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IT IS with a feeling of genuine pleasure that I address a word of greeting to my associates in future labor in the South American Division. I look forward with pleasant anticipation to the time when our acquaintance may be deepened and enlarged by personal contact.

The rapid developments and providences of the work of God come at times with surprise to us. It has been a surprise to Mrs. Haynes, Donald, and myself that we suddenly find ourselves looking forward to locating in the South American field. It must have come as a surprise to our fellow laborers there.

Since receiving and accepting this call to assume these new responsibilities in South America, we have been engaged in a thorough study of the field there and its needs as we have been able to give it at this long distance; and our interest in, and sympathy for, the growing work going forward in this Southern continent has developed

Greetings
from
Our Division President



and deepened day by day, until we have passed the stage of regret at leaving former friends and loved ones in the homeland, and are eagerly waiting for the time to come when we can go on board the vessel that will take us south.

Surely the Lord has planned a large and wonderful destiny for the

work in South America. As I become better acquainted with all of its developments my heart reaches out in prayer to the Lord of the harvest to endue all of the workers with real power for finishing His work. Above everything else we need daily and hourly fellowship with our Lord who is the real Leader in this great work.

We desire, and believe we shall have, the earnest prayers and most friendly cooperation from the workers and believers in the South American Division. We are praying day by day for God's blessing upon you all.

Our Unworked Territory

By N. P. NEILSEN

THE Lord has greatly blessed the labors of Elder F. A. Stahl and his coworkers as they have carried the message to the Indians in the Amazon region of Peru. These fearless, consecrated workers have steadily pressed their way deeper and deeper into the jungles of the Amazon region, and our hearts have been greatly stirred as we have read the reports of what God is doing for the savages, living beyond the reach of civilization. Speaking of this territory, Elder Stahl says, "Thousands of these people are, as it were, hidden in the deep jungles of the Amazon region. It would be difficult to exaggerate the wildness of this region. It is an immense territory of over two million square miles of wilds, relieved only by numerous fast-flowing rivers. Everything is wild and unrestrained,—wild plants and tangled vines, wild birds and animals in great numbers, and thousands of wild people who are living without a knowledge of the true God."

Last year Elder Stahl made a missionary journey through this region of the upper Amazon, cutting his way through trackless forests and rowing his canoe down roaring streams, visiting many tribes of savage Indians. Going down the Amazon River he finally arrived at Iquitos, a city of 14,000 inhabitants. He says, "We were cordially received by the people, and one of the most prominent men of that city said, as he shook my hand, 'At last you evangelists have come to us. We bid you welcome!' It is really astonishing that in that large city and throughout the Amazon region there is not another evangelical denomination working. We are the first to enter and work. Already there is a company of believers in Iquitos."

But, while Elder Stahl and his coworkers are pressing their way eastward, down the Amazon River, we who are in Brazil, should be pressing our way westward, so that we may finally join hands with our workers from the west. But between us there is a vast, unworked territory of nearly two thousand miles in a direct line, without a worker and, so far as we know, without even a Sabbath-keeper, except at Manaus on the Amazon. And in all this territory, there is not a railroad and scarcely a wagon road, and the only highway is the Amazon waterway with its tributaries. Surely, here is a vast territory that must be penetrated with the last message of mercy. Surely, the many Indian tribes scattered throughout this field must hear the truth of God. Some one

must carry it to them, even though it will be necessary to go beyond the bounds of civilization and modern conveniences.

As yet we know very little about this great inland tropical territory, drained by the Amazon and its tributaries; but we are interested in it because of our message. The following extracts, concerning the great Amazon, is taken from an article written by W. L. Schurz, Ph. D., commercial Attache, American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, as printed in the *National Geographic Magazine* for April 1926:

"A large fleet of steamers plies up and down all the large affluents of the Amazon. It is possible to travel with comfort from Pará as far as Yurimaguas on the Huallaga in Peru, hundreds of miles above Iquitos, and up all the great tributaries to the limit of navigation, fixed by rapids or bars. During the rainy season, when the rivers rise from 30 to 50 feet, it is possible to go much higher. . . . Ocean-going steamers from Europe and the United States regularly ascend the Amazon to Manaus, nearly 900 miles from Pará, and the same vessels could go up to Iquitos, more than 2,000 miles from the mouth. Above Iquitos, there are 500 miles of navigation for steamers drawing nine feet of water—that is, to within a few miles of the Andes."

"In spite of the cataclysmic floods that annually sweep over the valley, to pour out through the wide mouths on both sides of Marajo, the Amazon valley is not a gigantic morass where man must be half amphibious to survive. Probably not more than five per cent of the more than 2,700,000 square miles of the Amazonia are below the normal flood level of the rivers. The great mass is upland country. One who travels on any of the rivers is surprised by the high bluffs that border them for long distances."

