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What is Your Present Worth?

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IT IS quite the practice now in business houses to make up a monthly balance sheet. Few prosperous corporations fail to submit a present worth sheet in mid-year, as well as at the close of the calendar year. Inventoried assets, both liquid and solid, are ever in mind, and the gain and loss is estimated not by the gross business but in the net assets.

We are in a greater business than any commercial house or manufacturing concern in the whole world. The latter deal with material things. They are not lasting nor of great importance, measured by eternity. Our riches consist not in stocks and bonds, nor in saleable goods, nor in gold and silver, but in the souls of men. They are our riches, they are our crown of rejoicing, they are our stock inventory, and show our real gains and losses. As our *bona fide* membership increases, to that extent our eternal riches increase.

Have you taken inventory of your gains? One half of 1925 has passed. Not for gold or silver, piled to high heaven, can we recall one day nor one hour of the first half of 1925. It is gone. Nor tears nor prayers nor repentance can recall a wasted moment or a lost opportunity to lead a sinner to Christ.

What have been your gains in the souls of men? How many have you won from the ranks of Satan and this world, to seek and serve the living God? Some say, "I do not seek to know how many. I do not gauge my work by numbers." Well, what is the true basis of progress? If numbers do

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The Hour of Mid-Week Prayer

THERE were only two or three of us
Who came to the place of prayer;
Came in the teeth of a driving storm,
But for that we did not care,
Since, after our hymns of praise had
risen
And our earnest prayers were said,
The Master himself was present there,
And gave us the living bread.

We knew His look in our leader's face,
So rapt, and glad, and free;
We felt His touch when our heads were
bowed:
We heard His "Come to Me!"
Nobody saw Him lift the latch,
And none unbarred the door;
But "Peace" was His token to every
heart,
And how could we ask for more?

Each of us felt the load of sin
From the weary shoulder fall;
Each of us dropped the load of care,
And the grief that was like a pall;
And over our spirits a blessed calm
Swept in from the jasper sea,
And strength was ours for toil and
strife
In the days that were thence to be.

It was only a handful gathered in
To the little place of prayer:
Outside were struggle and pain and sin,
But the Lord himself was there;
He came to redeem the pledge He gave
Wherever His loved ones be,
To stand Himself in the midst of them,
Though they count but two or three.

And forth we fared in the bitter rain,
And our hearts had grown so warm
It seemed like the pelting of summer
flowers,
And not like the crash of a storm.
" 'Twas a time of the dearest privilege
Of the Lord's right hand," we said,
As we thought how Jesus himself had
come
To feed us with living bread.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

not count, what does count in the kingdom of God? Some say: "Quality, not numbers." Do such persons mean righteous people who need no Saviour? If righteous people are to be found who need no Christ, then all our ministry is vain; Christ is not needed. But if all have sinned, and salvation comes only through repentance and faith; if every man needs a Saviour, and salvation is a free gift of God; then values are in numbers, and the more souls we lead to Christ and help into the kingdom of God, the greater our riches.

What are your gains for half of 1925? Has your "present worth" increased? If so, how much? Count your assets, not in brick and mortar, not in dollars and cents, but in souls won to Christ. What has been your net gain? Write it in your diary where you can read it over daily; where you can hold it in your mind and lay it before God in your secret prayers.

This "present worth" business is worth praying about. Heaven is more interested in that one thing than in stocks and bonds and bank accounts. Set before the King Eternal your "present worth" and ask Him to show you how to increase your riches. All heaven is at our command in this one great fight for the souls of men.

Take an inventory and know your present worth. Glory in your riches and keep them before the altar in your daily communion with God. Such wealth is the one thing that interests heaven, for the coming of Christ and the reward of God's people are waiting for these souls to find reconciliation with God. When every man has done his work, the King will come and give His people the kingdom.

"God has a work, a purpose, in the life of each one of us. Every act, however small, has its place in our life experience."

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What one "Great Controversy" Did in Chile

IN THE year 1914, shortly after war was declared, a Mr. Turner, with his family, was sent to Valparaiso, Chile, as civil engineer for the city gas plant. In England, where the family came from, they were Methodists. Before they left, a Bible was given to the youngest son, Eddie, who is now twenty-two. He learned to love the Word of God, as he studied it daily.

A few years later, Eddie, joined the Y. M. C. A. in Valparaíso, and was employed to help care for the building, and close up at night after every one had gone. It is their custom in this particular association to have "Book day" each year, when each member donates a book to the library. One young man, who possessed a "Great Controversy" donated it.

One night as Eddie was getting ready to close up for the night, he decided he wanted to take a good book home with him to read. While looking through the shelves of books, his attention was attracted to this "Great Controversy." He took it home and kept it a few days, but only read a few pages, then returned it. A few weeks later as he was ready to close the doors for the night, the same book was laying on one of the reading tables. This time he took the book home and read it through and was very much impressed with the precious truths it teaches.

