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## The Advent Message

## Marches Forward in

### South America

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As we were scheduled to begin our long itinerary in the South American Division in the interests of the work of the Sabbath schools, the marvel of modern air transportation brought us in a very few hours from the broad boulevards of Miami, Florida to Guayaquil, Ecuador. Elder R. A. Hayden, the Sabbath School Secretary for the Inca Union had come up to Guayaquil and he with Elder A. M. Tillman, the President of the Ecuador Mission met us at the airport. Several days were profitably spent here in Sabbath School convention with the leaders and members of this growing field. Brother D. M. Ingersol, the Sabbath School Secretary for the Mission is doing a fine job promoting Sabbath school interests. The church at Guayaquil pledged to conduct twenty-five branch Sabbath schools and word has now come that they already have twenty-six started so have raised their goal to thirty-five. Sabbath school evangelism is on the move in the Ecuador Mission.

Early Monday morning we were off to the airport again on our way to Lima. In a few hours of cloud-like floating we could see the long lines of streets, the towering buildings and there laid out before us was the busy city of Lima, the capital of Peru. This is the Union headquarters for the Inca Union Mission.

A short time at the Inca Union headquarters in Lima suffices to convince the visitor that the plan of training national workers for positions of responsibility in the South American Division has given excellent results.

It was indeed inspiring to see the splendid group of experienced and capable leaders in the many union missions and conferences of this great Division. Those who have toiled through the years that are gone would be greatly encour-

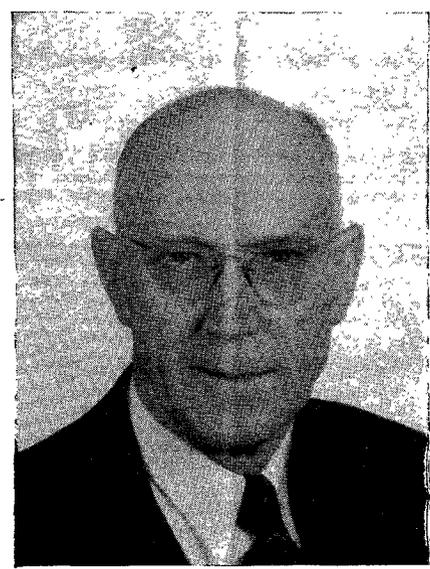
aged to see today so many evidences of their faithful labors. Not only conference and mission organizations manned by strong South American leaders but also schools, hospitals and publishing houses carrying on their work, many of them with no North American personnel whatsoever.

Things in the Inca Union are moving along in an encouraging way. Dr. C. R. Potts with his staff of workers is keeping the "Good Hope" hospital in Lima well filled. Situated in a beautiful re-

sidential section of the city, enjoying a well earned patronage Dr. Potts and his associates are kept more than busy. Elder O. Krause, president of the Peru Mission reports several large and successful evangelistic efforts under the leadership of Elder Francisco Scarcella. Elder B. A. Larsen with a group of workers has a large radio correspondence work under way. Elder H. C. Morton, the treasurer of the Peru Mission reported a good gain in both finances and in baptisms for the previous year. Elder P. P. Leon, formerly in charge of the Lake Titicaca Training school had recently been appointed Educational secretary for the Union and was organizing for a strong work for the year.

A Sabbath school convention was held over the weekend and the work for the children was well represented by several capable leaders from the Lima Central Church, also with some who had come in from the college located a few miles out of the city.

We next followed Elder Hayden's itinerary for meetings in the Upper Amazon Mission where Sabbath school officers and teachers from thirty or more surrounding Sabbath schools gathered at Tarapoto for a few days of meetings. From there we flew back up over the Andes again out to the coast to Trujillo where another group gathered for Sabbath school meetings. It was encouraging to note the earnestness and the interest the leaders showed for improving their Sabbath schools. It was here at Trujillo that we were met by the Division Sabbath School Secretary, Elder Santiago Schmidt, who had been delayed in getting up from Buenos Aires, but now joined us in the convention work as we journeyed on to other appointments in the Inca Union.



