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## Every Convert a Convert Maker—No. 5

IT AT once becomes clear in studying Paul's work, remembering always that it was planned by the Holy Spirit, that there was in it a definite program of campaign. Two things are noticeable in this connection.

1. Both Luke and Paul speak constantly of the provinces as a whole rather than the cities. Thus Paul was forbidden to preach the word in "Asia." Acts 16:6. He was called from Troas, not to Philippi, or to Thessalonica, but to "Macedonia." Acts 16:9, 10, compare Acts 18:5, Acts 19:22, 2 Cor. 1:15, 2 Cor. 2:13, 2 Cor. 7:5, Phil. 4:16. Speaking of the collection for the saints at Jerusalem Paul says that he boasted that *Achaia* was ready a year ago. 2 Cor. 9:2. It is plain that in Paul's view the unit to be occupied and reached by the gospel was the province rather than the city.

Secondly, Paul's program of reaching a province was not to preach in every place in it himself, but to establish centers of Christian life in two or three important places from which the knowledge of the truth might spread into the country around. This is important. It shows that he intended his congregations to become at once centers of light. He must have organized and trained his members for such a program. There is no particular value in attacking a center or establishing a church in an important place unless the church established in the important place is possessed of sufficient life, and is working on an adequate plan, to be a source of life to the whole country round.

It is not enough for the church to be established in a place where many are coming and going unless those who come and go not only learn the truth, but learn it in such a way that they can and will propagate it. It is not enough that the truth be preached, it must be preached in such a way that the convert who

himself receives it understands how to spread it, and realizes that it is entrusted to him for that purpose.

By establishing the church in two or three centers Paul claimed he had reached the whole province. Ten years after his first start from Antioch, he told the

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## Limitless Spiritual Resources

OUR sufficiency is of God. Difficulties melt in His presence. In Him are those mighty, overcoming energies which accomplish the possible and the impossible with equal readiness. "There is One with us," says Dr. Speer "to whom the impossible is His chief delight." Any arithmetical calculations we make of the numbers of men and the amounts of money required can be only very general and tentative. The real resources are with Him for the evangelizing and the redeeming of the world. . . .

While the years of the Christian era have been going by, God has been waiting to be honored by the faith of a generation that would call upon Him for really large outpourings of His power. Our fault has been that we have limited God by the trifling dimensions of our undertakings, by our failure to appropriate more than a meager supply of the superhuman resources that are unlocked to the faith of human agents, and by our unreadiness to throw ourselves into the ministry of intercession in the world's behalf.

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations. . . . I am with you." . . . The mystery of this confidence we can never understand. But we can and must act upon it. We must prove worthy of it.—*"The Call of a World Task,"* by J. Lovell Murray, pp. 155, 156.

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Romans that he had "fully preached the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum" (Rom. 15:19), and that he had "no more place in these parts." Rom. 15:23. In these statements we have the explanation and the justification of Paul's establishment of churches in important centers. When he had entered two or three centers he had really and effectually occupied the province. "Every convert a convert maker."

We often hear today of the importance of entering and occupying strategic centers. Very well, if it be done as Paul did it. Occupying strategic points implies that we have a strategy. The question I raise is, What is that strategy? Is it to merely establish headquarters where we concentrate the best preachers we have and burden them with routine tasks? Is a strategic center a place for the locking up of a large number of our best men? Is it a place for collecting the best life of the country around, or a place from which life flows out into the country around? We may get so enamoured with the strategic beauty of a place that we spend our time in fortifying it while the opportunity for a great campaign, for which it may be the base, passes by unheeded or neglected.

Paul's centers were centers indeed. Headquarters were placed in them as part of a plan for attack upon the whole province. They thus became more than headquarters; they became centers of evangelistic life. Paul seized strategic points because he had a strategy. The establishment of churches in these strategic points was part of a campaign. In his program these churches became sources of rivers from which the water of life was spread in every direction. They were centers from which he could start new work with new power. And the basic, fundamental, essential element in doing this was the training of the churches, and of each individual member in them, to be evangelizing agencies.