Some time later, he heard of the Seventh Day Adventist people who had a hall rented where they held meetings. Out of curiosity he attended one night, and was so interested that he never missed a meeting. A few days later, he invited one of his boy friends, who is half German and half English, to accompany him. The result was that both boys accepted the truth, and Elder Hancock, president of the Chile conference, baptized them a little more than a year ago.

At the time they accepted the truth, Brother Turner was employed as clerk in the Anglo South American Bank, and Brother Schlegel in the offices of the Grace Line Steamship Company. Both boys lost their jobs, and for three or four months sold "El Atalaya" our Spanish Watchman.



Eddie Turner recently converted in Valparaiso

Each of the boys met with strong opposition from their parents when they first joined the church, but when it was seen they were decided to remain faithful to the truth, the parents consented to assist the boys with their expenses while they attended our training school in Chillán last year.

During the three months summer vacation, which closed April 6th, Brother Schlegel delivered enough books to pay for three scholarships. He also was able to persuade his parents to send his youngest sister to school this year. Brother Turner did well in the colporteur work also, considering the time put in, but due to poor health this summer, has not been able to return to school. Both boys have convinced their mothers of the truth, and hope to see them take their stand soon.

J. D. LESLIE.

Colegio Industrial Adventista

IN THIS, the longest country in the world for its area, we have just finished the first six weeks of our year with a total of 80 pupils in regular attendance in the various departments of the school. They are an active, industrious group of young people, responding readily to the duties, manual as well as mental, that come before them. About 25 of this number are from the neighborhood of the school, mostly children of poor people who are only too glad to be able to obtain an education. Several more of this same class are soon to enter.

The rest of the 80 are from all parts of the "shoe-string" republic, children of rich and poor and of all classes of society. But none draw back in the work of this "industrial"

school. Just yesterday we were out working on the road with some of the younger boys. One of them, the son of wealthy parents stopped his work and felt the muscle in his arm, saying, "I wish mama could see me now." He was as proud of his work as could be. This school must needs be an "industrial" school because the great majority of our young people in Chile will never obtain an education unless given opportunity to work for a portion of their expenses. The climate here is conducive to all kinds of animal and vegetable life. It is our plan to so develop the poultry and dairy industries that they will furnish work for a good number of the students. We have already, in the words of the veterinary of the district, the best dairy herd of the whole region; and their value was recently enhanced by the arrival of a thoroughbred bull and heifer, sent by a Mr. Matteson and Bro. K. P. Johnson of Minnesota.

Little needs to be said about the best side of the school-life: the religious side. The Friday night meetings are a real inspiration to all who attend, the young people's meetings are always interesting and well attended, and the young men are already working in their groups around the neighborhood. The people are interested and never have I seen a school that had so many warm friends as this one, and mostly because of these meetings. One of our students is a Mapuche Indian that has but one desire, finish his education and get down among his own people to bring them to a knowledge of this truth. His eyes, like ours, are upon the field, only anxious for the day to come when "this gospel of the kingdom" shall have been preached in all the world, that Jesus may come to take his faithful home. "Even so come Lord Jesus." J. M. HOWELL

Alone with God

PRAYER at its best is always secret. It is then most real. When we pray before others the temptation to unreality is so severe that it is but rarely overcome. This temptation we escape when we are alone. And it is when prayer is secret that it is deepest. Then loneliness of the human heart is strikingly shown by the fact that its deepest things it can share with none but God. It is because of this that the life of the ungodly is necessarily shallow. Human life can only be fully developed in fellowship with God. We must be alone with God in order to enjoy the full blessedness of prayer.—G. H. C. MacGregor.

A Fuller Consecration Experienced

THE River Plate Junior College just closed a very profitable week of prayer which we desired to have had a little earlier in the school year, but could not because of our heavy building program.

Both teachers and students entered very heartily into this work of winning others to Christ, the older students taking special interest in the unconverted in their regular prayer bands and the faculty seconding the efforts of these students by personal work and public talks. Most of the more than forty unconverted students have manifested desires to become Christians. This is the basis for the soul-winning program before the school the remainder of the school year, and we hope and pray that every student may accept Christ before he returns to this home at the close of the year.

God is signally blessing this institution in this large Spanish field and it is already supplying a good number of workers for the growing work in these fields.

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Just a Book

ABOUT a year ago one of our faithful colporteurs sold "Nossa Epoca" (Our Day) in a town in the interior of the East Minas Mission. This book was appreciated at least by one family. This colporteur did his work well and went on his way rejoicing having cast his bread upon all waters.

The book was sold to a saddler who had no use for it. One day a man stepped in and asked to see the pretty book on the shelf. He liked the pictures and Bible subjects and immediately bought the book and took it home. His study began with the book and the Bible on the table. His good wife and children also listened to the readings. The Holy Spirit was also present. A new light shone on Bible truths and our brother now rejoices with us in God's saving message for these last days.

