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Union Session in Brazil

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How to win a larger number of souls for Christ and bring them into the faith was the subject of chief importance discussed and planned for in the union sessions which have just closed in Brazil.

The meetings of both the East Brazil Union mission and the South Brazil Union conference, the first held in Rio de Janeiro January 14-22, and the second held in Santo Amaro, at the Collegio Adventista, February 2-8, had the privilege of the presence of Elder O. Montgomery, the vice president of the General Conference, and Prof. W. E. Howell, the secretary of the General Conference Department of Education.

Of the Division workers, Elder J. W. Westphal, Bro. W. H. Williams and the writer attended the East Brazil Union session, and Prof. C. P. Crager, W. H. Williams and the writer attended the South Brazil Union conference.

Each one of the local mission leaders in the East Brazil Union mission reported encouraging gains in baptisms. The superintendents have gone back into their fields with the determination to do a larger evangelistic work in the year to come than they have been able to do in the past.

Two outstanding features of the reports of all the local superintendents were the development of the church school work, and the success which has been attending the colporteur work. Company after company is springing up in the steps of our faithful colporteurs and many people are learning the blessed truths of the three-fold message as a result of the circulation of our literature. It is hoped to place a much larger force of colporteurs in the field during the coming months.

Every local mission superintendent was emphatic in his expression of what is being accomplished by Christian education in the church schools which are being established in East Brazil. Plans were laid at the session of the Union mission to increase and enlarge this good work.

In connection with the session of the Union mission a ministerial institute was conducted each afternoon by Elder J. W. Westphal. Careful attention was given to the improvement of the ministry and the development of more efficient ways and means in connection with the work of soul-winning. These meetings were found very profitable.

During the two Sabbaths of the meeting the believers in and around Rio de Janeiro came together in large meetings. These were held at the Y. M. C. A. On the last Sabbath an appeal was made for financial support for the program of larger evangelism, and between ten and eleven contos (\$1200 or 1300 gold) were pledged for this work. We look forward with confidence to a larger harvest of souls next year in the East Brazil Union.

Some changes were made at the Union session with respect to the boundary lines in the local missions. All of the state of Rio de Janeiro outside of the city of Rio de Janeiro itself has been joined to the

Espirito Santo mission and these two fields united. This will give the Espirito Santo-Rio de Janeiro mission a larger colporteur territory. It was recommended that the headquarters of this mission be moved to Campos, in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

The East Minas Geraes mission requested the granting of a larger territory and the changing of the boundary line between its territory and that of West Minas mission which heretofore has been in the South Brazil Union conference. This request was granted at the session of the South Brazil Union conference, throwing the major portion of the state of Minas Geraes into the East Minas mission.

The city of Rio de Janeiro was made a mission field by itself, and it is expected that this will enable workers in the city to concentrate almost entirely upon evangelistic problems in an effort to bring the truths of the closing message of the gospel to this important city.

Changes in laborers also were made as a result of this session of the Union mission. Chief among these was the transfer of Elder F. W. Spies, who has been for some years the superintendent of the East Brazil Union mission, to the business managership of the Brazilian publishing house, at Sao Bernardo. Elder Spies is really the father of the publishing house, as it was due to his enthusiasm and efforts that it was brought into existence. He is thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the fields in Brazil, having labored in this republic for thirty years. Arrangements to fill the place vacated by Brother Spies have not yet been completed.

Brother William Schaeffler, the superintendent of the Pernambuco mission, has been asked by the South American Division to hold himself in readiness to enter upon Indian mission work. His place as superintendent of the Pernambuco mission was filled by transferring Bro. E. P. Mansell, the Home Missionary secretary of the Union mission, from Rio de Janeiro to Pernambuco. Elder J. L.

Have Faith in God

Fill all your life with sweetness,
Have faith in God, my brother,
For He still rules above.
You need not be discouraged
So long as "God is love."
If God should cease to pardon
And cease to think of you,
Then well you might be downcast,
Disheartened, sad and blue.

As long as God is gracious
And loves you, brother, dear,
How can you be discouraged,
And full of doubt and fear?
Talk faith and courage, brother;
But never doubt nor gloom.
Fill all your life with sweetness,
Give evil thoughts no room.

N. P. Neilsen.

Brown, the superintendent of the East Minas mission, was asked to open up new work in the state of Para, locating at Belem. This is near the mouth of the Amazon river and almost directly under the equator. Brother Brown is looking forward to this new work with good courage. The superintendency of the East Minas mission was filled by calling Elder E. M. Davis to this place.

THE SOUTH BRAZIL UNION CONFERENCE

Preceding the union conference session, at Santo Amaro, of the South Brazil Union, there was an educational convention for all of Brazil. The leaders of the work in the East Brazil Union attended this convention, which was a very profitable one. Prof. C. P. Grager was in charge of it, and Prof. W. E. Howell gave most of the instruction. Good work was done in lifting the standards for our schools, and these were later adopted by the Union conference as recommendations for the entire field.

The board meetings of both the Brazilian publishing house and the Brazilian training school were also held preceding the session of the Union conference.