"The climate of the Amazonia is not one of immitigated heat, as is popularly believed. During the middle of the day it is generally very hot, and at such times the jungle is a veritable Turkish bath. However, the nights are nearly always cool enough to demand a blanket for comfort, and in the so-called winter season there is frequently a succession of cool days, when the mornings are uncomfortably chilly."

"The rivers and lakes teem with life, in fact, the Amazonia is a fisherman's paradise. I have never seen so many fish as at some places on the Solimoes, notably at the site appropriately called Piracema, 'pira' signifying 'fish.'"

"In all the tropical part of the

Amazon basin there probably are between 1,500,000 and 1,600,000 inhabitants. Of these some 1,300,000 live in Brazil, and the remainder in the five Spanish speaking countries, but largely in Bolivia and Perú. The basic race is Indian."

"The great mass of the population of the Amazonia is a mixed people, product in Brazil of the crossing of white with Indian and Negro, and in the Spanish countries of white with Indian."

"In spite of nearly four centuries of exploration, large areas of the Amazonia still await the coming of the first white man. The courses of all the important rivers are well known, but there is much terra incognita between some of them, as between the Negro and Japurá, or between the Santiago and the Pastoza, in the region under dispute between Ecuador and Peru, across the northern part of the state also a wide belt of territory extending across the northern part of Pará yet remains to be explored."

"The Amazonia is neither a hell nor a paradise. By far the greater part of it is entirely habitable by white men, though there are sections where nearly every circumstance of the environment militates against human existence."

Some day in the near future, we believe, our missionaries will be sailing up and down the Amazon and its tributaries, carrying the blessed news of the coming of Christ to the peoples of this vast, and as yet, unworked territory, and we shall see hundreds, yea, thousands, of these people rejoicing in our blessed truth. May God hasten that day is our prayer.

Working with Coming of Christ in View

By R. R. BREITIGAM

THE focal point of every prophecy in the Bible is the second coming of Christ and the establishment of His kingdom. According to all these prophecies, we are living in the very last days. We are living in the latter part of the last generation. How happy we should be as we realize that in a little while, "He that shall come will come and will not tarry". Some years ago this message came to us: "The return of Christ to our world will not be long delayed. Let this be the key note of every message . . . The blessed hope of the second appearance of Christ, with its solemn realities, needs to be often presented to the people. Looking for the soon appearing of our Lord will lead

us to regard earthly things as emptiness and nothingness." V. 6, pp. 406.

The second coming of Jesus is mentioned three-hundred eighteen times in the New Testament. Jesus had just left His disciples and had commanded them to preach the gospel of His Kingdom in all parts of the world and when they had accomplished their work, the end would come. This was the burden of their sermons and the high point in their epistles.

This blessed hope of the second appearing of Christ fills Paul's writings. It was for this that he gave up all, and it was this that stirred him to such missionary endeavors. It was the presentation of this that gave him power to save many souls, and it was the looking forward to that day that kept him faithful in the many hours of trial. He constantly looked with the hope of the return of Jesus and the resurrection in view. Practically his last words, before laying down his life as a martyr, are speaking of "that day."

We who are workers together with God should labor constantly with the coming of Jesus in mind. We read from the Spirit of Prophecy that: "Everything is now clothed with a solemnity that all who believe the truth for this time should realize. They should act in reference to the day of God. The judgments of God are about to fall upon the world, and we need to be preparing for that great day." V. 6,

pp. 407. This truly is a solemn message. Every act of our lives, and every missionary endeavor should be done with reference to the day of God. Every sermon, every Bible reading, every personal visit, and every plan made should be with the coming of Christ in view.

The devil will endeavor to get our eyes away from this great truth. He will endeavor to get us to feel that perhaps it is not as near as might be thought, and right here is our great danger today. Preparing for the second coming of Christ will bring a revival into our church, a real revival of godly living. When this truth really takes possession of our lives we will have a real intense burden for lost souls and will work with a Christ-like earnestness to save them from the impending ruin of this old world. With

the day of God in view how dare we neglect the souls about us when we have the only message that will prepare them for that day? The following quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy pictures what we will do when we really realize the seriousness of the times in which we are living: "Could the curtain be rolled back, could you discern the purpose of God and the judgments that are about to fall upon the doomed world, could you see your own attitude, you would fear and tremble for your own souls and for the souls of your fellow-men. Earnest prayers of heartrending anguish would go up to heaven. You would weep between the porch and the altar, confessing your spiritual blindness and backsliding." V. 6, pp. 408.