At once this brother began to inquire for the people who "keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus." One of our members

from the country came to town and was notified that a "Sabatista" wanted to see him. It was a surprise because he knew of no Sabbath keepers in that town. He met this new brother and wrote to our mission head quarters.

A few days ago I had the privilege of meeting this family and also another family interested through this brother. I preached in his home. But few visitors were expected but upon learning that an Adventist preacher was in town the news seemed to spread and the house filled with people until standing room was not to be found not even in the kitchen.

The writer spoke on the second coming of Christ and the signs of His return.

I have never spoken to a more attentive audience and I was invited to return when a large hall would be provided for the occasion.

Another Sabbath school is added to our list and the prospects are good for a large work in that town. It is all the results of *just one book* left by a faithful messenger-colporteur.

J. L. BROWN,
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The Influence of a Church School

FOR some years our little church at Bananal, Espirito Santo had been pleading very earnestly for a church school, but on account of lack of teachers and means this just appeal could not be answered until in February of this current year, when, with no little difficulties we finally succeeded in getting this important school started.

Since there are no schools in this particular section of the state, not even government schools, all the people of the community showed great interest in the beginning of our school. At present we have an enrollment of about thirty scholars, of which number about half are the children of unbelievers. We were fortunate in obtaining the services of Sister Marie Denz as teacher, after finishing her college course at our school in Santo Amaro.

Naturally our brethren are very happy now and rejoice in seeing their children enjoy their first school privileges, but not only are our people rejoicing over the opening of this school, but also the people not of our faith. The prejudice against the truth existing in that neighborhood prior to the opening of the school has already been broken down to a large extent through its good influence so that our

worker in this section, Brother Francisco Belz, is finding many open doors and hearts for the third angel's message, and a number of families, who have children in our school, are deeply interested in the truth.

We are hoping and praying that precious souls will be brought into the kingdom of God through the medium of our school in Bananal. We have three other such openings of which we are planning to take advantage and open schools in the near future, where the school houses are already under construction.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people in behalf of our faithful church school teachers, who are out in the lonely places of the interior under great sacrifice, endeavoring to kindle the light of the gospel in the dark corners of the earth.

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Impressions of my First Visit Through the State of Sao Paulo

IT is a vast country, our Brasil, and I often think how many directly opposite reports could be given, and yet all be true. The State of Sao Paulo is, without doubt, the most highly developed state in the Union. Here you find many fine up-to-date cities, which will compare favorably with cities in other parts of the world. People are as busy as if a tomorrow would never come,—it is a hustle, and a bustle,—the modern business life.

It was my first trip into the interior of the State, and naturally my impressions were many. Riding along for hours, partly with electric and partly with steam engines, the fine railroad stations, with their big covered yards, seemed to be a fair indication of the towns they represent. Where public parks, monuments, public buildings, etc. are well displayed, and great Catholic churches constructed on prominent places, one recognizes the religion of the country. Coffee plantations, some times reaching as far as the eye can see over hills and through valleys, suggest the wealth of the state.

Leaving one of these many fine towns only a short distance, we notice a sudden change of surroundings, although we are still in the midst of the

coffee plantations. The houses are very primitive, with mud walls and mud floors, and very simple furniture to match. Such houses constitute the homes of the majority.

Meetings were to be held at our stopping place, where an adjoining room served as store for the vicinity. In this room, seated upon boxes and barrels, about fifty people, who accepted the quickly given invitation of our brethren, gathered for meeting. Although the ever-smoking oil lamps did not radiate much light, yet it was easy to distinguish the believers from the crowd. It was a rare privilege for them to have a worker in their midst, and they did enjoy our visit. This they proved by remaining after the meeting instead of returning to their homes immediately.

Well, this is Brazil, I thought, where people so seldom can be visited, and where you pass city after city and town after town where never the voice of the Seventh-day Adventist preacher has sounded the gospel message for this time. Yes, this is Brasil, where opportunities are great, and workers are few. Do you wonder, when amid nature's beauty and under the starry sky of the southern cross, that a sadness and a longing touches your heart as you see the needs?