Passing through Lima once more we checked and arranged bookings and soon were off again flying southward to meet with the church at Arequipa. This beautiful city is located at an altitude of some 7,000 feet and lies at the beginning of the climb up into the Andes that brings us to that wonderful Lake Titicaca. Here we have one of the most interesting and most promising mission undertakings that Seventh-day Adventists have anywhere in all the world. Indian mission stations are located all around this lake with thousands of Indian believers. We were thrilled as we gathered Sabbath morning at the Broken Stone mission where had assembled over 1,000 Indian believers to join in our Sabbath school meetings. At Juliaca some 12,000 feet up in the Andes we have a fine dispensary under the supervision of Dr. D. P. Duffie and his busy corps of workers. Farther on is Puno where is located the mission headquarters under the leadership of Elder and Mrs. B. W. Steinweg. On the other side of the lake live Elder and Mrs. P. G. Werner recently arrived from 14 years of mission service in Africa. It was a real pleasure to meet and work with all of these self-sacrificing workers, carrying on under such difficulties as that extremely high altitude presents. It took us fully two days to become accustomed to the problems of altitude. However, not a word of complaint was heard and all seemed happy though very busy in their work. H. V. Espino, newly arrived from the Peru Mission was launching out with strong Sabbath school work for the Lake Titicaca mission field. Thus our interesting stay in the Inca Union came to an end. This entire field presents a mighty challenge to the small staff of workers, and it was with a certain regret that we left for the fields farther to the south. Of these we shall write in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

## "Trials Worketh Patience"

By O. A. BLAKE

LAST year when I had the privilege of visiting our work on the Parnaiba River, I attended church the Sabbath that I was there at the home of Elder and Mrs. F. C. Pritchard. They had a nice group of about 60 people that they had recently raised up. While at Sabbath School I noticed one faithful sister who with four children was very active in the Sabbath School and church work. Later on I heard that this lady was being persecuted severely, and so I inquired and learned of her experience. The following day I was able to get a picture of Sister María Monteiro and four of her children. This picture appears with this article.

María Monteiro's brother was an Adventist, so when Elder F. C. Pritchard

began his series of meetings in Parnaíba, in 1949, he invited María to attend services. She and her husband attended some of the meetings, but her husband did not take very much interest in the meetings. María, however, continued to come regularly.

Because of María's real interest in the new found religion, her husband became very angry and tried to do all he could to discourage her. María began coming to Sabbath School and she had decided in her own heart to become a Seventh-day Adventist. Her husband became more determined to stop her attending our meetings, and he used to even follow her to the meetings and endeavor to force her to return home.

One Sabbath when she went home from Sabbath School he met her in the door with a large paddle from his canoe, and as she came in he beat her and did all he could to stop her from attending the meetings. The more she was opposed, the more she was determined to be baptized and join the church. After nearly one year of these trials and persecutions she was finally baptized. However, this was done quietly, but soon her husband found this out through the children. As soon as he learned of this he left her with the five children to support. The oldest daughter went with him, as she took her father's side in opposing the mother and her brothers and sisters in attending church.

María's mother was also against her, and she had disowned her as her child because she became a Seventh-day Adventist. It was María's own mother who did all she could to enrage the husband against María.

For a while María tried to support herself and the five children by baking cookies and cakes and doing laundry work. However, it was too much for her, and one day she became very ill.

When her husband found out that she was sick he came and took her to the hospital. Here he told the doctor that no Adventist was to visit her. After she was a little better María was taken by her husband to their home, where they stayed together for a short time. One day María's sister and her husband came in also to the home, and after strong arguments and saying all that could be said against her they took María by the hair and dragged her back and forth across the room, beating her severely. The little children stood by and watched, and they did all they could to defend their mother. This incident caused so much trouble that the case was taken to the police. And the police told María's relatives that that was not religious liberty, and warned them that if they were not careful that they too would become Seventh-day Adventist.

María is now living alone and doing her best, struggling along supporting the children, but she is still very faithful to the church. Her husband is still against her, opposing her in every way, but if you had the privilege of attending our little church there you would see María Monteiro and her children cleanly dressed, attending the church every Sabbath.

We know that the Lord does use trials and tribulations to perfect a people to be ready to meet Him when He comes. We read in Job 5:17 these words, "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth. Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty." Then also in 2 Cor. 4:17, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh in us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Let us pray for one another that though tribulations and trials and persecutions do come, that we will each remain faithful and at last we will be ready to meet our Saviour in the clouds at His coming, which is near.

Sister Monteiro with her children.