Pastor R. R. Breitigam and family. Brother Breitigam has recently taken up his duties as Home Missionary Secretary of the Division

Practically every newspaper recently has told of some earthquake, destructive storm or disaster in some part of the world, in which many lives have been lost. We know what these things mean for we have been told that, "The restraining Spirit of God is even now being withdrawn from the world. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land follow each other in quick succession." V. 6, pp. 408. "More and more as the days go by, it is becoming apparent that God's judgments are in the world. In fire and flood and earthquake, he is warning the inhabitants of the earth of His near approach . . . Oh that the people might know the time of their visitation." V. 9, pp. 97, 99.

These things being true, do we feel as we should the responsibility resting upon us in these days? We are told

that God is waiting for us. "He is holding back His judgments, waiting for the message of warning to be sounded to all. Oh, if our people would feel as they should the responsibility resting upon them, to give the last message to the world, what a wonderful work would be done." V.9, pp. 97.

As workers together with God, shall we not do all in our power to help our people to realize their responsibilities and privileges in these solemn days? With sixteen thousand believers in the second coming of Christ, in South America, stirred with a definite realization of the nearness of His coming, and filled with the Holy Spirit, it would not take long to finish the work of God in this great continent. Surely we have come to the time when God is setting His hand to the finishing of the work. God desires His people to consecrate themselves to Him by putting away every sin and opening their hearts to the full reception of the Holy Spirit. They will then arise and do the work. Nothing will hinder them. Thousands, we are told, will then be seen going from house to house giving the message.

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Some Changes in Our Field

SOMETIMES questions arise in the minds of our people as to why there are such frequent changes made in the administration of our work; but our cause is a growing one. The opening providences of God are continually urging us forward, and often it seems impossible for us to keep pace with the demands that are made upon us. We must enter new territory, as well as strengthen the work already begun. Then, too, the health condition of the workers must be taken into consideration. All these things lead to changes, and often we are perplexed to know how to fill the calls that come to us.

Several changes have been made during this year. When Brother M. V. Tucker was called to take charge of our publishing house in Argentine, because of the illness of Brother E. W. Everest, their former manager, Brother C. E. Schofield, who has efficiently served as secretary and treasurer of our South Brazil Union Conference for a number of years, was called to take Brother Tucker's place as manager of our Casa Publicadora

Brasileira. Then Brother G. E. Hartman was called to be secretary and treasurer of our Union Conference. Brother Hartman came to Sao Paulo in August and entered upon his duties. We believe that Brother Hartman is well able to assume this responsibility as he has had many years of experience in this same line of work, having been secretary and treasurer of the Austral Union Conference for sixteen years.

Brother U. Wissner, secretary and treasurer of the Sao Paulo Conference, has been called to act as secretary and treasurer of the East Brazil Union Mission; and Brother Henry Nopper, who was secretary of the Rio de Janeiro Tract Society, is now connected with the Sao Paulo Conference office, and has taken up the work laid down by Brother Wissner.

Brother Germano Ritter, who has been connected with the Rio Grande do Sul Tract Society for some time, has moved to Curitiba, Paraná, and is now serving as secretary and treasurer of the Paraná Mission. We believe that Brother Ritter will be a great help to that field, and we feel sure that our people in that field will give him a hearty welcome. Brother Otto Keppke, a graduate from our Collegio Adventista, has now taken up the work laid down by Brother Ritter, and is acting as secretary of the Rio Grande do Sul Tract Society.

Let us pray that the Lord may bless all these dear workers in their several responsibilities, and that the work may go forward with greater rapidity than ever before.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Better Than Beans

I WAS just bidding farewell to an old brother, past seventy years of age, who was a member of a small group in a little interior town in the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil. It has been nearly two years since my last visit, and only one worker has visited them in my absence, and that only twice, I believe.

After a hand shake, and a pat on the back, the Brazilian method of bidding farewell to a friend, the old brother held my hand and pleadingly said, "Brother come more often. It does us so much good to hear some one who can explain the Word." "Why," he said, "your words are better to us than beans."

Possibly it will be difficult for some of the readers to fully appreciate the meaning of the brother's remark. The one indispensable food in the interior home of the greater part of Brazil, is

beans. So it was really the strongest language this old man could employ to express his appreciation.

With the few workers we have, and a rapidly growing constituency, scattered in many parts of the state in small groups, many of them wait months and months without the visit of a worker. What makes the situation more difficult is that many times they cannot read the Word of God for themselves.

One day as I was visiting such a home, I desired to know a little of their daily life, so I asked, "Do you have family worship?" "Surely," was the reply, "Every day." "But," I said, "Can you read?" "No" he said. "Do your wife or children read?" "No brother," he replied, "None of us know how to read, but we pray." I am sure that God hears those prayers.