The same good reports of increased number of baptisms and an enlarging membership were brought from the various fields of the South Brazil Union. In these fields also the colporteurs are having marked success, and their work is resulting in groups of people beginning the observance of the Sabbath.

Changes in field lines were also recommended at this union session. It was recommended that the remaining portion of the state of Minas Geraes not ceded to the East Brazil Union mission be joined to the Sao Paulo conference. It was also recommended that the territory of the Paraná mission be united with the Santa Catharina conference. This will come up for settlement at the approaching Santa Catharina conference session.

Much to the gratification of all present at this session, it was found possible to plan definitely on opening the long-talked-of new mission work for the Indians in the state of Goyaz. Bro. A. N. Allen, the Bible teacher at the Collegio Adventista, was called to this work and is preparing to begin it very shortly. All of us in South America will follow with interest the reports which come from this new mission venture. We know that the young people of the South American Division, who have contributed so generously of their means in order to make it possible to open this mission, will follow this work with real interest.

Prof. W. E. Murray, the educational secretary of the South Brazil Union, and the business manager of the Collegio Adventista, was called to the principalship of the Juliaca school in the Inca

Union. He has accepted the call, and is now on the way with his family to his new field of labor. Bro. G. F. Ruf, already acting as Home Missionary secretary and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the South Brazil Union, was elected also educational secretary to succeed Bro. Murray.

The students at the college were invited to attend the services of the Union conference and greatly enjoyed these meetings. The Bible studies and the sermons which were delivered by the General Conference brethren were greatly appreciated and very helpful.

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Delfina's Fidelity

DELFINA is a Brazilian girl whose example of fidelity and confidence in prayer I am sure will be an encouragement to any young person who perchance may read her story.

Her deceased father was a staunch Seventh-day Adventist, living about fourteen leagues from the railroad in the heart of the state of Paraná, Brasil. Being an isolated family their home was seldom visited by missionaries, but Brother Ben-to did his best to teach his children the principles of the truth, and to prepare them for the coming of the Saviour. He remained faithful and loyal to the message until death.

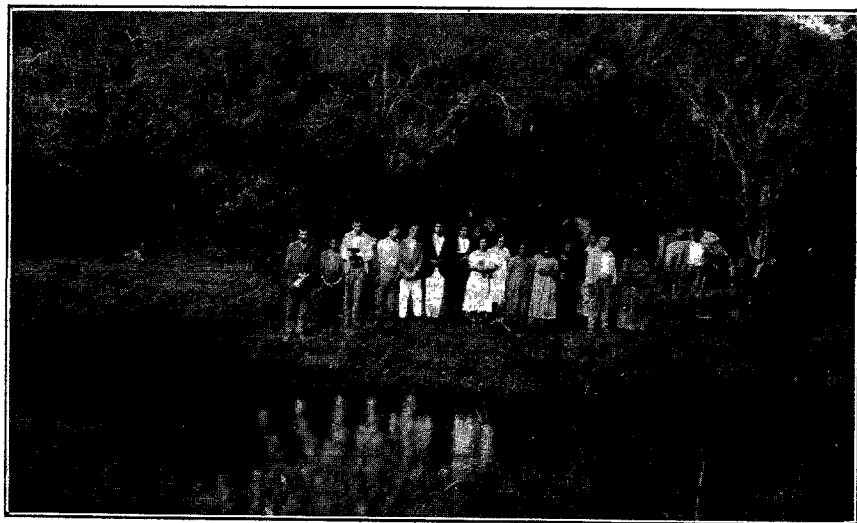
Delfina, the youngest child, was very susceptible to the truth, but was left very

early in life to the mercy of an unbelieving mother and an older brother, who was known in his neighborhood as a bad man. For Delfina the years dragged slowly by.

When she became old enough to go to the corn field her brother would give her a hoe and send her to work with the others. She was sent on the Sabbath, but she did not work. She was punished but did not falter in her decision to obey her Lord. The seeds of truth had fallen on good soil.

After some years her brother arranged for her to be married. Marriage among these simple back-woods people is usually arranged between the fathers of the bride and groom, but in case of the death of the parent the older son takes the responsibility of marrying off his sisters. Her soon-to-be husband, whom she did not know, was not a Christian. He drank, smoked and cared nothing for God or religion. Her Brother supposed that in marrying her to such a man he would get her away from, what to him were her foolish ideas of keeping Sabbath and not smoking or drinking, etc.

It was with fear and trembling, as one can easily imagine, that Delfina went forced to the shameful marriage altar. While she did not know her future husband she had, during these hard years, become acquainted with her God. She prayed most earnestly that the way might open for her to serve her Lord at any cost. After a few days she got enough courage to make one request of her husband. She told him she would go with him to the fields to work but that she desired to be released from work on Sabbath. At first he was not inclined to grant her request, but later said he would not object to her keeping her Sabbath. She was very happy and praised God.



Baptismal scene in Paraná, South Brazil. Delfina and her husband in center of group

Andorino, her husband, did not know how to read, and being very anxious to learn, she promised to help him what little she could. She chose the precious Bible as her text book. Soon Providence opened the way for Andorino to move out of his old neighborhood, and away from his bad companions. He purchased a small house and some land for \$5.00 near a faithful isolated Adventist family.