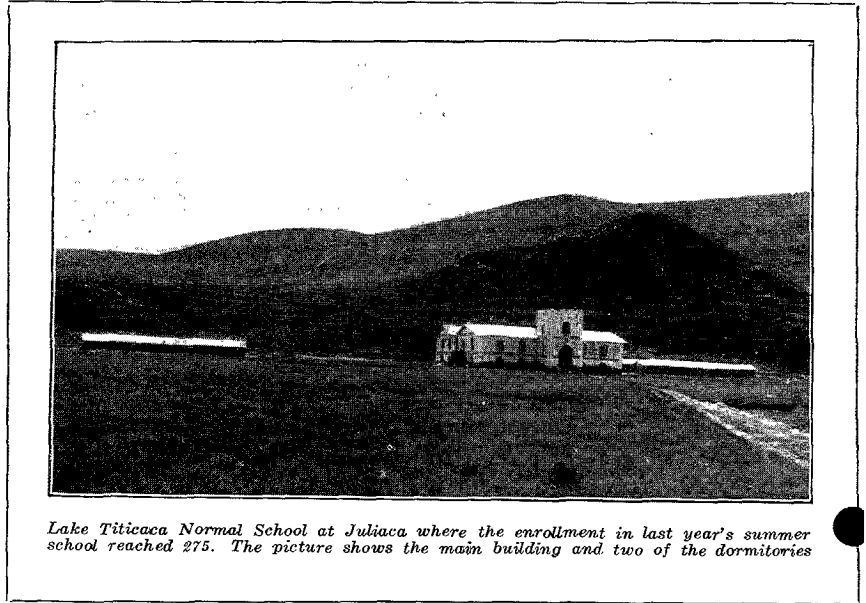
Yet, thanks to God, the message is being carried into cities and towns, over hills and valleys by our faithful colporteurs. Their work is hard in these Catholic and superstitious places, but the fruit of the seed sowing is being seen, the labor is not in vain. We called on two colporteurs on this trip, and they introduced us to a young married couple who had begun to keep the Sabbath through their efforts. In that same place four others were baptized. Many interesting reports of people accepting the truth are reaching our ears, and we are cheered amidst our perplexities, knowing that God is at work to accomplish what He has set out to do.

U. WISSNER.

West Minas

MINAS Geraes may be looked upon as one of the most promising fields. It is virgin soil for the message. The work in this field is just being started. We have some groups and quite a number of scattered brethren.

On my trips I had opportunity to study the needs of the field, and to become acquainted with the land and the people. I found that the people are seeking for something better, longing for salvation, and yet not knowing where to find it. Conse-



Lake Titicaca Normal School at Juliaca where the enrollment in last year's summer school reached 275. The picture shows the main building and two of the dormitories

quently they are being deceived by other doctrines.

Our good brethren here in Minas are all of good courage, happy in the Lord, and active in the work. I had the privilege of visiting the brethren in their homes in all the different places. They were very glad to have meetings in their homes again, for no one had visited them for two years. We had very blessed hours together.

The truth goes victoriously forward. Souls are ready to follow the Lord. About twenty souls are waiting for baptism, and many are keeping the Sabbath.

May the Lord keep these little lights burning, so that they may be a blessing to many who are in darkness.

A. SUESSMANN.

Notices from Río Grande do Sul

ON THE 18th. of last March, the writer, in company with Siegfried Hoffmann, left Santa Maria for the city of Sao Borge where we began a series of meetings in a theatre. The attendance was good from the beginning. Besides those who were already keeping the Sabbath when we arrived, others soon manifested a desire to observe the same.

I was only privileged to remain three weeks with this effort, because of other imperative calls, but when I left the interest was good. Brother Siegfried was continuing the work with good courage.

On Sabbath, April 24, we were privileged to baptize, and accept into church fellowship five more precious souls in

Santa Maria, and on Sabbath, May 1, nine were baptized in Sao Vicente. To God be all the praise for His manifest blessings on our weak efforts.

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Light for Those in Darkness

THE LAKE Titicaca Training School is like a city set on a hill. Beams of light are penetrating to the remotest corner of the Titicaca Mission, and helping to dispel the dense darkness that everywhere prevails as students come to us from all parts of the field.

For years our brethren hoped and prayed for such a center of light where native workers could be prepared to go to their own people. The prayers of our brethren have been answered and to-day we see these hopes realized. Hundreds are entering our doors to receive the training that we can give them and to take the message of hope and courage back to their own people. In many cases a faint spark has kindled in the hearts of these young people for the first time and it is our purpose to strengthen it until it bursts into a flame and becomes a consuming fire that will draw thousands into the fold of Christ.

The main object in the establishment of this training center was the better preparation of native workers.

This has been a great need and the results to date are very gratifying. Still, this is only part of what is being accomplished. Young people not prepared to be workers go to their homes and the influence of their lives is being felt in their home and among their friends. They are letting their "lights shine" the best they know how.

What might not be accomplished if we could inspire more of these boys and girls to come and receive the all round Christian training that will not only change their own lives but that will have a moulding effect upon the whole district from which they have come. This will not only give stability to our present work but will be instrumental in bringing many more into the full light of the gospel.

Our Saviour once said: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

May we continue to let our lights shine in the place where God has seen fit to leave us. H. M. COLBURN.