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## Forward with the Printed Page in Chile

By FRANK L. BAER

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IN THE month of March, two important Colporteur Institutes were held in the Chilean territory. The colporteurs had been invited to attend the biennial conference sessions in their respective fields in both the Central North Chile and the South Chile Conferences. Immediately following each of these large concentrations of our believers, the colporteurs remained on for their annual institutes.

The institute in the North Chile field was held from the 11th to the 16th of March. Twenty-four of the regular ministers of the printed page were in attendance. In this group were to be seen many new faces. Several new recruits have recently joined the ranks of older and more experienced veterans. Upon inquiring, it was learned that a good number of the new converts from the large effort held in Valparaiso under the direction of Elder Walter Schubert, South American Division Ministerial Secretary, and his associates, had decided to make the colporteur work the vocation of their lives. Their hearts are alive with a love of the new found truths and feel it their sacred responsibility to let others know of a soon coming Saviour.

It was the privilege of Elder J. J. Oliveira, Publishing Department Secretary of the Austral Union, and the writer to attend these interesting and inspiring institutes. Elder Fernando Arriagada, the local secretary of the publishing department, had arranged a well balanced program for the week. While it is true that the work of the colporteur entails the art of salesmanship which automatically falls into the field of commercial operations, nevertheless, the greater emphasis was placed upon the spiritual aspect of our "Divine Calling." It was indeed encouraging and inspiring to note the harmony and spirit of fraternal love which was manifest throughout the entire institute. Following the morning devotional period, the group divided up into smaller prayer bands and earnestly searched after the Lord. Upon this solid foundation, the technical and spiritual instructions which were imparted by the various leaders were well received.

The highlight of any institute or sales convention is the setting of the individual goals. The 24 regular colporteurs of the North Chile field propose to deliver a total of \$3,696,000.00 m/ch. worth of literature during the coming 12 months. We are certain that with the Lord's blessing coupled with the faithful labor of this consecrated group, that the goal will be amply and easily reached and far surpassed.

### SOUTH CHILE INSTITUTE

The South Chile Colporteur Institute was held from the 18th to the 22nd of March, in the city of Temuco. In this picturesque part of the country we have 8 colporteurs sowing the Gospel seed. Brother Alfredo Streich is the director of the department in this field. The territory is not as large and populous in this section as in the north, but there is a great deal of wealth to be found and a ready acceptance for the placement of our literature.

Here again a very profitable institute was held. Goals were set to deliver \$1,044,000.00 m/ch. worth of literature, besides what will be sold by the students during the summer campaign. Many interesting experiences were related at the Sabbath afternoon "rally" meeting. These meetings are always a source of inspiration to our church members who attend.

At both institutes, motion and still pictures were shown of the Casa Editora Sudamericana and of the various activities carried on in the preparation of our books and periodicals.

During the past several years it has been extremely difficult to import books into Chile from our plant in Buenos Aires. It has been necessary to print large editions in outside establishments in Chile to take care of the needs of our colporteurs. However, the way has opened up now so that a wide variety of our books and periodicals can be introduced into that territory. Plan have been laid which will be put into immediate operation to augment our sales potential through the "Easy Payment Plan."

We of the Publishing House have great confidence that a rich and abundant harvest of souls will be reaped as a result of the faithful work of our Chilean colleagues. May the Lord richly bless each one of these "shock troops of the Message," and help them to reach their individual goals both as to souls won and deliveries made. The important part of our work is the winning of souls. May the goal of 56 souls to be won in the North Chile Conference and the 12 in the South Chile field, be duplicated many times over as a result of the work of these consecrated men and women.

In closing this report, we would like to speak a word of commendation for the excellent work accomplished by the student colporteurs from our Chillán College. From the arid and barren areas of the

far North to the frigid Straits of Magellan, our sturdy young men and women have broadcast our publications. Congratulations for a job well done! May the funds that you have thus obtained enable you all to continue your preparation to occupy a position of leadership when your college days are over. And when our life's labors are finished, may student and regular colporteurs alike, meet and commune with those who have been won to God's Eternal Kingdom as a result of having participated in this important phase of "God's Great Plan."