Delfina's reading lessons from the Book, and constant prayers, and the isolated family faithfully living the truth, soon had their influence on the life of Andorino. Without any manifestation to others he soon stopped smoking and abandoned the use of the terrible life-destroying drink, commonly called "pinga."

One Sabbath morning the break came and Andorino did not go to the fields as had been his custom. Little by little he began to attend the family Sabbath school. He especially enjoyed to hear the singing and learn the beautiful advent songs.

Then one day he asked our isolated brother if he could not be baptized. An urgent letter to the office from him requested a minister to come there and instruct and baptize several precious souls.

Delfina had never had an opportunity to be baptized as no minister had visited this place for years. She had been told by her people that if she were baptized one of them would be there to put his foot on her neck when she went down in the water, and drown her. The picture shows Delfina with her husband and two of his brothers on the banks of the river where they all with six others were buried with their Lord in baptism.

Delfina, by faith, went in the cleansing wave and her bitter enemies were silent. She, through prayer and faithfulness, had won Andorino and he with her help had won Joseph and Cirylo, his brothers.

ENNIS V. MOORE.

A Worker, Good Literature, an Opportunity and Souls Saved

THE writer recently made a trip to a certain place in the interior of the state of Sao Paulo. The possibilities of sowing the gospel seed in the highways and byways, in season and out of season, was concretely proved to me.

Arriving at Ituverava in company with Brother Alfredo Forquim, we went to his *fazenda* where Brother Godamar Barreto, a former colporteur, is working as administrator. The day following we mounted horses and went about a league and a half to visit a group of new believers. Arriving unexpectedly, the children were dispatched in all directions to announce in field and wood that a preacher had arrived. Soon a fine group of four families

and one young man (the leader) were assembled in a *ranchinho* to sing and pray and hear the good news of salvation.

I asked the history of the movement there and was told that the young man on his way from Bahia, met Elder J. L. Brown in Juiz de Fora and, although Elder Brown had but a few minutes for conversation, he, like Peter, gave what he had, a set of tracts.

The young man arrived in Campo Bello, studied the tracts, was converted and immediately began obeying and preaching. Four families joined him and hearing of a family of Adventists on a *fazenda*, he went there and found Brother Godamar.

Brother Godamar, a firm believer in the power of our good literature and a lover of a well organized Sabbath school, met with them each Sabbath for five or six weeks. Now we have an earnest group of believers because of a faithful man and our literature, and a good Sabbath school because of another faithful man awake to his privileges. Faithfulness is more than brilliance and is a gift that all can possess.

Let us all be faithful. One man without literature can put one thousand to flight, but one man with a good supply of our literature will put ten thousand to flight.

A. E. HAGEN.

Sao Paulo, Brazil

Finding Sabbath-Keepers

IT is always encouraging to notice how the work goes forward. We have just received a letter from Brother S. M. Oliveira, Field Missionary secretary for the states of Paraná and Santa Catharina, from which we quote the following interesting items:

"Here are the reports of our colporteur work, from which we can see that we are progressing. During the years we have sold the following amounts:

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| 1922 | 11: 400\$000 |
| 1923 | 19: 700\$000 |
| 1924 | 28: 865\$800 |
| 1925 | 37: 432\$600 |
| 1926 | 46: 255\$900 |

"During the month of September, last year, I was traveling with one of our colporteurs who had seventeen persons ready for baptism, five others to be received on profession of faith, and sixty others who were keeping the Sabbath. Now he has written me that already there are ninety persons who are keeping the Sabbath.

"Upon returning from my last trip I received a letter from another colporteur, Brother Geraldo Rocha, who is working in the city of Iguape. He found eight families keeping the Sabbath and twenty persons who wish to be baptized, also one young man desires to attend the colporteur institute. Brother Rocha says these

brethren told him that five years ago three of the students from the college were there canvassing, to earn their scholarship. These brethren, having bought some of our literature, read it, and commenced to keep the Sabbath. Now, for all this time, they have been asking for a minister who could instruct them in the truth but none has come.

While we rejoice to hear of these providential openings, often we are also made sad, because we are unable to answer all the urgent calls that come to us for help. These dear people, who receive some rays of light through reading our literature, must call, and often call in vain, for the living preacher to come to instruct and baptize them. But why must they call in vain? Why must they wait so long?—O, it is for lack of workers and for lack of means with which to send the workers. Such calls come to us so frequently that we are perplexed, and it seems utterly impossible to answer all the calls. It draws upon our heart strings to say, "No, not now. You must wait until we are able to send someone."

But how much longer ought they to be asked to wait? Shall they wait until the flame of truth, which enlightened their darkened minds, dies down again? Shall they be asked to wait until their first love for the truth has grown cold again? No, this must not be! Somehow we must try to answer these calls. What do you say, my brethren?

N. P. NELSEN.

Happy Suffer for the Name of Jesus

OUR young people have a solemn responsibility. They are to be witnesses for the King of kings. As they witness for Him they will encounter difficulties, and how refreshing it is to find those who, even in the face of revilings and persecutions, are true to their responsibility!

