitation, the great advance contemplated in evangelism, when all continents and islands are opening to the giving of our message, places a sobering responsibility upon every one of us.

This calls for a greater preparation of heart and mind than ever before to meet what God expects. In view of this, the Advisory Council of the Ministerial Association and the respective language Reading Course Committees

have given much thought and prayer to aiding you in these high objectives. With this in mind, we earnestly urge your active participation in the 1946 Ministerial Reading Courses released in this issue. This annual United Study Program for our workers is the result of very careful planning, and now presents other sets of study volumes of unusual significance.

Enroll now, along with a host of fellow workers who follow this annual United Study Program. Sign the enrollment blank, which you will find in the *El Impulsor* and *O Estimulador*, address it to H. O. Olson, Virrey del Pino 3801, Buenos Aires, Arg., drop it in the mailbox, and join this forward-looking group of men and women seeking greater efficiency in the service of God.

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### Newscast

RETURNING from furlough in the States, Miss Freda Trefz has resumed her work at the Sao Paulo Clinic. Miss Trefz has given many years of service to the cause in South America, both in connection with our sanitariums and our schools. We most heartily welcome her back to our field.

DURING recent weeks, Elder J. J. Strahle, of the General Conference Publishing Department, has visited a number of our conferences, missions, and institutions assisting in colporteur institutes and publishing department secretaries' councils. Brother J. C. Culpepper, who recently returned from furlough, is accompanying Brother Strahle.

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RECENTLY the new Austral Union Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Walton J. Brown, formerly the principal of the East Brazil Academy, returned from his furlough in the States with Mrs. Brown, and has assumed his new duties.

WE HAVE received good news concerning the evangelistic effort of Pastor Andrés Ascione which is being held in Tucuman, the city where only a few years ago it was forbidden to hold public meetings. We were pleased to find his sermons published in the leading newspaper of Tucuman.

AFTER conducting meetings in a theatre and a large hall during a number of months, Pastor Daniel Hammerly has transferred his meetings from the theatre to our Central Church in Montevideo on December 1.

PASTOR Braulio Perez, of Argentina, but who formerly labored in the Inter-American Division and lately has been connected with the Voice of Prophecy radio office in Glendale, preparing the Spanish radio lectures, recently returned with his family to Buenos Aires, where he is now carrying on the same work.

DURING his recent visit to our Division, W. A. Scharffenberg contacted a number of leading State and City officials and newspaper reporters. We have been pleased to see the number

of articles in leading newspapers giving a report of these visits and of the work of Seventh-day Adventists in different parts of the world. From various sections of our field we have received word from our leaders telling of their appreciation of the visits of Brethren Scharffenberg and Strahle.

MISS MARIE ARMES, who for several years served as superintendent of nurses at the Chulumani Hospital, recently returned to the States.

## And Now, Farewell!

OUR lives here in this world seem to be made up of farewells. There are many workers in foreign fields whose lives have been dedicated to God's work, who planned to spend their time in some far-flung corner of the earth working that others might learn of the soon-coming Saviour. There are others to whom the call for foreign service comes unexpectedly, yet coming, they recognize it as the voice of God speaking to them and hasten to obey. Whichever the case may be, there is always the tug of the homeland and the family. It is difficult to say good-bye to home, friends and loved ones. And leaving, one feels that nothing can ever assuage the grief of parting—even the knowledge of a great task to be done. Yet

surprisingly soon the mission field comes to be "home;" the associates there become friends; experiences, difficulties, joys and sorrows shared bind hearts together. Quickly the years slip by and the time for another leave-taking comes, only now it is for a return to the homeland. Then, how the conflicting emotions tear at the heart; there is the anticipated joy of seeing loved ones again, but pain is felt at the thought of parting with trusted and true friends. It is difficult to know which emotion is the greater.

But to those remaining in the place of labor, who must bid farewell to one of their number, there are no mingled emotions—there is only sorrow at losing one who has proved a worthy friend, comrade and worker. Such is the feeling of those who remain here in the South American Division office in losing Miss Marjorie Fields, who recently returned to the homeland. During the years she has been here, by the excellence of her work, by her sweet disposition and winning smile, by her ever ready helpfulness, she has won a place in the hearts of all who knew her. No task was ever too difficult to perform to help someone; no hours were too long to work in time of emergency, yet each task was carefully and efficiently carried to completion.

It is difficult at best to express appreciation, admiration, even friendship. It seems even more difficult when it must be expressed at the time to say goodbye. All of her friends endeavored to fill each of the remaining days of her stay to the limit with happy times, so that her memories of her stay here would be pleasant ones, and just before she left, all of the Division family gathered to bid her farewell, presenting her with a suitable gift, hoping that it will for many years remind her of those who learned to love her during her stay here.

And with Miss Fields go the best wishes of her friends here, trusting that she may have an enjoyable visit with friends and loved ones and a good rest before taking up her work in the homeland, where she will be connected with the Pacific Press in Mountain View, working as secretary to Elder Merlin Neff.



Miss Marjorie Fields

ROBERTA LINDBECK.