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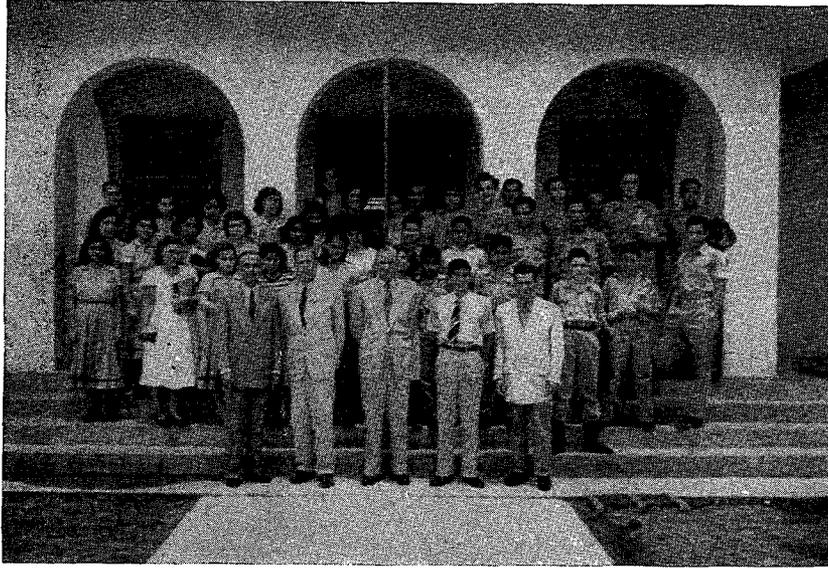
## Victory in Fishertown

By A. A. NETTO

WE were sent to work in the important city of Maccio, on the East coast of Brazil, and our evangelistic work was started soon after we arrived. One day when we were in the midst of our activities a great downpour of rain fell on the city doing great material damage. Some 800 dwelling houses were destroyed or badly damaged and dozens of persons were killed or wounded. There is a large lake near the city called Lake Mundau, and around its edges monstrous landslides took place. Near the city there is a point of land jutting out into the sea on which there is a colony of fishermen. Extensive damage was done to the fishing settlement and what is more, the dirt washed down from the surrounding hills made the ocean water such that it seemed the fish in this age-old fishing ground all fled. This brought suffering and want to the fishermen and their families.

Fishertown had been on this point for a long time. Crime and wickedness flourished. Hardly a week passed but what there was a sensational crime committed within its limits. Football players allowed themselves to lose a game in order not to be cudgeled by the population. Ambulant vendors ventured out only during the light of day. The police in this town were always required to have plenty of reinforcements.

The Adventist church in the city longed for the day when we should have the opportunity to preach our message in this fishing settlement. One Thursday morning we were advised by one of our sisters, who is a nurse, that there was a young man in the hospital from Fishertown who wanted to learn something



Faculty and Student Body at Northeast Brazil Academy.

about the gospel and the power of God. The hospital could only be reached by crossing an arm of the bay in canoes. On Sabbath afternoon two canoes took us with some of the other brethren to the hospital to see the young man. As we went we were inspired by the waves singing as it were their eternal hymn and we gazed at the vast ocean stretched out before our eyes. We contemplated the lofty, green coconut palms pointing their high branches toward the Infinite imploring mercy in favor of sinners. Following our visit to the young man in the hospital we found an opening wedge for work among the people of the town. We began our work on a Sabbath afternoon in September, 1951, with the singing of hymns and the telling of the simple story of Jesus, using the Sabbath school picture roll for illustration. By the ninth week we had two families interested in the everlasting gospel, and by the end of the year three were definitely prepared for baptism. Others were being won for Christ as the work progressed.

The interest grew to such an extent that we thought seriously of holding a series of meetings in a place where 300 or 400 might attend. We looked about the town to find a hall but none could be located for a crowd of this capacity. A suggestion came to us that we might build a shelter out of coconut palm leaves in which to hold our meetings. We bought boards twenty feet long for the seats. The interested people helped us get a number of fishermen's torches for light. For the preacher's use we obtained a pressure lantern. The first evening we had a congregation of 400 persons, and the attendance increased from night to night. We were able to fix up a battery and with this we could have light

for a projector. We showed colored films as a help in the exposition of the Word.

At the end of two months 30 persons were baptized. From then on, one after another has been added to the church membership. We are now working to raise money to buy a lot on which to build a chapel for the congregation of Fishtown or "Pontal da Barra," the name found on the map.