H. B. WESTCOTT.

Old and Young Take Part in the Harvest Ingathering

OUR Harvest Ingathering in Santa Catharina came this year in a rainy season, and in a time when we had a general business crisis; but in times of perplexity the Lord wants to reveal to us His help in a special way. Thanks be to Him! The brethren were more willing to help this year than last, which is also a blessing from the Lord, who turns the hearts like the waterbrooks.

The two boys in the picture, Ernest and Siegfried, collected with ten papers 41\$000 (about seven dollars). The eighty-one year old Sister Demm

in the other picture also took ten papers, and when I returned two weeks later she said to me, "Brother Kaltenhauser, you will have to give me a few more papers for I have not reached my goal." I was astonished, and asked her, "Have you set a goal for yourself?" She answered, "Yes, I wanted to collect 25\$000 and I am yet short 3\$000. I gave her five more papers with which she will reach her goal and perhaps pass it by the time I return again. This sister is diligent and true.

What young boys and an old sister are able to do, all should be able to do, namely, help along.

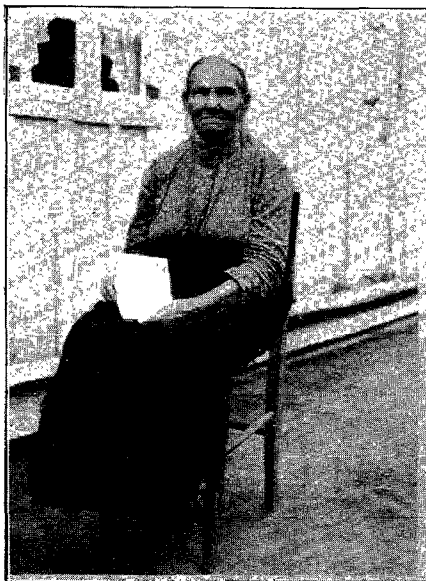
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Our Work in Asunción, Paraguay

IT WAS almost five years ago that the writer made his first visit to Asunción, Paraguay. At that time the meetings of our little church were held in a small room far from the center of the city. A few faithful believers attended the meetings and manifested a real interest in the advancement of the message. Brother Leytes, our faithful worker, was struggling to get a better foot-hold in this fanatical city. It seemed at that time that other Protestant denominations who had their work established there were about to abandon their efforts and leave, because of lack of interest the part of the people in the work they were endeavoring to do.



Harvest Ingatherers

North Argentine Annual Meeting

THE annual session of the North Argentine Conference was held in the little village of Viale, Province of Entre Rios, October 14 - 24.

Through the courtesy of business men of the village, several large warehouses, newly built for the storage of grain, but as yet unoccupied, were turned over to us free of charge, providing excellent accommodations for our meeting, as well as lodging and dining quarters.

The weather was ideal, and the attendance excellent. Those attending were largely our German brethren, although there were some Spanish speaking brethren so that the meetings were held in both languages. Especially on the Sabbath, the capacity of our pavillion was taxed to its limit, there being on the last Sabbath some six hundred in attendance. The week-day attendance was very good also, and many remarked at the close of the meeting that it had been a real blessing to their souls.

In the evening, the subjects presented were such as would interest the outside public, and they showed their appreciation by coming out in large numbers and by giving very courteous attention. Special meetings were held each day for the young people in a newly erected church building which our brethren had just completed in the village.

Beside the regular conference workers, there were in attendance, W. E. Bergherm of the Union; M. V. Tucker, of the Publishing House; representatives of the college and sanitarium; and R. R. Breitigam and the writer from the Division.

The business meetings were of a most harmonious nature, and the present officers were re-elected. The reports of the president and secretary, as well as those from the departments, showed progress. One feature of special interest was in connection with the tithe. At the beginning of the present year, the conference was facing a most serious crisis, owing to a crop failure in the greater part of their territory. In many sections the wheat was not even cut, and when it was cut it was very poor and the price low. At a church officers' meeting held in March of this year, the brethren informed us that humanly speaking, the outlook for tithe in proportion to the need was very dark; in fact, we could not expect very much. After earnest prayer and study during the days of that officers' meeting, it was decided to set a day of fasting and

prayer throughout the conference, calling upon the brethren to seek God for His people, and that a spirit of consecration and loyalty to God's cause would take hold of them.

Earnest work was done in the field by the president and his associates in behalf of a spiritual revival, and in presenting personally to the brethren in their homes, as well as in public, the needs of the fields and their duty to God in giving to him that which is His own. And when the report for the first eight months was presented at the conference, it showed a gain in the tithe over the eight months of the previous year. Many who had been unfaithful to God in returning to Him His own had made a new covenant and by real sacrifice had paid in a year of poor harvest what they had failed to give in a time of plenty. The experience through which the conference has passed has brought in a real revival in many places, and has drawn the hearts of the brethren more closely to the work.