### East Brazil Union Mission

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### Trip to the Amazon

AGAIN the long journey of twenty-two days by steamboat to the heart of the Amazon has been made. More than once our hearts were made glad as we saw the mighty works of God manifested. We can truly say it is marvelous what God is doing.

Two good flourishing Sabbath schools are now in progress right in the very heart of that great country. The one in "Centenario" is the older of the two and has perhaps the most members. On this trip we had the pleasure of baptizing five at this place. The ranchman, Mr. Michilis, is now a baptized Seventh-day Adventist. His heart is entirely dedicated to the giving of the message. He stated to us that his only aim was to give of his strength and means that the truth might be carried to those who sit in darkness. He is a loyal tithe-payer, and commandment-keeper. He is making all plans to educate his children for God. He plans on sending one boy to our school in Sao Paulo the coming year. The other Sabbath school is directed by Brother Bellarmino. He is not baptized as yet but is in every way loyal to the cause of God. He, too, is planning on sending a son to our college in Sao Paulo next year. These new brethren and Sabbath school members send greetings to our great family of Sabbath schools in the East Brazil Union.

The Indians were more than glad to see us. For them God had wrought many changes. In "Cinco Kilos" they had destroyed their images of wood and stone and the house in which they adored them. The bells had been placed in front of a large ample room in the house of the chief, and there they had gathered to worship the true God. Many of them declared that they had kept the Sabbath the entire year. Vices had been left off and cleanliness was beginning to reign. It is truly wonderful how this message cleans men, both in and out, from head to foot.

Brother Manoel Perera and wife are making all plans to live at "Cinco Kilos," and teach these poor people of the true God and how to worship and serve Him. A greater work no man can do. It will be a sacrifice; a complete isolation from the surrounding world. They will be five days by rowboat from the nearest village. They are of good courage and determined by the Lord's help,

to do their best. They will need your prayers. You may not be able to go, but you can accompany them by sacrificing in another way. In unity there is strength.

In the village of Maués Elder L. B. Halliwell, the new director of the Lower Amazon Mission, and Brother Mayr are planning on holding a strong series of meetings. This we feel sure will result in success, and furnish a good base from which to work, and establish the Lord's work on a solid basis in that part.

We visited many new places where splendid openings are presenting themselves. Plans are on foot to locate Brother Hans Mayr where he can fill these calls. He will be working among a prosperous class of farmers.

Guaraná is the principle crop in that part. This berry brings a good price, ranging from twelve to eighteen *milreis* a kilo. These farms have an income from the sale of Guaraná of from six to ten *contos* a year. The whole region is open to the giving of the gospel, and surely the time has come for a quick work to be done.

In the great heart of the Amazon it seems that it is as it was in the days of the apostles, "daily souls are being added" to the list of believers. As if by an unseen hand the message is going from village to village and from hamlet to hamlet. To us who have been eye witnesses, it is a sign of the times in which we are living. God is able to do a quick work in the earth, and He is setting His hand to do it. Brethren let us keep step with the movement.

E. H. WILCOX.

### Austral Union Conference

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### Literature Sales

A SALE of over \$91,000 (gold) made in six months by the Buenos Aires Publishing House is the largest record that has ever been made in our field in a similar period. Eighty-five per cent of this splendid sale was made to the Austral Union, seven and one-half per cent to the Inca Unión and seven and one-half per cent to fields outside the two named. This sale represents a gain over the corresponding period of last year of nearly forty per cent. Seventy-five per cent of our sales was made by a group of consecrated colporteurs working under the direction of a strong corps of local and union field missionary secretaries, all of whom are fired by a deter-

mined purpose to make the colporteur work a real evangelizing agency in South America.

The same spirit grips the hearts of the Publishing House workers. No sacrifice is felt too great, no demands are considered too exacting, if such sacrifices and demands will mean to the field a greater degree of success in winning souls to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Hearts are being touched. The enemies of truth are being overcome. The light of the gospel as contained in our truth-filled literature is springing up in all parts of the field, directing the hearts of men to the One who gave His life for them.