Recent Experiences in Ecuador

ECUADOR of late is going through many strange experiences and difficult times. Conditions are getting worse all the time, and now a few days ago we had another revolution which brought in a new man Dr. Ayora, to the dictatorship in the government. As he seems to be a good man, possibly it will be a change for the better. On account of unstable government and also because this year we have had practically no rain and so only about half crops, the food in the country is very high and scarce and many of the poor of the country are buying bran or almost any coarse stuff for food and unless conditions improve we will have a real famine here this year. Wages are low and many business houses have shut down or gone bankrupt so work is very scarce. Many foreigners have left the country. I have heard that 25 Americans have

left their lines of business here and gone home within the last two weeks because of hard times, and three bank presidents of Guayaquil are in jail.

Also we here in the Colta mission have been having a few experiences that are helping us to see the Lord's workings on the hearts of men to counteract the plans of the enemies. A few months ago I was attacked by a mob and only miraculously escaped death after I had been knocked down and beaten into unconsciousness, and my interpreter, Brother Sanchez was turned over in a boat in the lake and left to drown by the same men that attacked me.

On returning from a recent meeting in Lima, Perú, I found there was a call to appear at once in Quito to answer charges brought against me which were to the effect that I was a pernicious foreigner and should be deported. Twenty-five people had witnessed against me, charging me with being a "tinterillo" (quack-lawyer), "curandero" (quack doctor), of exploiting the Indians by charging them all a certain tax for their use of government land near the mission; robbing land of the government, and of being a Peruvian spy working to make the people here Peruvians. (I had recently received here in the mission two new workers who have come from Perú.)

At once I went to Quito and called on Dr. Ayora, then minister of government attending to such cases. He received me very discourteously and told me at once that I would have to leave the country or be locked up, and that he was determined to have me prosecuted even though I was an American. I was so taken by surprise that I hardly knew how to make my defense and convince him that his preconceived ideas were not true or just. As I left that day, he repeated his warning to me to get out of the country as soon as possible, but I answered him that I had come to Ecuador under

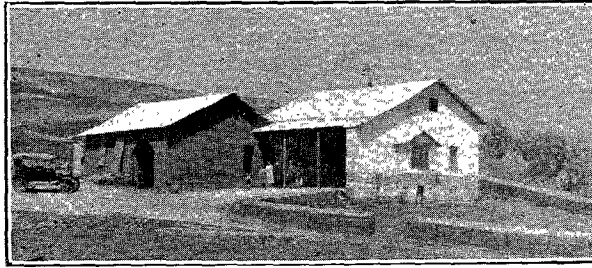
what I thought to be the Lord's guidance and that it would be impossible to leave until I felt that the Lord was leading me away, but that if he wanted to lock me up or bring me to judgment that I was ready to prove that his charges were all false and that I was only here to help the government and the people in every way possible with the Lord's help.

That night I spoke to the few brethren in Quito, about God's power and told them of the situation, and we had prayer asking for deliverance from this danger. I also called on influential friends of mine who in turn either visited or wrote to the ministers explaining our work and objects and their knowledge of what I was doing here in Ecuador. The Lord has given us some very close friends among men of influence here who are anxious to help us all they can. I returned at different times to see the minister and explain to him more about our work both in Ecuador and in all the world, and also showed him the year book and Harvest Ingathering papers. We all prayed earnestly for deliverance, and within a few days I could see that the attitude of the minister was changing and before I left, after eight days, he told me that he was sorry he had been misinformed about me and our work, but that the witness of twenty-five people against me, had led him to believe the reports. He then was able to see through the entire affair and was convinced that the work we were really doing, was for the civilization and uplift of the Indians and said that if any one bothered me in the future, to let him know at once. He even had an article printed in the paper clearing me of the charges brought against me.

This man has since risen to the dictatorship of the country, and is now our friend. Through this trouble, he has been given a good idea of what we are doing here. Had it not been for this trouble he doubtless would



Indians of the Colta Mission



The Colta Mission, Ecuador, where Brother Orley Ford is laboring

have known little of our work and also other influential men have been led to know more of us and to take our side. Really it has been a big help to us and also the Indians who had been told that I was to be deported, when they have seen that we have been protected have been given more confidence. The man who was behind the entire affair to have me deported and who also tried to deport my brother John has reported that I have been sent out of the country, and every one thought he would succeed as he has a lot of influence. When the minister came to the supreme power here, this man tried to start a revolution against him, so orders were given to have him captured; as a result this man has had to go into hiding. While he is in hiding we are free and he has not succeeded in hurting us at all.

Surely the Lord is working here in Ecuador and He has heard and answered our prayers and delivered us from our enemies again, for which we thank Him.

ORLEY FORD.