Pastor Wilcox, during the months he has served as president, has won the full confidence of his field, and the prospects are good for the coming year. During the meeting, a call was made for financial help in completing the office building which has recently been constructed, and some four thousand pesos were pledged. At the close of the meeting, a call was made in behalf of missions, and, including Sabbath school offerings, some two thousand, five hundred pesos were given in cash and pledges.

As the call was made on the last Sabbath to sinners and backsliders to come to God, a large number yielded and came forward, while the entire congregation united with them in renewing their consecration to God. As a fitting close to this meeting, a baptismal service was held in the afternoon, in which twenty-four souls were buried with their Lord.

C. P. CRAGER.

BLESSED is the man whose calendar contains prayer meeting nights.

Blessed is the man who is faithful on a committee.

Blessed is the man who can endure an hour and a quarter in a place of worship as well as two hours and a half in a place of amusement.

Blessed is the man who is generous to his neighbor in all things except the application of the sermon.

Blessed is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time.—*Watchman-Examiner*.

Now, let us forget five years ago and come down to the month of June 1926 and look at another picture of our work in the same place. At this time the writer had the privilege of returning to this place. He was met by Brother Leytes with a broad smile on his face. He was taken to a nice home in the central part of the city. Part of the home was built especially for the church. The church room was about four times the size of the one used five years ago. It was nicely decorated with Bible mottoes, a nice pulpit, new benches, etc. In the first meeting we held, instead of a few scattered over the room it was well filled with bright looking people anxious to hear of the progress of the message in other parts of the world field.

It was most encouraging to see the wonders that God had wrought through the efforts of His servants. While other Protestant work in the city was at a standstill, our work went forward until a splendid church of over 100 members was flourishing in the city, and small groups in the country around the city with an interest that one man could not handle. We visited a woman doctor who became interested in the truth through our literature. She comes from the best class of people in the city and has a wonderful influence with the government officials. She was a member of another Protestant church in the city. Brother Leytes has been studying the truth with her and she has definitely taken her stand with this people. Others have said, "where she goes we will follow."

Brother Sabino, a trained nurse from our sanitarium, has been called to connect with the work in this city. Through nursing he has been able to win the hearts of many honest hearted people. The interest continues and the prospects for the future could not be brighter. Brother Leytes is well known by the government officials and highly respected. He has full protection and guarantees wherever he goes in Paraguay, to hold religious meetings among the people. More than once his life was threatened by fanatical people in the country, but with a strong faith and full confidence in God he continues his work in spite of apparent dangers. In times of danger the Lord has always protected him. Our work in this city is the strongest organized Protestant work there. While other churches are abandoning their efforts, our work advances as never before. Let us remember these dear workers as they continue their battle with the enemy in this large city.

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Progress in the Old Inca Empire

BOTH in the north and in the south of the Republic of Peru we see a decided progress in the work. Old walls of superstition and spiritual darkness are being broken down and the rays of the Sun of Righteousness are slowly but surely penetrating these parts. These sections, which in past centuries have been permeated by darkness, are now rising into the light. Through the work of the messengers carrying the printed page, a real spiritual awakening has resulted.

In one province near Lima very rapid progress is being made. Groups are being raised up in different parts and are continuing to ask for teachers as well as a superintendent for that province. During the last six months four colporteurs have been sent out to carry the "glad news" in that section and they are having excellent success in the sale of our literature. This place is comparatively new, for during the last two years they have had only one colporteur there, but through his sacrificing efforts and the blessing of the Lord, several have been baptized. Besides these groups, a church has been raised up in the principal town, Huocho, and the members are faithful in their duty to God, in paying their tithe, and also in their endeavor to win other souls to the truth.

In the south, particularly in the village of Cañete and the city of Chinchá, we have workers who are holding public efforts and the people are showing

interest in the meetings. In the city of Trujillo, a very old city, Pastor Miller tells us that the work is going forward and that he has formed several Sabbath schools in that vicinity.

During the present year forty-nine souls have been baptized, making our membership in the mission now six hundred seventy. Our Sabbath schools have increased from forty-three with a thousand members, to fifty-eight with eleven-hundred members, which shows that the light is beginning to shine in all parts of our mission. We have felt it very much this year, losing one-third of our workers, either

Up Where The Inca Begins

*(With apologies to the author of
"Out Where the West Begins")*

Up where for ages the Indian held sway,
Yet where his life is a burden today,
Up on the "roof of the world," as they say,
That's where the Inca begins.

Up where life is a little more trying,
Where for the gospel so many are crying,
Still without Jesus thousands are dying,
That's where the Inca begins.

Up where the number of workers is fewer
Where they must double their efforts, that's sure,
Where "I will be with you," was never truer,
That's where the Inca begins.