The largest individual sales and most remarkable experiences ever enjoyed by the colporteurs are being realized this year. A government crisis in one of the provinces, and government intervention, cannot stop the colporteur in his work. Brother Rodriguez, a new colporteur just entering the province of Mendoza, secured during April forty-five orders for "Home Physician" and at the same time sold for cash one hundred of our crisis books.

The colporteur work appeals to our church members. A church elder who has the care of 150 members has just sold his farm in order to enter the canvassing work. He feels that he can do more good introducing our literature into the homes of unbelievers than by shepherding one of the largest churches in the Argentine. Such is the purpose of evangelistic colporteur work.

The colporteur work offers evangelistic employment to those accepting the truth who must leave their commercial positions because of the Sabbath. Not long ago Brother Green, one of the successful colporteurs in the Buenos Aires Conference, was employed by the railroad. He accepted the truth. The railroad company refused him the Sabbath free. He did just what every man must do who accepts the gospel, in placing his responsibility to the message first in his consideration, and the results were that he was without employment immediately. He is now working for God, saving souls and preparing the world for the coming of our Saviour.

Thousands of our crisis books are being sold. Many of the people are too poor in this world's goods to enable them to purchase our larger books. For such a class, our 128 page books fill a most urgent need. Some of the colporteurs are earning their scholarships while others support their families, canvassing with our cheaper literature. Over 90% of the small books sent to the field are sold by our faithful colporteurs.

Our Publishing Goal in sales for the year is \$200,000. Forty-five per cent

of this goal has been reached during the first six months, and we are confident the remainder will be realized during the last six months. The work is onward and advancing with success in the territory of the Buenos Aires Publishing House.

M. V. TUCKER,  
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### Prayer Answered

Nor so long ago Sister A. Peverini de Hammerly while occupied in the household duties of her recently established home, at a certain hour of the evening when twilight was falling, felt one of those strange and oppressive presentiments which so many times we cannot explain, and which we are inclined to take as a fatal omen. In these moments she was harassed with certain fears of danger that might occur to her husband, who was traveling in some of the lonely places of the republic of Paraguay. In order to free herself from the anxiety which weighed upon her heart she offered a fervent prayer to the Lord, asking Him to protect her husband and guard him from harm.

At this moment Brother Hammerly, field missionary secretary of the Alto Paraná Mission, found himself in the interior of Paraguay. It was already late in the afternoon, when he was conversing upon the truth with several gentlemen, standing on the platform of the station.

One of them was roughly dressed according to the native style of the country, barely sheltered with an old poncho, and was trying to "warm up his body" with the traditional drink of "the purest honey-cane," while alternating his trips to the *boliche* (drinking house) with his stops to listen to the theme on which our brother was discoursing.

Night was falling when this group boarded the train which they had awaited for long hours and each one tried to obtain a seat which suited him best. While he had been in the station, Brother Hammerly had noticed that the drunkard had tried to hook up with him in none too friendly terms, so he tried to avoid any "bumps" with him, taking a seat somewhat retired from the one which the Paraguayan was occupying. Losing sight of all that was around him he buried himself in a book. Suddenly he was interrupted by a hoarse voice and inarticulated cries. Lifting his eyes and turning his head, . . . but let us hear his own account:

"I found myself looking into the muzzle of a revolver which the irresponsible drunkard was aiming grimly at my face with the purpose of killing me.



THE above is a picture of Brother Juan E. Perez and wife. They are both in the colporteur work and enjoy it immensely. While Brother Perez visits the homes of the people with our religious books his wife sells magazines through the business section of the city. It was my pleasure to spend a few days in their territory and accompany Brother Perez right out in the canvassing field. During the morning we took twelve orders for the book while his wife sold 46 *Atalayas*. This picture was taken after that morning's work and expresses the contentment that God's people may experience in His service. We need more strong young people like these to consecrate their lives to the colporteur work.

—WALTER PERGANDE.

His face expressed diabolical fury. Possibly the alcohol had dimmed his senses causing him to take me for an enemy of his fanaticism and vicious practices, judging by his gestures and his shouts in the Guarany language which I could not understand.

"It would be difficult to describe my mental anguish during the following moments. All I know is that after staring at him astonished for a moment I lifted my heart to the Lord, knowing that there was no way of escape but in Him.