The Angel of the Lord

JUST before daylight one frosty May morning I started to make the trip from our Ilave mission to Plateria by horse. I was accompanied by my twelve-year-old Harold and a young native. Harold's mount was a burro as the Indian rode the other mission horse. At the very start we lost our mission boy. He passed us on a nearby path in the darkness and, thinking we were still ahead, kept hurrying on to find us. We soon discovered we were behind but made no attempt to catch up as it is difficult to hurry a burro, so we made the more than twenty mile trip without the boy.

Something like halfway between the missions two Indians came running to us from the pampa. I turned to see what they might want. I had lived among the Indians for half a dozen years and had not the least fear of them; but those two men frightened me. They were big fellows with hard faces, and each carried a heavy native whip. "We want bread," they said, "Give us bread." I have often given bread to people on these country roads but I had nothing for those insolent men and told them so. "Sell us that poncho," demanded one of them in the rudest possible manner. Then both insisted that they must have the poncho. I expected them to snatch it from me, but instead, they fell behind us a bit to talk to each other. After a minute or two they ran after us again and were so imperative in their demands for the pon-

cho that I would gladly have given it to them had I dared, but it seemed they would pull us to pieces if once they began to take things.

"Don't worry, Harold," I said, "God will take care of us." And He did. In spite of all that those bad men said, they did not touch us.

They evidently planned to stay with us and they were not desirable company. The road was deserted, for everybody was busy harvesting in those days. I could not even see anybody working in the fields along the road, but as I prayed for deliverance, we came to a slight rise of ground and, at some distance ahead, I saw a man walking in the road driving a burro. It took some time to overtake him but we kept our little burro trotting along and gained on him steadily. Whoever the man might be, I planned

to stay with him as long as I could.

Drawing nearer we saw that the man wore shoes. Could he be one of our own people? Our native teachers wear shoes a good deal. If only this might prove to be a teacher! Sure enough, a roll of literature peeped from his saddle bags! "Brother, brother," I called, "wait for us." And it was a brother, and teacher, even our dear Marcelino who was also going to Plateria.

That night friends told us more than we had heard before of the robbers who live in those pampas and of the bold robberies and cruel murders they had been committing, and we thanked God with full hearts that "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them."

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A Pioneer Colporteur

THE work of F. W. Bishop who, with T. H. Davis pioneered in giving the message on the west coast of South America, has been referred to many times in our papers. A few details of this difficult and self-sacrificing undertaking will be of interest to readers of the BULLETIN.

Brother Bishop came from England to the United States at the age of three years. When a young man he worked some in the colporteur work and then decided to go to Chile as a self-supporting missionary. The trip down the west coast from San Francisco to Valparaiso occupied nearly two months (56 days). He arrived at Valparaiso in December 1894, not knowing the Spanish language. The morning following his arrival he began his colporteur work in the city, seeking out the English-speaking people. The first day he took six orders for "Bible Readings."

A little later he went north landing at Iquique and went inland to Huara, a town in the desert mining district. He had difficulty in making known his desire to find a place to stay or even to find a place to leave his grips for he knew only a few words of Spanish. Walking the streets and asking the Lord to direct, he soon saw a tinsmith working in his shop. He went in and opened the book "Patriarchs and Prophets" and began showing the man the pictures. They tried to converse but could not. Then the man led him to another room where, providentially, there was a minister speaking to a



F. W. Bishop, pioneer colporteur in Chile

group of persons. And more remarkable still is the fact that this man could speak English and had also bought a book of Brother Bishop some time before in Valparaiso. Within a few minutes the minister sold six books for Brother Bishop.

The minister soon left and Brother Bishop gave the tinsmith a list of texts that taught the observance of

the Sabbath. Although Brother Bishop left the next day the tinsmith soon began to keep the Sabbath and later six others followed his example.

Some time later he returned south and while looking for a room in company with Brother Davis, who had joined him again, he was providentially directed to the house of a Spanish minister. The minister upon learning that they taught the Sabbath became very angry. The minister's wife, however, was interested and a little later began the observance of the Sabbath. Her husband soon joined her. This man and wife were Brother and Sister Balada the first members to be baptized in Chile. Sister Balada is still a faithful believer. Two of her daughters are in the work.

Soon after this family began to obey the truth, a young man by the name of Edward Thomann came in contact with them and he too with others of his family were added to the list of believers. Elder Thomann has spent more than 20 years of service in God's cause.

Brother Bishop can tell at length of how God led him in his humble efforts. Space does not permit the continuation of this interesting and inspiring story. Brother Bishop experienced many hardships and privations and exposed himself to dangers during the years of lonely work in this distant land. Today we have a thousand believers in Chile, and a well organized work. Brother Bishop with his family still lives in Chile. Two of his children are in the work.