Today we do not find Pontal da Barra mentioned in the crime sections of the newspapers of Maceio. The sale of alcohol greatly diminished. The fish returned to their former habitation so again there was a means of livelihood. The entire situation of Pontal da Barra has been changed in the eyes of the civic leaders, six of whom have also accepted the Message and others are expected to take their stand in the near future. The light of the gospel is shining with power in Pontal da Barra. Each Sabbath canoes go from this

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J. Bork and family.

## The Northeast Brazil Academy

By O. A. BLAKE

Nor long ago it was my privilege to visit our academy which is now being rebuilt and is to serve the northern part of the East Brazil Union and the North Brazil Union.

Here we have a property about 30 kilometers outside of the town of Pernambuco. Nestled among the hills we have an institution that is growing and developing into a splendid vocational center for our young people in this area.

For many years this institution has been in need of new buildings, and now they have a brand new administration building. Here you will see the picture of this building, and as I went through it I enjoyed very much noting how well built and appropriately finished is this structure which is now being used.

Along with this article we also have a close-up view of the student body and faculty standing in front of the administration building.

Professor J. Bork is doing an excellent piece of work in leading out in the school. You will note his picture with his family.

The young people are coming from far and near round about, and I was especial-





Administration Building Northeast Brazil Academy.

ly interested in three young men who each day ride horseback some 20 kilometers, and are enjoying very much their school work.

We are very glad for these educational institutions throughout South America, as they are doing a great deal in preparing workers to carry forward the Gospel message throughout the great Division territory.

A new girls' dormitory is now nearly finished, and work has begun on a new boys' dormitory.

There is adequate water supply, as well as sufficient land to raise a great deal of the things needed for food in connection with the dining room.

This school has a bright future, and I know from this place will come many young people prepared to go forward in the Master's service.

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## The Conversion of a Seminary Student

By ROBERT FRANKLIN CORREIA  
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OUR story begins in the class of theology in a Theological Seminary in northern Brazil. The students are seated and the professor is lecturing on the prophecy recorded in the second chapter of the book of Daniel. With intense interest the students follow the prophetic forecast of the march of nations across the centuries.

When the professor reached that part of the prophecy referring to the stone which destroyed the image and dominated the world, the lecture terminated because the professor did not seem to have any explanation for the stone.

One student in the class, whose interest was aroused, was not satisfied. A classmate had been receiving the Voice of Prophecy lessons which were frequently consulted. He wanted an explanation for that stone. Studying the prophecies as explained in the correspondence lessons, his interest was aroused in regard to the Biblical day of rest. Later he began skipping classes on Saturday to attend our local church services. He began to search for the answer and after some time he heard the Adventists could help him understand this prophecy so he visited the Adventist pastor in the same city who gave him a full explanation of the prophecy of the second chapter of Daniel.

This was but the beginning. As time passed, this young seminary student gradually learned more of the Adventist faith and finally arrived at the conviction the Adventist Church was much closer to the Bible than his own church. After a thorough investigation of our doctrines he decided to join the Adventist church and was baptized in our Central Church in Belém. At the present time he is preparing himself for the Adventist ministry. His zeal is now demonstrated as he joins other members of the church in active lay evangelism, holding regular meeting four nights each week. This is but another example of how the Holy Spirit is working upon the hearts of men everywhere leading them to accept God's special message for this special time.

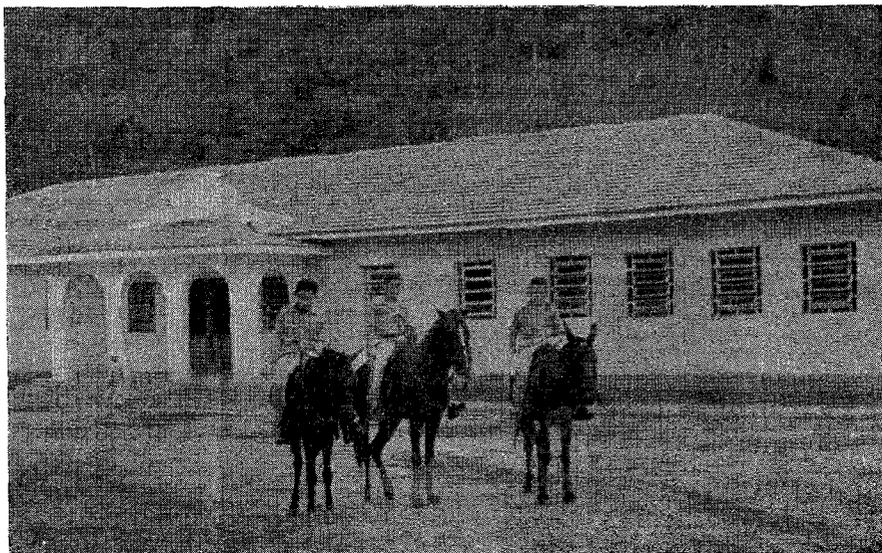
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place carrying lay workers to different villages on the lake and on the coast of the bay, where they give to others the message so recently received by them.