In one of our Sabbath schools a certain young man, who has served as secretary of the school for some time when sending in his last report, related the following incident which I shall give largely in his own words:

"I wish to tell you what happened to me today. I went to a store to buy a certain article. . . . The owner of the store was not there and the clerk did not care to attend to my wants as it was Sunday. However the manager soon arrived, entering an adjoining room where the book 'Nossa Epoca' was lying on the bed. Noticing the book, he called to the clerk: 'And so you also are wanting to become an Adventist?' The clerk said, 'An Adventist is the worst creature that can exist.' Then knowing that I was an Adventist, he began to leaf through the book and to speak ugly words."

The young man then tells how the manager attacked our work and those who preach the gospel, and continues:

"I told him that our ministers go about working in the cause of God and that the book he had was the word of God written for our instruction to show us when we are walking in the wrong way. At this he became very much enraged and, throwing the book to one side, grabbed a whip and wanted to beat me. I left the store and he came after me with a club in his hand. He struck me on the head with the club and I fell to the ground, but by the grace of God I was able to make my way home. I was somewhat stupified and the blood from the wound ran down on my clothes.

"When I reached home I treated my wound and prayed to the Lord, asking Him for help and grace. I am much better already. I know that we will have to be persecuted and hated by the world, but I am happy to suffer for the name of Jesus, for He has said: 'And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake, but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.' I took courage and happiness from this promise."

Let us pray for our young people that they may be strong in the Lord and when difficulties come they may find comfort in the precious promises of the Bible as did this young man. J. D. HARDT,

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Big Week in Austral Union

WE ARE glad to pass on to the readers of the BULLETIN a partial report of our Big Week effort during 1926. The fields report the nice sum of \$1,542.29 gold.

The financial results are not what we had hoped they would be yet a missionary effort of this kind cannot always be measured by the financial returns. From the reports that come to us from different parts of the field, we believe that more literature has gone into the hands of the people during this effort than any Big Week campaign thus far in the history of our Union.

While in Chile the writer, in company with Brother Ascione, visited most of the churches in the south in the interest of the Big Week. The Lord blessed in our efforts and as a result several hundred copies of that little book "Enfermedades Infecciosas" were sold and a large number of *El Atalaya*. A splendid interest was taken on the part of all of our people



Group of new believers baptized by Pastor Rojas Jan. 22, in Vicente Lopez, Buenos Aires

in the different churches and we are confident that many received a real experience. May the Lord bless the pages of truth-filled literature that were placed in the hands of the people during this effort.

L. E. CHRISTMAN.

A Memorable Occasion for the Buenos Aires Churches

SABBATH, January 22, was a special day for the churches in Buenos Aires and vicinity. It was a union meeting of the churches of Florida, Belgrano, The Center, Villa Ballester, Derqui, and Santos Lugares. The occasion was the baptism of twenty-nine souls. About three hundred persons were present.

At nine-thirty the congregation, composed of the members and friends from the above mentioned churches, met in the picturesque suburb of the capital of the republic, Vicente López, beside the placid waters of the River "La Plata" for an all-day meeting. Pastor Rojas, the officiating minister, together with others who took part in the services, went out into the river several blocks in order to find water of sufficient depth to effect the baptisms.

Word reached the different papers of Buenos Aires about the baptism service, and most all the important dailies sent out correspondents to get material for write-ups. Practically all of these papers gave us extensive space in their Saturday night and Sunday editions. As much as two columns and a half appeared in some of the papers, showing views of the service and giving a brief resume of some of the doctrines and also a few historical facts on the development of our work.

Following the baptism was a union Sabbath school which was characterized by its good order and the live interest shown in all parts of the program. At three o'clock a consecration service was held in which the spirit of God was present. The congregation almost unanimously took part in the testimony meeting and renewed their vows of consecration to God. The newly baptized candidates enthusiastically joined in this part of the service. God grant that they may all be gathered around the throne on high in the great gathering day not long hence! It was a blessed day and we earnestly hope such occasions may be repeated in this field more frequently.

We are glad to report that a goodly number in the Buenos Aires conference are preparing for baptism a little later on in the year. In Bahía Blanca Pastor J. H. Roth expects to baptize about twenty on the 12th of February. From Guatraché, Brother Godofredo Block sends word that several are ready for baptism. This is the result of his year's work in that place.

Will you not join with us in earnest prayer for the largest harvest of souls during 1927 this conference has ever experienced? To this end the writer wishes to unite his voice and efforts, believing that the great Lord of the harvest will not disappoint us.

W. E. HANCOCK
Pres. Buenos Aires Conference.

"LIFE seems a tangle, a puzzle, to us, as we look out at its events, its circumstances, its sorrows and joys. But in the end we shall see that not one thread was ever thrown into the wrong place in the web."

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An Overflow Attendance in Lake Titicaca Training School

THE summer session of the Titicaca Normal School opened November 24. We had been so crowded last year with an attendance of nearly three hundred that our committee took an action to limit the attendance this year. Excepting the few lower grade students to allow for practice teaching for the normal classes, the young people admitted were all ready for the second half of the third grade or for higher work.