E. H. MEYERS.

The Book Work in South Brazil Union

Just a few words about the colporteur work in the South Brazil Union. We are very much encouraged by the way the work is going during the first part of 1926. There are many inter-

esting things that could be mentioned about the work for the first quarter, but I can only mention a few. Our sales for the first quarter of 1926 are about a conto less than they were for the first quarter of last year, which was our banner year. This is not discouraging when we consider that all of our colporteurs in three of our strongest fields were out of the field during one month of the quarter on account of general meetings or institutes. During March 1926 we had sixteen more colporteurs in the field than we have ever had for the same month, so far as I know. Our sales for the same month were thirteen contos more than for the same month any other year. And these sales have not been made because of our using a new book, for with the exception of Paraná and Santa Catharina we are still working with "Our Day." Really, it is wonderful how this book continues to sell. From some experiences which our colporteurs have had in working the same territory the second time, we are led to believe that we could now work our territory again and sell more books than we sold the first time.

Brother Benedicto Silveira, our field director for the Sao Paulo Conference, tells me that during March and April of this year, all of their colporteurs except two, are working in country territory, and still their sales for March were seven contos more than for the same month any other year.

In the States of Paraná and Santa Catharina our colporteurs are working with "Great Controversy." They have been making some fine records. I understand that they are selling more books in one month now than a few years ago they sold in the whole year. Their experiences have demonstrated that we can expect larger sales with "Great Controversy" than we have had with "Our Day."

From all parts of the field we are receiving encouraging reports, not

only of the sale of our books, but the influence that our literature is having upon the people. Surely the time is here to work as never before. We give to the Lord all the praise for the good work that is being done, and we only wish that we had many more colporteurs where we now have one. Pray with us that the Lord will send forth more laborers, for surely we are in the evening hours, and our work in the future will not be so easy.

C. L. BAINER.

Colporteurs with Tracts

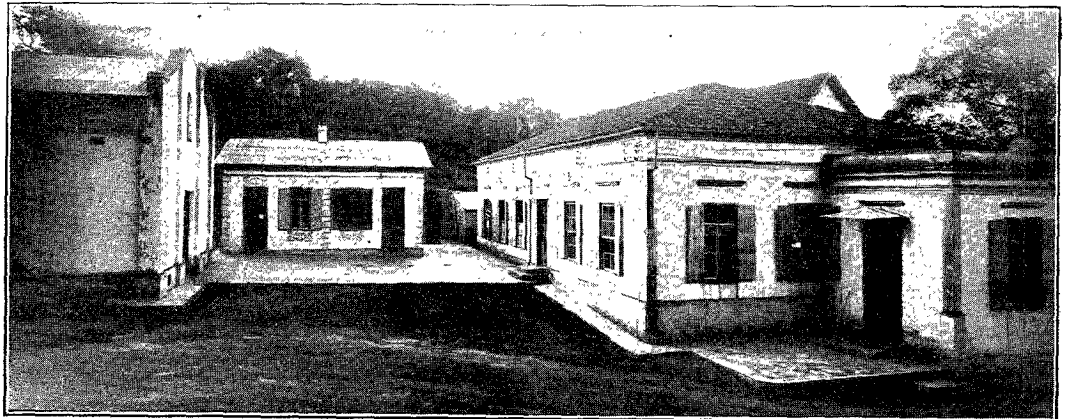
AT OUR tri-state colporteur institute held recently we asked our colporteurs to turn in the names of interested persons they might find in their travels. This they have been doing and we have a growing list of such persons to whom we are systematically sending personal letters and literature. When the interest develops sufficiently so as to warrant it we send the name in to the worker in charge of the district who will visit them and if possible prepare them for baptism. Thus the colporteur sees results from his labor. In this way we believe that we are getting in touch with many who would never be reached in any other way. A mission could do no more economical, efficient or effective work.

Several of our missions here have voted to create a fund from the Tract Society sales that will be used in supplying tried and selected colporteurs with tracts for judicious distribution. They are also supplied with blanks on which to place the name and all necessary information about the interested person.

At the present time the Union Home Missionary Department is taking care of the ever growing list of names. The director of each mission will be informed as interests develop and we hope for definite results.

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East Brazil Notes

BRETHREN Jorgensen and Wilfart made a trip recently to Rezende, State of Rio de Janeiro where a new school has been opened. Renato Bivar, a graduate from our "Collegio Adventista" is in charge of the 27 students enrolled. This little company of 32 believers at Rezende was organized as the result of a tract left by one of our faithful colporteurs a few years ago.

LAND has been bought on which to build our union office and homes for the workers, in the city of Nietheroy, near the beach. Nietheroy is the capital of the state of Rio de Janeiro and situated across the bay from the capital city of the Republic.

BROTHER H. E. Nopper, secretary and treasurer for the Rio Mission is at present helping out in an emergency at the college.

BRETHREN Jorgensen and Mansell plan a trip into the states of Bahia and Pernambuco during the months of August and September in the interest of their departments. Church officers week-end institutes are being planned on this trip beside Harvest Ingathering work.