"Afterwards I learned that the same moment the prayer of my wife was uttered, the mercy of God resulted in paralyzing the finger of the criminal."

It is natural that in such a moment, as can be easily imagined, our brother's heart palpitated audibly, but his trust in God dispelled his fears and he turned

his back upon the drunkard. Soon he got up and informed the railway officials of what had happened and they, after a fierce struggle, succeeded in disarming the madman.

In another quite recent occasion while on a night journey, Brother Hammerly was lying on a bench, second class, when someone fired a bullet from a "Mauser" which, although fired point-blank, did not touch him, but it passed only a few inches from his head. It seemed to be one of those unfortunate jokes which often have such a tragic end. Nevertheless it gave cause for more than a little concern. After the previous excitement, when all appeared to have calmed down again and sleep had fallen heavily upon the eyelids of the passengers, and with nothing to cause anxiety, suddenly the madness of this drunken soldier seemed to reach its climax. Our brother was awakened by the voices of men and cries of women as they invoked the names of their favorite saints, and with children in their arms, tried to gain the doors. In the midst of this complete confusion, Brother Hammerly saw himself newly approached by this soldier with a heavy revolver. His attitude certainly showed no joking this time; but at this moment some men threw themselves upon the obnoxious individual, forcing his arm upward until they could deprive him of his gun, nobody being hurt.

In both experiences we can acknowledge the hand of God which in this manner put our brother in close contact with the people who gladly listened to his exposition of the Word of God. Sleep had fled from all, and they accepted with joy the copies of *Atalaya* and tracts which he was able to distribute. One gentleman asked for a Bible while others solicited more reading matter from him.

These and similar experiences of the same character bring us into closer connection with heaven by means of fervent prayer.

We ask all of our brethren to commend our workers of the Alto Paraná Mission to the mercy and paternal care of the Most High in order that His protecting hand may rest upon our laborers and that the seed sown in bitterness may produce a joyous harvest (Ps. 125: 5, 6).

Once more we see the words of the psalmist repeated in the happenings of our time: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; they rod and they staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23: 4).

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Superintendent, Alto Paraná Mission.

## The Atalaya Appreciated in the Interior

ELDER J. H. Meier tells of the discovery of a recent *Atalaya* in the interior of Entre Rios. He asked the recipient how he happened to get the paper. He explained that as he was passing a certain country school some children came out to sell it to him. On investigation Elder Meier found this to be the Centenario school. We are encouraging all our schools to use clubs of *Atalayas*, and many are doing so.

It is heartening to notice the interest of the foreign-speaking brethren in our missionary literature. The German-reading churches in the conferences are as live to the need of the message on the part of their Spanish-speaking neighbors as are the Spanish-speaking. Their liberality is the more inspiring inasmuch as they cannot read, in many instances, the papers they give away. The same is true among the Armenians in the Buenos Aires Conference. Especially willing have they been to circulate the Supplement on religious liberty. They have suffered martyrdom for centuries due to persecution, and desire to ward off those perils in this country.

HENRY F. BROWN.

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## The Supplement to the Atalaya

THE Supplement to the *Atalaya* has taken hold of the brethren in this union as nothing before has ever gripped them. Elder Westphal was the one who originated the idea, and it flew like wild-fire. The Casa Editora published 182,000 but orders came in that more than covered this amount. The Buenos Aires Conference took 80,000, thus leading the list. Very probably 200,000 could have been used if other fields had ordered in proportion. The Supplements are being placed in the hands of the public calling their attention to the relation of State and Church. This is certainly timely when the Church is so rapidly encroaching on the State's prerogatives.

HENRY F. BROWN.

## Burning Their Idols

RECENTLY it was my privilege to visit a number of believers in the Cuyo Mission who were brought into the truth largely through an interest created by the work of a faithful colporteur. Fourteen have already been baptized this year as a direct result of this interest. Brethren Maxwell, Kalbermatter and the writer visited some of these new believ-

ers. Accompanying this is a picture of one of the families where we were invited to dinner, and whose home affords a welcome to our workers.