Brethren, help us carry the Advent message to all the State of Alagoas, Brazil, so that the people of all the lakes shall have the privilege of hearing of the soon return of Jesus and that these fisher folk will become fishers of men. —Ataliba de Abreu Netto, Missionary in Maceio, Alagoas, Brazil.

"God has a church upon the earth, who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 61.



The three boys who ride horseback 20 kms. daily to go school.



Elder J. H. Boehm

AS WE return to our home in Victoria, Brazil, after visiting our Conferences, Medical and Educational Institutions throughout the South Brazil Union, we feel that we should write a little report of our trip, comparing for the readers of the SOUTH AMERICAN BULLETIN the things we see today with what was to be found in the same field some 35 years ago.

It was an unusual privilege to have with us our sister, Dr. Marie L. Boehm, a graduate of our own College of Medical Evangelists in Loma Linda, California. She had been in attendance at the Pan American Medical Congress in Montevideo, and had planned to spend some weeks with us before returning to her home in California.

Our first stop was at the Brazil College, located near Sao Paulo. Quite naturally, we love this place. It was here in the earliest days of our work, about 1915, that a few of the pioneer workers gathered to make plans for a strong educational program for Brazil. We were privileged to be in that group. Now, on our return, we had come to an entirely different place. What a thrill to see the progress that has been made during the years! The college campus and the entire community is truly beautiful, presenting a marked contrast to what we found on the same property in those early years. It was only natural for us to recall the pioneer days spent here, and now rejoice as we see that our fondest dreams have more than been fulfilled. Today we have an institution with hundreds of students in attendance from year to year, and supplying well-trained workers for all parts of the harvest field. We can vividly recall almost the exact words of one member of that founding group as we were beset with perplexities and problems that seemed unsurmountable for us: "The time has come for us to establish our educational work here in Brazil. God has his men ready and will also see that the money needed will be supplied, with faith in God and His direction, let us go forward."

As we listened to the closing remarks of the president of the College, Prof. J. G. Garcia, we realized as never before that it was a great privilege and not so much a sacrifice, to have had the call to

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## REMINISCENCES

By ELDER AND MRS. J. H. BOEHM

(Editor's Note: Knowing that Eld. and Mrs. J. H. Boehm had been invited to attend the local conference sessions in the South Brazil Union where they had labored for many years, the editor of the BULLETIN thought that the readers would appreciate a little recital of their visit. They were requested to write an article telling their impressions, and compare what is seen today with the work they found in the same territory when they first came to Brazil. We have endeavored to summarize what they have written.—L. H. O.)

pioneer our educational work in the great country of Brazil. Prof. Garcia said: "We wish to thank our superior organizations, and all our loyal lay members in Brazil for the part they have had in making this institution what it is now. We know that many thousands of dollars have been invested in this school. We have no funds with which to repay this sacrifice, but tonight this Institution presents this beautiful class of 1951—accept them and use them where the need is greatest." Who can remember sacrifices or hardships when listening to such words?

At the time of our arrival in Sao Paulo in 1913, we were invited to meet with the believers, and 8 or 10 met together. Now to accommodate the congregation, it was necessary to rent one of the largest theaters in the city, and as Elder W. H. Branson, President of the General Conference spoke, more than 4,000 listened to his stirring message. Truly this was a day of great rejoicing.

Continuing with the plans as made by the South Brazil Committee, we proceeded to the southern part of the union field. How gratifying to see our college graduates in action as responsible leaders in all parts of the field. As we assembled for the camp meeting in the Rio Grande do Sul Conference, about 1500 members and workers were present. Here we had spent 10 years of our missionary career, and now it was our joy to greet a goodly number of our former associates and co-laborers, also a large number of our faithful members who gather from year to year for these spiritual feasts. The program for the meeting had been well prepared, and the visiting ministers from the General Conference and the Division brought timely messages that cheered the hearts of the members and encouraged

all to press forward and be faithful until the end.