News Briefs from the South Brazil Union

ELDER H. B. Westcott, president of the Sao Paulo Conference, baptized four new members in the city of Pirasununga on Sabbath May 15. Three of these were the result of home missionary and colporteur work.

SATURNINO Mendes de Oliveira, field missionary secretary of the Paraná Mission, in writing to one of the workers in another field recently, said "Our colporteurs are selling "Great Controversy" faster than they could sell "pasteis." "Pasteis" are sold on the streets of Brazil like "hot dogs" are sold in the States.

ELDER F. R. Kuempel baptized ten precious souls in Porto Alegre on Sabbath, April 24, and there are others awaiting baptism later. There were sixty-nine new members added to this union during the first quarter of this year, fifty-three by baptism, and sixteen on profession of faith.

BROTHER U. Wissner, secretary of the Sao Paulo Conference, received a letter last week from one of the lay members who lives in a little town two days journey by rail from the capital, in which he mentions sixteen people in that place who have recently begun the observance of the Sabbath. That place has only been visited by a worker once, or at the most twice, and that for a couple of days only.

IN A letter recently received from Elder E. V. Moore, superintendent of the Paraná Mission, he said, "Received your letter with reference to the interested persons in the Paraná Mission. Many thanks for the same, and as soon as I return to the office will send the names to Henrique Simon, who is working near there. There is so much interest around Itararé, that I am sorry we do not have a young man there as pastor-teacher to assist Henrique in his work."

The president of the Sao Paulo Conference reports a visit to the tent effort in Espirito Santo do Pinhal, on Sunday May 16. He says the attendance has been excellent, in spite of heavy rains and cold weather during a large part of the time that the tent has been pitched. On the night he was there the tent was full, and after the sermon twenty-four people came forward manifesting their desire to follow the Lord and to obey the truth.

THE superintendent of the Paraná Mission recently visited Ponta Grossa and while there held two evening meetings for the public. He reports that in spite of short notice the attendance was good both nights. The last night nearly fifty were present. He says "the interest here is good and the time ripe for a harvest of souls, but where are the workers?"

The Many-sided Christ

WHAT think you of Christ? Who say you that He is? This Christ challenges the attention of the world by His many-sidedness. He meets the need of all classes and conditions of men. As deep answers unto deep, so does He respond to the movings of each soul of mankind. If we were to call the roll of the world's workers this morning and ask them, "What think ye of Christ?" their answers would be something like this, and they would amaze us by their revelation of His many-sidedness:—

To the artist He is the One Altogether Lovely.

To the architect He is the Chief Corner Stone.

To the baker He is the Living Bread.

To the banker He is the Hidden Treasure.

To the biologist He is the Life.

To the builder He is the Sure Foundation.

To the carpenter He is the Door.

To the doctor He is the Great Physician.

To the educator He is the Great Teacher.

To the engineer He is the New and Living Way.

To the farmer He is the Sower and the Lord of the Harvest.

To the florist He is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.

To the geologist He is the Rock of Ages (and it is more important to know the Rock of Ages than the age of rocks).

To the horticulturist He is the True Vine.

To the judge He is the Righteous Judge, the Judge of all men.

To the juror He is the Faithful and True Witness.

To the jeweller He is the Pearl of Great Price.

To the lawyer He is the Counsellor, the Lawgiver, the Advocate.

To the newspaper man He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.

To the oculist He is the Light of the Eyes.

To the philanthropist He is the Un-speakable Gift.

To the philosopher He is the Wisdom of God.

To the preacher He is the Word of God.

To the sculptor He is the Living Stone.

To the servant He is the Good Master.

To the statesman He is the Desire of all Nations.

To the student He is the Incarnate Truth.

To the theologian He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

To the toiler He is the Giver of Rest.

To the sinner He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

To the Christian He is the Son of the Living God, the Saviour, the Redeemer, and Lord.

MELVIN E. LEDERER.

Repairing the Altar

"ELIJAH . . . repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down." A revival in God's cause commonly begins by repairing the damages of the declension which make the revival a necessity. If there is coldness in a church, its best cure is not through looking up new converts, but through stirring up old members. A dead-and-alive prayer meeting calls rather for more praying by the "saints," than for more "sinners" asking to be prayed for. If a Sunday school lacks life, it is more likely to get it through fresh attention to the teachers' meeting, than through an influx of new scholars. As a result there would be a larger gain to any local church by the revival of ten of its members to do their full duty in zeal and faith, than by the addition of one hundred members of the average standard of practical efficiency. If any one of us would do the work of Elijah in our Israel, let him take hold, to begin with, and repair the altar of the Lord that is crumbling from neglect before the eyes of God's people. —Selected.

IT IS God alone who can give success either in preparing or in circulating our publications. If in faith we maintain His principles, He will co-operate with us in placing the books in the hands of those whom they will benefit. —(Test. Vol. 7, p. 158.)