Up where the needs are a little more pressing
Up where for time we ever are guessing,
And where, for me, there's greater blessing,
That's where the Inca begins.

Up where your prayers, dear friends, we are
needing,
That the good news we may ever be spreading
To the dear souls who around us are pleading,
Up where the Inca begins.
LADELLE GRADY PHILLIPS.

because of returning to the homeland, or sickness, or transfer to another field, but in spite of this loss the faithfulness of our brethren has not diminished, for which we thank the Lord. Up to the present we have pas-

sed all our goals; our gain in tithe over the past year for the same period is 350 soles (\$175.00). Our literature sales have also been good. Up to the end of August our colporteurs have taken orders to the value of 24,000 soles, and have delivered 18,000 soles worth of books. Besides this, with united effort especially in Lima, and by much perseverance, we have been able to reach our Harvest Ingathering goal. The Lord has greatly blessed us this year in giving us the opportunity of giving the message to many people, and we believe that before the end of the year we will have a large number of candidates for baptism. The thought which gives us sadness is that the calls for workers are always greater than our ability to fill the calls.

We solicit a part in the prayers of our brethren in behalf of the work here and your help that the work of God may go forward.

A. R. DENNIS.

Colta Mission School

WE HAVE just closed another successful school year at the Colta Mission. The attendance was much better than the year before and more advanced work was carried on. We find the Indian children very intelligent, and those who attend regularly make good advancement in their studies. Two boys who attended practically every day finished three reading books in the school year.

Our school is attracting the attention of the government officials and educational men throughout this province. Some of them were present for the examinations and program at the last day of the school. They were very much impressed with what our school is doing for the Indians, both in educational lines and in personal hygiene. Instead of the ragged and dirty children that one always sees among the Indians, those who come to school have clean clothes, clean faces and combed hair, and they look intelligent and happy. The officials say that our school is working miracles on the children who attend.

We are expecting many more students this year. Calls are coming in from other villages for us to send them a teacher so they can learn like the children here in Colta. We want to answer these calls this year if possible. Next year we hope to have one of the boys from the mission school ready to go out to one of these villages as a teacher.

Our hope for the uplift of the Indians of Ecuador, lies in these children who attend our schools.

MRS. ORLEY FORD.



Colta Mission School in Ecuador

PUBLISHING

God's Word Fulfilled

IT IS MOST gratifying to us as a people to observe the manner in which the predictions made ages ago are being fulfilled. As we search the Sacred Writings, we find much said concerning the marvelous way by which the gospel truths for the last days are to be proclaimed.

Over three thousand years ago there was revealed to the prophet David one of the most effective methods to be used in giving the message to the world. The Lord said:

"The Lord gave the Word: great was the army (margin) of those who published it." See Ps. 68: 11. To-day, this prophecy is meeting its fulfillment in a remarkable way. According to the Statistical Report issued by the General Conference for the year 1925, an army of 3,852 is reported as giving its entire time to the literature ministry. This large army of workers includes both those working in the publishing houses of the denomination and those engaged in the sale of literature. Aside from these workers, we find that large quantities of literature are used by the gospel ministers, the Bible workers, the teachers in our schools and also by the nearly two hundred and fifty thousand church members scattered throughout practically every country of the world. What a power such an army can be when dedicated to the sacred work of giving the last message to a dying world! As time continues and as we draw nearer the end of all things this army is to rapidly grow and by means of the Holy Spirit will do a still greater work for lost souls.

In the Spanish field of the South American Division, nearly two hundred workers are directly engaged in the circulation of gospel literature. The efforts of these workers have resulted in the bringing of many to a knowledge of the truth. From every quarter of the field reports of progress are received. The church membership in on the increase and new interests are developing on every side which taxes to the limit the resources of our ministers and Bible workers. These interests have developed largely as a result of the work of the colporteur or the faithful church member who has handed out a tract, periodical or perhaps loaned a book. The fruitage of this kind of missionary work will be seen when the end comes which will reveal thousands who have em-

braced the Third Angel's Message through the reading of the printed page.

The first ten months of this year have witnessed an increase of literature sales over the corresponding period of last year amounting to \$18,000.00 gold. The gains in the sales of subscription books for the ten months of this year amount to \$20,000.00 gold, more than for the similar period of 1925. Our church organ for the Spanish constituency, *La Revista Adventista*, has had a gain this year over last, amounting to \$400.00 gold. We are sorry to report that our sales on *El Atalaya*, the Spanish missionary magazine, have fallen off to the extent of \$4,000.00 gold for 1926 in comparison to 1925. We cannot afford to neglect this important missionary periodical, my brethren. There is a great work to be done with our magazines and instead of our sales diminishing from year to year, the plan of God provides that they should increase.