Colporteur T. E. Garay sold the family a copy of "Our Day." After reading the book they became interested in the truth and Brother Kalbermatter studied the Bible with them. Shortly afterward they decided definitely for all the points of the faith. While attending a baptismal service the father asked his son if after baptism he would refuse to hold mass for him after the father's death. The son told him that he could not do so and rightly live the truth. A little later the father also accepted the truth and they were all baptized together into the light of the third angel's message which they found in the book our colporteur left in their home.

Then the family gathered all their holy Catholic pictures and idols and had a big fire in the back yard. The mother pointed to a frame on the wall that was saved from the fire and was now used to hold the Law of God.

Two of the fourteen persons baptized as result of this colporteur's work are now in the colporteur work themselves, carrying the message to others in the way it was given to them. Our literature wins souls. It is wanted by the people. We need more colporteurs to bring it to them. Will you join us in this work? We need your help.

WALTER PERGANDE.

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THE way that God has provided is so complete, so perfect, that man cannot, by any works that he can do, add to its perfection. It is broad enough to receive the most hardened sinner, if he truly repents, and yet so narrow that in it sin can find no place. This is the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in.—"Gospel Workers," p. 160.



Sitting: Family won to the truth as result of colporteur work. Standing: Elders E. L. Maxwell and Ignacio Kalbermatter.

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## Bolivia Colporteur Institute

SUNDAY morning, June 16, in La Paz, the opening meeting of our institute for the Aymará Indians of Bolivia was held. Elder Minner, the superintendent of the mission, gave us a stirring Bible study on present-day events and the importance of preaching the message while we still enjoy liberty and peace.

We had an excellent institute. Brother Cayetano Diaz, the field secretary, did splendid work. There was an average attendance of seven, five of whom entered the work immediately after the close of the institute. Four of the boys speak the Aymará, and one the Quichua. This was the first such institute ever held in Bolivia to train the Indian brethren to sell our literature.

The higher authorities of the government of Bolivia appreciate our work, but the clergy and the local authorities cause our workers much trouble. While I was there two of our out-schools were closed, and the teachers came in to La Paz. I went with Elder Minner to visit the governor of the province. He issued a decree to re-open the schools, and also gave us a duplicate of the permission secured to continue with the schools. The local government officials had taken the permits away from the two teachers as well as their text books and Bibles. When Brother Leon Replogle went to see what the trouble was about he was arrested and fined fifty *billetes*, being accused of having violated the laws of the country, and also threatened that violent hands would be laid on him if he continued his work there. But the Lord delivered him out of their hands without having to pay the fine.



Olisas and Manuela, whose experience is given below.

Brother Minner told me this was a common occurrence there. It shows that the devil is angry and has come down like a roaring lion to seek whom he may devour. Doubtless our faithful colporteurs will have to meet many similar experiences in their work. They will have to suffer persecution, but the time has arrived to give the message to Bolivia's millions of Indians, and the Lord will raise up men who will dedicate their lives to the distribution of the printed page.

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### What Became of Olisas and Manuela

FOR seven long months we could not learn what the enemies had done with these native teachers. Experienced Indian scouts who were used to the trackless forests could find no trace of them. Rumors had it that they had starved to death, the enemies trying to force them to live on pork and beer which they refused. Somehow, we here at headquarters could not believe that they were dead. Every day we remembered them in special prayer. One day I received a letter telling me they had arrived at our forest mission in Perené.

At this mission station I met them, and they told me their story. As they were teaching one day they were suddenly pounced upon by armed men in the new Tambo Mission, and their captors, not even letting them pick up a few of their clothes, hurried them through the dark forest to a more desolate place where they were kept in hiding for a month. Then they were

taken up into the high mountains and delivered to the authorities, being accused of murder. They suffered intensely from the cold as they had only one thin garment on, and also suffered because of lack of food.

After five months in that high mountainous prison a high authority came to see them and after hearing their story exclaimed, "Why these people are not murderers! Anybody can see that." He immediately ordered their release and gave them a safe conduct and money enough to reach the tropics again.