Proceeding on, we came to the camp meeting of the Parana-Santa Catarina Conference which was held near the city of Curitiba. Here Elder W. E. Murray, President of the Division joined the workers giving spiritual food to those in attendance. His counsels were greatly appreciated by the 1200 who were present at this meeting. Near this city the Parana-Santa Catarina Academy is being established, and promises to grow into a strong institution which will serve this territory.

Our last visit was at the Biennial Session of the Sao Paulo Conference, which was held on the campus of the Brazil College in one of the suburbs of Sao Paulo. Elder Joao Linhares, President of the Conference, had the program well organized, and from the opening meeting when he extend a hearty welcome to all and invited each one to participate in the spiritual feast that had been arranged, until the very close of the last meeting, a splendid Christian spirit was manifest at all times. As the meetings progressed all partook freely of the bread of life and sensed that they had been strengthened for the journey that still lies ahead, and for the strenuous times that we are certain to pass through. At this session more than 1,500 members and visitors were in attendance. As the departmental reports were rendered, new and more vigorous plans were laid for the finishing of the task committed to us. The evangelistic workers were actively laying plans for larger meetings and greater results, and all manifested enthusiasm to go forth and reap the harvest that is awaiting.

As we traveled by plane from one conference to another in great comfort, taking only two or three hours for the journey, we commented on what a blessing the airways are to our work and workers, saving time and physical strength. Years ago our workers needed days by train or weeks by mule to cover the same distance, and then arrived exhausted at their destination. Many times we could see new airfields being built, which all means that we are in a new day not only for Latin America, but also for the proclamation of the Advent Message. The facilities are now prepared for the

finishing of God's work in this sin-sick world. It therefore behooves each one of us to ask ourselves: Are we ready to receive the latter rain, so we can go forward with power to do our part? We must not delay in this, the day of His power.

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## Notes of Progress of the Inca Union College

By G. R. ERNST, *Director*

1952 promises to be a year of advancement at the Inca Union College. The teaching staff as well as the group of students see it thus and they are confident that with the help of the Lord this shall be a year of great success in the history of the school. The number of students matriculated this year is the largest number that have ever been registered for the secondary courses, reaching a total of 193 in addition to the 55 attending the primary school. The dormitories are more than filled. In each room there is at least double the number of students that were anticipated when the buildings were constructed. Even in the smaller rooms of the dormitories in which we were able to accommodate two students, there are now five and in some six. It was even necessary to recondition some of the farm buildings so that they could be used as temporary dormitories, thus making room for young men so that it would not be necessary for them to return to their homes because of lack of space and even after these temporary measures have been issued some have had to live away from the college because there was no room for them.

The parents of our students are making great sacrifices in order to give their children the advantages of a Christian education. This also may be said of the young people themselves because they are also cooperating in every possible way.

During the past year 36 young people entered the colporteur work in order to obtain their scholarships and continue their studies, at the same time placing in the homes the literature that carries the message of truth. It was most encouraging to see the happy faces of these student colporteurs as they returned to the college, bringing with them their

certificates of scholarship earned as a result of their own labors, but even more the eyes and even the entire face of several colporteurs shone as they reported finding a group of 20 persons who were observing the Sabbath of the Lord even though they did not know that there were any other persons in the world who observed this day of rest. These student colporteurs immediately began to study the Bible with this group and they are now requesting baptism, thus within a short time we expect to have a group in this place. One of the young men remained at home with his parents during the vacation period and left his home to make a missionary visit in the mountains. After having spent two weeks in this place they report that a branch Sabbath school of more than 20 members has been organized. With this missionary spirit reigning among our young people we are confident they will materially contribute to the finishing of the work of evangelizing this great Union.

We are also enjoying some material blessings. During the past six years we have been endeavoring to secure electric current from the light company of the city of Lima. At times it seemed as though our efforts would be in vain, but now the first day of April on the very day the school year began the final connection was made with the light company.

At the present time we are building another teacher's cottage which was made possible by the help that came from our superior organizations. However, there are still many urgent needs in our school, among them a chapel, additional rooms in both dormitories, more class room space and also industries which will provide work for the students who need to earn a part of their way while studying.