A week before we opened, enough students had arrived to make quite a school. Our first day we matriculated more than two hundred. Within a few days it became necessary to send telegrams to our mission stations asking that no more students be allowed to come. We already had more than three hundred forty and there was no room for the many stragglers who usually come in a little late. Every available space was occupied. The new girls' dormitory makes it possible to house more people than we have ever had. Forty girls live in one half of this building; the other half is occupied by families. A score of teachers' wives are in attendance this summer.

Each year's opening day brings us a group of young people noticeably superior to those of the year before. The student who returns, unlike the person he was when he first came, is physically cleaner,

mentally quicker, and morally and spiritually finer. Sometimes the improvement seems slow but it is unquestionably sure.

Each year's opening day shows a larger group of young people in school. In spite of limitations, the attendance grows. It should be so, for our church schools licenses provide for the teaching of only three grades. Each year an increasing number of young Indians finish the work in these schools. Where will they go if they do not come to us?

The need for more dormitory space seems even more imperative today than it did a year ago when we were planning a building for our girls. And we need more teachers to direct this mass of Indian young people that God is sending us to be trained for His work.

GUSSIE FIELD-COLBURN.

Baptisms in the Lake Titicaca Mission

THE Lord has richly blessed the work in the Lake Titicaca mission during the past year. Our hearts swell with gratitude to Him who has led us each day through our tasks.

We have been blessed in our financial endeavors. Our clinic is doing a wonderful work under the effective direction of Dr. M. B. Graybill. Our Normal Training school is filled to capacity, having an enrollment of 350. Many of these will become workers. Our field schools, numbering eighty-two with a matriculation of 4000 pupils, are indeed blessed of God.

For all these good things we give thanks to Him who bids us to still go forward, and assures us of His guidance. Our hearts are rejoiced as we think of the souls won to Christ during the year 1926. As I traveled from place to place examin-

ing and baptizing these dear Indians, I felt to thank our God more and more for the blessed truth and its power to save lost humanity. It was my privilege to baptize 471 of these once lost beings, but who today look forward with joy of seeing their Redeemer. In this beautiful work I thought of the words of John the Revelator: "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Brethren, in this great throng will be found thousands of these Indians who, with the faithful from all lands, will walk through the beautiful fields of God's eternal kingdom.

One Indian when asked why she desired to be baptized, replied, "because Jesus was baptized and I want to do as He did." This was not the answer I expected her to give but it set me to thinking. If we would bring every word and action in accordance to the example of His life, the Lord would be able to quickly finish His work in the earth. How often these poor ignorant creatures teach us the way of a closer walk with our God.

The work is forward in a most wonderful way in this mission. As we witness these thousands turning to the truth we feel that God is indeed cutting "the work . . . short in righteousness," and that the Great Commission is soon to be completed by His people. To this end the workers of the Lake Titicaca mission dedicate anew their lives to the unfinished task and await the full blessings of Heaven upon our work throughout the new year. May we have your prayers, your means, and the service of some of you?

F. E. BRESEE.



Group of 352 students enrolled in the Juliaca Normal School, 1927, Lake Titicaca, Peru

Gregorio Prado's Conversion

THE following is an account of Gregorio Prado's conversion as he has given it:

"It was about September 1924 when helping to keep order in the Plaza Celen-din while the missionary preached on the grounds, that I first came in touch with Mr. McKay, a Presbyterian missionary. I met him one day after the meeting and he thanked me for my services in helping to keep order for him. He also invited me to attend his meeting, however I had no interest in them. I had been a very devout Catholic. I prayed to God very often and earnestly. I prayed to all saints (images) as well. Twice I endeavored to enter the monastery in order to become a priest but took sick right at the time. My mother was a good Catholic and I have a sister who was a nun and was completely consecrated to her services.

"I believed as I had been told, that this Protestant mission and the people con-

nected with it were a combination of the devil, but something drew me to them to the extent of wanting to attend one of their meetings to which I had been invited. I decided to attend even though I felt it a dangerous thing to do. I went fortified with a good knife, a chisel, and several pictures of the virgin Mary, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I was not in the meeting long until I saw that those people were harmless.

"I had no money but was desirous of a Bible and hymnal, so I asked the pastor to trust me until I should be able to pay him. From the very night I obtained that Bible I could not read it enough. I would read until after midnight, and as result I received a blessing and an experience that is beyond all description. I continued to attend the meetings and to read my Bible. I tried to get everybody to attend, going so far as to lie to some of them to get them interested. I told several that liquor could be had at the place.

"Up to this time I had been a heavy smoker, so I asked God to take away the desire for tobacco and liquor and all evil, and He gradually freed me from all those evils and from many other bad things of my life. At this time there arose an opposition on the part of my mother and sister. They did not want me to read the Bible, so I hid it. However I learned later that my sister was secretly reading it as well as myself. Mother also became interested. Mother became very ill and it proved that the missionaries were the only ones who could do her any good. Soon all of us were attending the Protestant meetings and happy in the new found faith.