I asked them what they wanted to do, and they at once replied that they wanted to continue in God's work. Pale and worn from exposure and lack of food, having lost all their belongings, they uttered not a word of complaint, nor did they ask that the mission reimburse them for their lost time or their lost possessions. They only asked that they might be allowed to continue in God's service. God has some true witnesses among these children of the Amazon forests. Olisas and Manuela are now doing good work in the interior of the Upper Amazon Mission on the Perené river.

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of Peru.*

THERE is need of greater earnestness. Time is fast passing, and men willing to work as Christ worked are needed. It is not enough to live a quiet, prayerful life. Meditation alone will not satisfy the need of the world. Religion is not to be a subjective influence in our lives. We are to be wide-awake, energetic, earnest Christians, filled with a desire to give others the truth.—"*Gospel Workers*," p. 143.

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### General Meetings in Santa Catharina-Paraná

IT WAS my privilege to spend five weeks in Santa Catharina and Paraná attending general meetings, from May 22 to June 24. At all the places which we visited we enjoyed rich blessings from the Lord and the presence of His Holy Spirit. Certainly the Lord met with His people as we sought Him together and studied His word.

The first meeting which I attended was held at Ponta Grossa. This is where Elder A. L. Westphal lives. The meetings were held in our commodious and neat church building which was erected a short time ago. Our church here is growing in membership. A number have recently commenced to keep the Sabbath, while others are interested. Elder Streithorst and Brother Germano Ritter were present and assisted in the meetings. We were especially pleased to meet three of our brethren from Faxinal de Sao Sebastiao. They had been on the road eight days in order to attend these meetings. The Lord blessed us richly.

The next meeting was held at Jaraguá. Here Elders Streithorst, K. Kaltenhauser, Brother Emilio Keppke and the writer assisted in the services. Quite a number of our people from the surrounding churches and groups attended some or all of the time. The services were held in a rented hall, and there was an excellent outside attendance at the evening meetings. We also received many blessings from the Lord at this place.

From Jaraguá we went to Brusque where the next general meeting was held. At this place the weather was unfavorable, and we did not have as large an attendance during the week-days as we would like to have seen; but on Sabbath and Sunday the church building was well filled and the Lord blessed His people abundantly. At this place Brother Mathias de Alencar also joined us in carrying the burdens of the service.

From Brusque Elder Streithorst and the writer went to Bom Retiro. Here Brother A. L. Westphal joined us, and although the weather was unfavorable and the roads very bad, we had a good attendance and it was encouraging to see practically the same people at every meeting during the entire time. A good spirit pervaded the services. Two per-



Scene on the Araguaya river where Elder A. N. Allen's new work is located.

sons were baptized. Some of our people came on horseback three days' journey to attend. The Lord blessed, and we believe our people were encouraged to press forward in their journey toward the city of God.

The last of these general meetings was held at Curityba. This is the headquarters of the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission. We have a church there with about 110 members. They have a neat church building with rooms beneath for the conference offices, the church school, and the children's Sabbath school department. But the building is too small for their growing congregation, and they are beginning to lay plans for enlarging the present building. Sister Elin Hermanson is successfully teaching a church school there with twenty-four students. Sister Hanna Lindquist is doing Bible work in the city. We also enjoyed some very good meetings there. Elders Germano Streithorst, F. R. Kuempel and the writer, together with the office workers, led out in the instructions given. We have a large number of young people at that place, and the Lord can do great things through them, if they will consecrate all their energies and talents to His service. May the Lord richly bless all our people in this mission that they may remain faithful unto the end!

N. P. NEILSEN.

### A New Temple in Sao Paulo

ON MAY 18 the new Adventist Temple in Sao Paulo, Brazil, was inaugurated. Elder H. B. Westcott, former president of the conference, gave a short

history of the beginning of the work of Seventh-day Adventists in this city. Elder N. P. Neilsen, president of the South Brazil Union Conference, gave the inaugural address. In the afternoon Pastors Rodolpho W. Belz and Luiz Braun conducted a very impressive baptismal service, when eleven souls were baptized.

Representatives from all the nearby Adventist churches, and some brethren from the interior of the state, were present. We were glad to note several members of other evangelical churches present as well as the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. We were especially pleased to note the presence of the Reverend Mr. Herbert S. Harris, general secretary of the United Sunday Schools of Brazil, of Rio de Janeiro. The newspapers were well represented. The new edifice seats more than 550, and all seats were occupied.