We are very happy at the college that Brother W. E. Koenig has arrived from the United States to take charge of the college farm and make it produce. Associated with him is L. Bolarte. The land on the college farm is fertile and we have an abundance of water for irrigation purposes. Thus, with a definite program for planting we expect the farm will produce large harvests.

This year we have a splendid class of young people who are in our advanced course and they all have a genuine missionary spirit and the firm decision to prepare themselves for a part in the work. Five are anticipating graduation at the end of the present school year and they are promising young men who will without doubt be ready to go out into the needy field. We have the prospects of larger graduating classes in the coming years to fill the needs of the work in this Union.

All of the advanced students belong to the Student Missionary Society and they are all working together to carry on very

active missionary work among their fellow students and also in the neighborhood. They also are cooperating in making visits to nearby churches and groups as will be arranged by the local missions.

We have just had our first Week of Prayer for this school year under the direction of Pastor Amaro Peverini, who laid aside his many responsibilities in two of the churches in the city of Lima to be with the students during this Week of Prayer. The Spirit of God was present and both the teachers and students have felt the necessity of drawing near to God which was definitely done. At the close of this week a baptismal service was held and eight precious young people gave their lives to the Saviour to join the ranks of the people of God. As these were presented to the church to be received as members opportunity was given for all present to express their wish to join the baptismal class and more than 50 gave their names and are preparing to take this step at an early date.

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"IN THE highest sense, the work of education and the work of redemption are one; for in education, as in redemption, 'other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.' ... The great principles of education are unchanged. 'They stand fast forever and ever;' for they are the principles of the character of God." —"Education," p. 30.

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## Introducing Elder Ray Jacobs

WE ARE introducing to the readers of the SOUTH AMERICAN BULLETIN, Elder Ray L. Jacobs.

Elder Jacobs was elected to the presidency of the Inca Union Mission on May 13, 1951. The Inca Union is the Adventist organization having supervision over our activities in the Republics of Ecuador, Perú and Bolivia.

Elder Jacobs is a veteran in the work of the Inca Union having been employed there for some fifteen years. At the time he was chosen as President of the Inca Union he was Director of the Lima Training School.

We appreciate Brother Jacobs' faithful service in our South American Division organization and wish him and his family the abundant blessings of the Lord in their service.



A convention will be held for the South American boat medical missionaries in Belem, Brazil, from July 16 to 22. Dr. Wayne McFarland from the General Conference Medical Department will be in attendance at this meeting.

Elder Darío García, Secretary of the Young People's Department of the South American Division led out in the annual

Fall Week of Prayer at the River Plate Junior College at Puiggari, Entre Ríos, Argentina, May 11 to 17.

"THE work of the sower is a work of faith. The mystery of the germination and growth of the seed he cannot understand. But he has confidence in the agencies by which God causes vegetation to flourish. In casting his seed into the ground, he is apparently throwing away the precious grain that might furnish bread for his family. But he is only giving up a present good for a larger return. He casts the seed away, expecting to gather it manyfold in an abundant harvest. So Christ's servants are to labor, expecting a harvest from the seed they sow.

"The good seed may for a time lie unnoticed in a cold, selfish, worldly heart, giving no evidence that it has taken root; but afterward, as the Spirit of God breathes on the soul, the hidden seed springs up, and at last bears fruit to the glory of God. In our life-work we know not which shall prosper, this or that. This is not a question for us to settle. We are to do our work, and leave the results whith God. 'In the morning sow the seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand.'—*Christ's Object Lessons*," p. 63.

During March and April Elder Braulio Pérez, the "Voice" of the Voice of Prophecy programs in Spanish held Radio rallies in ten of the larger cities of Ecuador, Perú, Bolivia and Chile. He was accompanied by Elder B. A. Larsen, Radio Secretary of the Inca Union and by Elder Mario Rasi, the Austral Union Radio Secretary.



A view of the approximate 1,000 Seventh-day Adventists who met in rented quarters on the Sabbath day at the time of the Sabbath school convention held in the city of Belem, Brazil when Elder W. J. Harris, Associate Sabbath School Secretary of the General Conference was present. In this city we have more than 20 branch Sabbath schools and 44 lay preachers who are uniting their efforts with those of the pastor of the church, and thus won approximately 100 souls during the past year.