"My occupation was a carver, or image maker, and I was prospering in that business. I was working one day on an idol that was nearly finished when the thought came to me that they were of no good. Nobody had taught me from the Bible the vanity of idol worship and I had not read it myself, but after studying the matter, half fearing and half daring, I took the hatchet and chopped the idol to fire wood. My mother and sister feared some bad result would come from this deed and reproved me severely.

"In a short time I went to the coast. It was not long until I learned of the Sabbath truth and went to Chepen to meet the brethren who were there. At this place I became acquainted with Brother Minner who had a group ready for baptism. I was eager to join them but learned that they did not want me to be baptized until I learned more about the message, but I would not be hindered. I changed clothes and ran over fences and walls in order not to be left out. There was no speech for the perfect delight I enjoyed after my baptism. Now I want to go back to my home town and get some

of the people there to see the light, and I am especially anxious that my mother and sister know the full truth."

This brother now makes shoes instead of images. He has worked diligently to give the truth to all his relatives. As re-

sult about ten adult people, including his mother and sister who was a nun, are about ready for baptism. These people love God's word and read it perhaps more diligently than many who have known the truth for years. W. F. MILLER.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

Not Usually Published

It is quite natural that the extraordinary and spectacular experiences of the colporteur be passed on and published rather than the more common experiences. This may give rise to wrong ideas. We may even sometimes make the mistake of regarding the colporteur who has the most glaring report or who has the record sale, as the one who is the most successful. He may be, but if so, it is not because of his record sale.

We rejoice to hear of the remarkable reports, but it is the usual and common experience which, after all, represents the colporteur work and which more truly indicates his success or failure in it. To me some of the every-day, average experiences reported mean more than the reports of a record sale or some unique way in which a dozen or a hundred copies were sold.

A well kept diary of the average colporteur is indeed an inspiring thing. For instance, a colporteur starts out on a rainy day. Everything appears gloomy. His clothes soon become water-soaked, and he tramps throughout the long day and in his prolonged attempt to find a stopping place, he continues presenting his book, with no supper, for several hours after dark. But that night we find him recounting the inspiring experiences of the day and, when finally his curious and perhaps numerous hosts leave him to himself, he looks over his list of orders for the day. He may be physically weary but his soul is refreshed and his heart much lighter than his mud-laden shoes. He prays and lies down to sleep in some improvised lodging quarter which is sure to be just a little different than anything ever offered him before. That particular night his burdens are somehow lifted, he hardly knows why. He is simply having a common colporteur experience.

Although a colporteur may have had a nice day weatherwise, with unusually kind treatment, and outwardly everything appear to be going fine, that night he may retire with a lonely heart; he hardly knows why. He may have taken only a few orders and feel that little has been accomplished after all his day's travel and effort. He may have sown seed in hearts that day to bring forth fruit later, but he

doesn't know it. His heart is heavy. He is just having an experience so common to the colporteur and he must pray even more earnestly, then wait for another day to bring forth—he knows not what. He only knows that it will be just a little different from any other day in the past.

We might go on describing, but such an experience, in varied forms and modified stages, is the lot of every persevering colporteur, no matter what or where his territory may be.

The literature ministry is made up of every-day experiences. Do not judge even his financial returns by the few record sales. Strike the average sale of the average colporteur and you will never again say colporteurs make big money, nor can you then say that it is a financial failure. Do not judge colporteur work by the few outstanding reports. Get the average experiences and you will have a truer conception. E. H. MEYERS.

South Brazil Colporteurs at Work

IN SPITE of the unfavorable financial conditions which exist in our field at the present time, this branch of our work is onward. Our sales for the month of November, 1926, will reach 45:000\$000. This is not quite as much as was sold during some months in the past, but our colporteurs are working against many difficulties just now. Our territory has been worked quite thoroughly for "Our Day." For three years this has been the only large book in the field. Its sales have really been wonderful. But from some of the recent experiences which our colporteurs have had with this book, we would be lead to think that our territory has not been so thoroughly worked after all.

A report just comes to us from Rio Grande do Sul that one of our colporteurs in one week worked fifty-one hours, took 141 orders, valued at 3:730\$000. His best day's sales were thirty-seven orders, valued at 980\$000. His sales for the month were 6:600\$000. Two of our colporteurs in the interior of the state of Sao Paulo just completed a delivery of more than 5:000\$000 of "Our Day" in a small town. In one of the suburbs of the city of Sao Paulo a place which had been worked

once for "Our Day," the writer took 1:300\$000 worth of orders in one week.

Brother Longino Niz, of Rio Grande do Sul, writes of his experience with two priests. After explaining his book to them, they said that they did not need it for they had their Bibles. Then he gave them a Bible study. At the close, one of them said that there were many things in the Bible which no one could understand. Brother Niz told them that the purpose of the book was to help the people understand some of the difficult things. One of them said, "Then you are a Seventh-day-Adventist." He replied that he was, and that he was glad they knew he was, and that without doubt they would want one of his books. The priest immediately signed up for the book and paid for it in advance. By their request he spent the night with them, and they were very much surprised to know that he knew his Bible so well, having been an Adventist for only four years.