Sao Paulo, sometimes called the "Chicago of South America," is the second largest city of Brazil, and first in commercial activity. It is the third city of South America. Its population has already passed the 1,000,000 mark, and is said to be growing faster than any city of South America, if not in the western hemisphere, and, therefore, in the world.

Adventists have been established in Brazil for more than thirty years, but have been working aggressively for the vast population of Sao Paulo about fifteen years. The first series of public meetings was held by Dr. John Lipke in 1915. The present membership in the city church is about 400. Of this number some 50 belong to the Hungarian

group, who have their own hall that was recently inaugurated. There is a group of German brethren who hold their meetings in the "Social Hall" of the new temple. Also we have a group of Brazilian brethren who hold their meetings in Villa Matilde. They have plans to erect a new church building in that section of the city, without any expense to the conference.

The Adventists belonging to the Sao Paulo church pay in tithes and offerings about 100:000\$000 a year for the support of the Advent movement. This seems remarkable when one remembers that the work is less than fifteen years old in this city.

Since the inauguration we have been holding a series of public meetings in the new temple. The attendance has not been as large as we had hoped, but hundreds have heard the gospel message for our time, and we truly believe souls will be saved in the kingdom. Elder Belz, the acting pastor, has carried the larger burden in the meetings, and the writer has assisted. We have greatly appreciated the splendid cooperation of the church, and especially the choir, under the direction of Dr. Ricardo Suessman.

We have been given splendid space in many of the leading journals of the city, both at the time of the inauguration and during the meetings. We have had articles in as many as ten dailies at one time. Practically all of the testing truths have been published without a cent of cost to the conference. The spoken word has reached hundreds, but the written its thousands. People in the interior have written telling of the articles read, and I have spoken with those many miles from the railroad who have been following faithfully the articles published. To God be the glory.

ENNIS V. MOORE.

*President, Sao Paulo Conference.*

### South Brazil Notes

ON SABBATH, June 15, two persons were baptized at Bom Retiro, Santa Catharina, by Elder A. L. Westphal.

ON MAY 19, Elder Alfredo Suessmann baptized two persons at the close of a general meeting held at Itararé.

EIGHT dear souls were baptized in the new temple in the city of Sao Paulo, on Sabbath afternoon, May 18, following the inauguration of the building.

ON JUNE 2, Brother Jeronymo Garcia commenced a series of meetings in our new church building which was recently erected at Sao Joao de Boa Vista, Sao Paulo. We understand that there is

a good attendance and a good interest is manifested in the meetings.

ON SABBATH, May 25, our new church building which has recently been erected at Sao Joao de Boa Vista, Sao Paulo, was inaugurated. There was a large attendance. Elder Luiz Braun, through whose efforts our work has largely been built up in that city, gave the inaugural address.

BROTHER Domingos Costa has recently canvassed in the city of Goyaz. He delivered seventy-five "Practical Guides" and took 84 orders for *O Atalaia*.

AT THIS writing Brother G. E. Hartman, secretary-treasurer of the union, is visiting our Indian mission station at Piedade, on the Araguaya river, auditing the mission accounts and counseling with Elder A. N. Allen and his workers regarding the buildings to be erected on the mission station.

ELDER Ennis V. Moore, president of the Sao Paulo Conference, and Rodolpho W. Belz, department secretary, are holding a series of public meetings in the commodious new temple which was recently finished in the city of Sao Paulo. The attendance has been comparatively good, and we hope for fruits from the effort.

THERE is an increase of 16:801\$400 in the tithes of the Sao Paulo Conference for the first four months of this year over the corresponding period of last year. The Sabbath school offerings show an increase of 2:319\$450 for the same period. We are thankful to the Lord for this good increase. May the Lord continue to bless His people in returning to Him His own!

IN REGARD to the progress of the colporteur work in the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission, Brother Emilio Kepcke, secretary of the publishing department, writes as follows: "During the month of May the colporteur department had a larger sales report than ever before in our field. Our sales of books and magazines for that month were 10:501\$-000. We are ahead of our goal thus far this year.