It is to be hoped that the present campaign to increase the number of individuals working with *El Atalaya* will result in a larger circulation. Thousands and thousands of these periodicals should be used every month and must be used if the work is to be finished on time.

To-day, the prophecy of Ps. 68: 11 is being fulfilled. As a people, we believe that there rests upon every Seventh-day Adventist the sacred responsibility of giving his best to the salvation of souls. In order to fulfill our obligations to the message, let us avail ourselves of the literature provided and work as we never have before.

M. V. TUCKER.

Working the Obscure Places

COLPORTEUR Niels Wensell, our only worker in all of the great territory of Chubut, shortly after his arrival at this place wrote: "There are many sincere souls here who desire to walk in the way of truth." He now sends word that just yesterday he sent two boxes of books on ahead, and that the following day he expected to start for the interior. There are no railroads in this district where he will go, and the only way of reaching these inland places is by horse or auto. He expects to go to the very border line between Chile and Argentine, where there are several settlements located among the mountains. For a long time we have desired to see the printed page enter this part of the Austral Union, and we rejoice that the dwellers of these obscure places will now have an opportunity to learn of our message.

Pedro R. Tabuenca, field missionary

secretary of Alto Paraná, informs us that colporteur O. G. Schulz is now working in the interior of the territory of Misiones. This has been another difficult place to work owing to the very poor roads, and its mountainous condition. There being no railroads about the only way to travel is by horse. Even a team and cart would have a very unpleasant time in getting around. Brother Tabuenca writes the following:

"I am in this colony (Puerto Rico) having come to help Brother Schulz in his delivery. Thank the Lord we have delivered \$1,430 m/arg. worth of books this week. Ninety per-cent of the eighty orders have been delivered. Brother Schulz in doing an especially good work among the Germans who have come over from Brazil. We made the delivery on foot having traveled 200 kilometers over many rough and winding paths. From one presentation of his book this brother took ten orders in the fabricoid binding amounting to \$250. We delivered every one of these books."

The week immediately following the one in which the delivery was made a report came in to the office of our Tract Society in that field from this Brother Schulz reporting his having worked sixty hours, and showing sales to the amount of \$995.

There are many other obscure places throughout this union that have never been worked, but the above experience is an illustration of how the Lord prepares the way for His work.

W. A. BERGHERM.

Need Not Close Our Doors

BRAZIL is passing through a financial crisis at this time and scores of business houses and commercial firms have gone bankrupt during the last few months. Still our colporteurs continue to sell our literature and excellent reports come to us from the various parts of the field. In spite of the crisis, the sales of the Casa Publicadora Brasileira for the first nine months of this year exceed the sales for the same period of last year by 48:281\$560. Our subscription book sales by the Publishing House for this period show an increase of 74:298\$250.

We are indeed thankful to the Lord that, in spite of all our difficulties and perplexities, this blessed cause continues to move forward with ever-increasing speed. No power on earth can stop the onward march of our message. We need not close our doors and hang up a "bankrupt sign;" for this movement is of God and it will surely triumph regardless of all hindrances.

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Brazil Training School Items

THE year 1926 has been one of many perplexities for this school, nevertheless substantial progress has been made in some lines and many blessings have come to those connected with the institution.

The most serious handicap has been the absence of several of the teachers. Mrs. Steen, who has carried the music and some of the English classes for several years, left for the States the last of December, and although I stayed on until after the Board meetings, I did not attempt to start in on the class work, and left for Portugal early in February, as it had been previously arranged that I should visit our work in that field, and also our more advanced schools in Europe, before the General Conference.

Mrs. Murray, who had charge of the Normal Department, also left for the States at the end of the first quarter; and the Bible teacher, Brother Holbrook, and Sister Holbrook, who was also teaching, were obliged to return to the States at the close of the second quarter, because of Mrs. Holbrook's health. Two other lady teachers were also absent for a number of weeks each, and the acting director, Brother Taylor, was at one time in the hospital for an operation. All these absences, together with the necessity of carrying on the teaching of Portuguese for three months by a substitute teacher, greatly interfered in both the work of administration and of the teaching.

Another serious difficulty was the financial crisis that made it nearly impossible to collect the accounts of many of the students. By the end of the third quarter it was clear to the Board that there were not enough students present with money or credit, to justify the offering of classes that quarter; so, as the quarters are independent of each other, the fourth quarter was dropped out for this year.

Many of the students are now in the canvassing work and a still larger number are here working in the industries in order to be able to start in again the third of January, when the first quarter of the next year will

begin. This arrangement also made possible some campaign work at this time and it enables the new teachers to do more language study.