A short time ago this colporteur delivered a book to one of his customers in the presence of the priest and against his will. He believes that the Bible in his hand was the weapon through which he was able to do this work. I have never known a book that has done such a wonderful work as "Our Day" has in this field. It is being read in thousands of homes. In my week's work I met several people who had it and they told me that it was a present to them. Others said that they had bought the book and loaned it out and were not able to get it back again. Many want it, because they know what it is, and others do not want it because they know what it is. Eternity alone can reveal the good it has done.

C. L. BAIKER.

Bahía Reaching the Goal

SOME weeks ago I had the privilege of visiting the Bahía mission and am glad to bring a good report regarding our literature work in that field which is located pretty well toward the center of the torrid zone.

Brother J. Miñan was placed in charge of the literature work there scarcely a year ago. A goal of 40:000\$000 was set for 1926 and it appeared, from a human point of view, impossible to reach it. But with the splendid cooperation of the director of the mission, Elder Halliwell, and the activity of Brother Miñan, the work took on a new impetus.

Word just comes that the goal was passed by a small margin. The way in which the last sales were made in order to reach the goal deserves mention. Only a few days before the end of the year, Brother Miñan saw they would be about 1:000\$000 short of the goal, so his wife and another

young lady started out to take subscriptions in some towns. In four days they took sufficient subscriptions for *O Atalaia* to complete the goal.

Brother M. Margarido, the Union literature department leader, has recently conducted a very successful institute in Bahía. We look for a further harvest of souls.

E. H. MEYERS.

Ordered the Bibles Burned

DURING the recent trip from which I returned December 22, I visited the last place where I was to do Harvest Ingathering work, and raised 175\$000. In spite of the serious financial condition, the Lord has blessed greatly, and I have been able to raise 3:298\$400 this year.

It was my privilege to baptize six souls during this last month. We are grateful to God for the interest manifested in the truth in different places. Here in Brusque the public services are well attended. We had some difficulties with our church school. Some outsiders were determined to close it, but the storm subsided and Sister Hoffman has her flock together again. Several Catholics were much embittered against us, which was, of course, a result of instigations by the priests, but we expect to win some souls nevertheless. We baptized two Catholics, man and wife, on December 25.

Several years ago a box of books was left here in the hotel by a canvasser. The hotel keeper, who is also the proprietor, offered the contents of the box to a book-binder on condition that all Bibles found in the box be burned. Some women and children who were present probably carried off several of the books for one day I found a portion of a Bible in my yard

and also a whole Bible without covers. I am having this one bound. In this way a brother of limited means can get an inexpensive Portuguese Bible.

K. KALTENHAUSER.

An Inspiring Story

"WHAR you started with that thar thing?"

"I'm goin' to school."

"You air what? Haint I tried to make somethin' out o' you and git you to be somethin' thought of? An' now you go foolin' it all away fer that fool stuff called larnin' You'll git the big head and go to the penitentiary and I'll never give a cent to git you out. If you want to beat the world out o' a livin', go on and git educated and larn how to do it; but if you want to be a honest man and make somethin' out o' yerself, settle down like yer father has done. I haint got no larnin' and I haint starved, nuther."

This is the parting word that C. McCoy Franklin got from his father when he started away to school at twenty-one years of age. Read the entire story in the December *Life Boat*. Send a dollar, special holiday price, for *The Life Boat* for one year and you will get Mr. Franklin's wonderful story and also his article in the January *Life Boat* entitled, "Jennie Lee's Tears." All true experiences of mountaineer life. Address *The Life Boat*, Hindsdale, Ill., or your Tract Society.

"TO ALL who are reaching out to feel the guiding hand of God, the moment of greatest discouragement is the time when divine help is nearest."



Group of colporteurs attending the Institute held in Bahía mission at end of 1926

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Notes From North Perú

Eleven persons were baptized at Celendin in September. This brings the total number of believers to forty.

Four persons were baptized at Otuzco in August. The Sabbath school organized there in June has a membership of twenty and has been the means of interesting several in the truth.

The latter part of December an interested man came to the office to pay his 416 soles tithes. He also gave 400 soles as his week of sacrifice.

The Chepen church is divided into five Sabbath schools, each of which has some members preparing for baptism. Included in the number of those expecting baptism is a family or relationship of about twelve adults from Cajamarca, all of whom were led to the truth through one man. The Chepen membership have already raised more than half enough money to erect their church building.

The Trujillo Sabbath school has fifty-five members. Several interested ones are preparing for baptism in this vicinity. These poor people are the best givers I have ever known when considering their income and the fact that some often go hungry. They are now trying to find a way to sustain a church school.

Ascope has just closed a very successful school. A brother donated a building for their Sabbath meeting and they have recently bought an organ for their church. Several are preparing for baptism in this community.

Every month 450 "El Atalaya" are received by the members in Trujillo which they use in their missionary work.

A number of interesting conversions have been experienced during 1926. Many are awakening to the truth. In several places we received word of individuals and groups who are keeping the Sabbath. Some of these places we have visited, while others we have not. In the mountain districts we have had no way of awakening an interest and it is our earnest desire to see some one begin work in some of the cities and towns of that district where thousands of people have never heard of the sacrifice made for man's redemption.—W. F. Miller.

South Brazil Notes

Tent meetings are being held in Curityba, Paraná, by Elder A. L. Westphal and Brother Henrique Simon. According to the latest reports received, the attendance is excellent, the tent being filled every evening. Let us pray for the success of these meetings.

On Sabbath, December 25, Elder H. B. Westcott baptized eight precious souls at Ibitinga, Sao Paulo.

In November Elder Ennis V. Moore visited Campo Novo, Paraná, a place about ninety kilometers from the railroad. Here he held meet-

ings with our people, and buried nine dear souls with their Lord in baptism. Others are preparing for baptism a little later.

Elder K. Kaltenhauser baptized two persons in Luiz Alves, Santa Catharina, in October, and one person in Blumenau in November.

Elder A. N. Allen, who recently came to Brazil from the States and who joined our faculty at the Collegio Adventista as Bible teacher, had the privilege of baptizing eleven dear souls at the college on Sabbath, December 25. May the Lord richly bless them.

Elder J. B. Johnson baptized six persons at Sao Bernardo, on Sabbath, New Year's day. It was an excellent way for these dear souls to begin the new year, they arose from the watery grave to walk in newness of life.

The total sales of the Casa Publicadora Brasileira for the first eleven months of 1926 amounted to 713:918\$890, while for the same period of 1925 it was 612:501\$900, or an increase of

101:416\$970 for 1926 over 1925. We are indeed thankful to God for this good increase. Our literature is bringing the truth to many homes, and the great day of God alone will reveal the good our literature has done.

Our Sabbath school offerings, in the South Brazil Union conference, for the first eleven months of 1926 amounted to 48:061\$670, which is an increase of 7:959\$030 over the first eleven months of 1925. We are thankful for this increase. Surely our Sabbath schools are one of the prominent avenues through which our offerings for missions flow. Let us continue to encourage and stimulate this regular flow of offerings for the needy mission fields.

N. P. Neilsen.

ELDER Carlyle B. Haynes returned to the office in Buenos Aires on Feb. 12, from attending the meetings in Brazil. He was accompanied by Elder O. Montgomery, Prof. W. E. Howell, and Prof. C. P. Crager.

THE General Conference representatives and the Division men, after a few days in Buenos Aires, hurried on to Puigari to be present there at the biennial session of the Austral Union conference.

ELDERS J. W. Westphal and R. R. Breitung attended the general meeting of the Uruguay mission, which was held Feb. 5-12 at Nueva Helvecia and Arazatio, Uruguay, four days at each place. They bring a report of good meetings and an encouraging outlook for the work in Uruguay.

BRO. W. H. WILLIAMS remained in Brazil for more than two weeks after the close of the Union session there, finishing the work of auditing at the publishing house. This made it impossible for him to attend the Austral Union meeting.

MRS. C. B. HAYNES accompanied her husband to the Austral session. Mrs. C. P. Crager, with her children, was also present during these meetings.

THE workers at Divisional headquarters, at the headquarters of the Austral Union, at the office of the Buenos Aires conference, at the publishing house, as well as the members of the churches in Buenos Aires and Florida, were happy, indeed, to greet once more the former president of the South American Division, Elder O. Montgomery, as well as to renew acquaintance with Prof. W. E. Howell, who visited this Division seven years ago. These brethren are making a round of the Division in company with Elder Haynes, and will carry a good report back to the General Conference when they return to the States in May.

IN THE economy of God, no effort, however small, put forth for the right cause, fails of its effect.—Whittier.

The Spirit of Love

Harry Roland Taylor

Bright as the earth at noonday,
Touched by the summer sun;
Calm as a quiet evening
When the day's work is done;
Fresh as the stars at twilight
When slowly the even returns;
Blithe as the dewy meadows;
Green as the woody ferns;

Glad as the world at dawning,
Fresh from the night's repose;
Cool as a quiet river
That through the forest flows,
Is the heart that is free from its burdens
And is filled with a radiant love,
For it shines with a glory resplendent,
And a love that comes from above.

It drives away the dark shadows
And lets in the sunshine and air;
It brings once more the glory
That makes the world happy and fair;
It makes of earth a heaven;
In a desert it makes a home;
It gives a rest to the traveler,
And peace to those who roam.

For when, in the nights of darkness,
They lose their way in the storm,
Then, through its arm unperceiving
Love guides them away from harm.
But all the day long it can brighten
Or the depths of sorrow or woe
May we glean from the bitter, the
sweetness,
Or the goodness of love may know,

But all the day long it can brighten
The pathway that we tread,
And the shadows will lose their terror,
And phantoms lose their dread.
And when the twilight deepens
And the evening lamps are lit,
Then as a guest at the fireside
The Spirit of Love will sit.

It will breathe o'er our hearts its fragrance
Like the smell of incense sweet;
It will calm the rough seas of sorrow
That round about us beat;
It will bring to us rest from labor,
And cause all our worries to cease;
Till, filling our hearts with its glory,
We rest in eternal peace.