The teachers who were on leave of absence have all returned and the new ones selected to fill vacancies have also arrived. Elder A. N. Allen, whose many years of works in Latin America and whose knowledge of Spanish are greatly appreciated by the brethren here, has already arrived and is making excellent progress in the Portuguese. He will begin his work as Bible teacher the first of the new year. The new preceptress and matron is Miss Maria Baar of Riga, Latvia, who arrived some weeks ago, and has already assumed her responsibilities. Miss Baar is a graduate of our school in Friedensau, Germany. As she already spoke fluently the German, Russian, and Lettish and had studied French and English also, it was according to our expectations that her progress in Portuguese would be exceedingly rapid.

Another most important addition to the faculty is that of Brother Raphael Ferreira who for a number of years has been the professor of mathematics in the Mackenzie College of Sao Paulo. Not only is Brother Raphael a man of extended preparation and demonstrated ability as a teacher, but he is also a brother whose consecration to this message and whose capacity for religious work have been proven by long years of service as elder of our largest church in Brazil.

T. W. STEEN.

South Brazil Briefs

ELDER José A. dos Reis baptized ten precious souls in Sao Paulo recently.

ELDER E. H. Davis baptized two at the school on Sabbath, September 25.

ELDER A. E. Hagen baptized nine persons recently while on a trip into the interior of Sao Paulo.

ON Sabbath, October 2, Elder Luiz Braun baptized five persons at Sao Joao da Boa Vista, Sao Paulo.

ONE hundred-twenty-four persons have been baptized in the Sao Paulo Conference during the first ten months of this year.

ELDER H. B. Westcott baptized thirteen dear souls at Espirito Santo do Pinhal, Sao Paulo, October 17. Others are keeping the Sabbath and desire to follow the Lord in this ordinance later.

ELDER José A. dos Reis, assisted by Brother J. G. Garcia, began a series of tent meetings in the Braz section of the city of Sao Paulo about the middle of October. His tent has been crowded beyond its seating capacity nearly every evening with interested listeners. Let us pray for the success of these meetings.

ELDER G. F. Ruf and wife, of Saskatchewan, Canada, arrived at Sao Paulo, Saturday evening, October 23. Brother Ruf will be secretary of the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer departments of the South Brazil Union. We bid them welcome to Brazil as they join us in carrying forward the work in our great field.

ON SABBATH, September 18, Elder F. R. Kuempel baptized seven dear souls in Porto Alegre, making seventeen baptized in that city so far this year. The membership of the Porto Alegre church now is 116. Elder Kuempel writes that he is studying with different persons who are preparing for baptism in the near future.

ON SABBATH, October 30, Elder José A. dos Reis, pastor of the Sao Paulo church, had another baptism, this time ten of our dear Hungarian people were buried with their Lord in this sacred rite. Our Hungarian membership in this city is increasing.

Our German members in the city of Sao Paulo are now having their own Sabbath school and services in our meeting hall on Sabbath afternoon. They are having a good attendance at their services. Brother Alfredo Suesman is at present holding Sunday evening meetings in our hall for the German speaking people of the city. N. P. NEILSEN.

Latest Arrivals

PASTOR J. W. Westphal, field secretary for the South American Division has recently landed in Buenos Aires, after having spent a little more than a year in the homeland. Brother Westphal is looking well and is full of vim and courage to resume his duties in the field.

BROTHER and Sister C. D. Christensen, called to take up evangelistic work among the Danes of Argentine have recently arrived.

ELDER F. L. Perry, a veteran worker in South America, who has been laboring in the States for the past few years, has been called to act as superintendent of the Inca Union Mission and together with his wife has landed in Lima, Perú.

ELDER V. E. Peugh, for several years a missionary in India, and more recently president of the Nevada Conference, has come accompanied by his family to take up his duties as superintendent of the Peru Mission.

ELDER H. B. Christensen and wife have landed in Lima. Brother Christensen will take the work of field missionary and home missionary secretary of the Inca Union.

ELDER L. D. Minner, formerly superintendent of the Peru Mission, together with his family has just returned from his furlough in the United States. Brother Minner goes to La Paz, Bolivia, to take the superintendency of the Bolivian Mission, the work laid down by Pastor T. L. Oswald who has accepted the call to the presidency of the Chile conference.

BRETHREN Rufus Roy and Guy Lodge, new recruits for the Indian work in the Lake Titicaca field have also been among the new arrivals in the Inca Mission.

PASTOR W. E. Hancock, president of the Chile Conference for the past few years, having accepted the call to the presidency of the Buenos Aires Conference expects to land in Buenos Aires with his family early in December.

DOCTOR E. E. Herman and wife, who have been spending a number of months in the hills of Córdoba in the interests of the Doctor's health, have recently returned to Buenos Aires.