OUR Hungarian brethren in the city of Sao Paulo have recently built a neat little chapel in Lapa, one of the suburbs of Sao Paulo. This was inaugurated on Sabbath, June 1. Elder H. B. Westcott gave the inaugural address, and our choir from the Sao Paulo church rendered appropriate hymns. We are indeed thankful to the Lord that our Hungarian brethren now have a proper place to worship in this large city. May the Lord continue to bless them is our prayer.

WE ARE pleased to report that the tithes for the first five months of this year in the Santa Catharina-Paraná Mission was 30:278\$600. This is an increase of 12:662\$600 over the same period for last year. This is certainly a good increase for that field. During the same period the Sabbath school offerings, including the thirteenth Sabbath offering, showed an increase of 993\$100; while the Mission Offerings, aside from the Sabbath school, showed an increase of 433\$800. We thank the Lord for these increases.

WE COPY the following, which we feel sure will be of interest to our people, from a letter written by Brother Allen, under date of June 7: "Last Sabbath we all, except Alvin and a laborer, went up to Sao José and held two meetings. We had about sixty present. Carlos Heinrich has been holding meetings there and some are keeping the Sabbath. God came very near and hearts were deeply touched. . . . We see God's hand working continually. And I hope to be found in harmony and cooperating with whatever means He may employ to advance His kingdom. . . . Mrs. Allen and Alvin are still having some fever; but we feel sure that it can be broken here. When we get into the new house it will be much better."

N. P. NEILSEN.

EXPERIENCE is a safe light to walk by, and he is not a rash man who expects to succeed in the future from the same means which have secured it in times past.—Wendell Phillips.



Brother Rosalino Alves of Pelotas, Brazil, whose success with *Atalaia* subscriptions was described in last month's issue of our Division paper.

## The Onward March of the Message

THE great threefold message of Revelation 14 must be given to the world. More than eighteen hundred years ago the Lord foretold the coming of a movement that would proclaim the message. He symbolized it by angels flying in the midst of heaven, with loud voices proclaiming their messages to the inhabitants of the earth.

The time is here for this message to be given, and we find that it is now going to the ends of the world: This great movement began on time, and it will surely close on time. The work is of God. The prophecy must be fulfilled.

No power on earth can stop the onward march of this message. No man, no combination of men, can bring this work to naught. As well might men try to sweep the planets from the starry heavens as to attempt to stop this movement from accomplishing the purpose of God. It cannot be done.

Men may oppose this movement, they may organize themselves against it, and rulers may enact laws to stop the work; but the cause goes marching on. They cannot stop it, for God has spoken the word. It is but a small thing for the Lord to lay the power of man in the dust and lead His cause forward to triumph. Easily can He sweep the nations aside when they stand in the way of the progress of the work. Kings may enact their decrees against it, but the Lord has a thousand ways of accomplishing His purpose. He is the living God, and His truth goes marching on in spite of the wrath of men.

Wonderful indeed is the progress of this message as told by the reports that come to us from our workers scattered throughout the world. They tell us of the opening providences of God in every land. They tell us of new stations that have been established, of new outposts that have been planted, as they continually press forward the triumphs of this message. They tell us of new fields that have been entered, fields that were once closed to this movement. They tell us of new victories that have been gained for the truth. They tell us of the mighty power of God in rescuing men and women from the thralldom of sin. They tell us of the power of this movement in lifting souls from the depths of wickedness and superstition, to the high plane of the truth of God.

From every land, from every race, where this message is being proclaimed, the story is the same. It tells of the onward march of this living message with ever-increasing strength. The hand of God is seen in it all. He is the living God, and His message will triumph in the earth.

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## The Pioneer Story of South America

THE first Adventist to carry on work in Ecuador was Brother T. H. Davis, our pioneer colporteur in Chile, who went with his family to that country in 1904, where he remained four years.—*R. D. Buckner, March, 1926.*

WHEN F. L. Perry visited Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca, he found the way open before him because of the papers which had preceded him, and in a few days the believers numbered fifteen.—*M. E. Olsen, in Signs of the Times, Oct. 3, 1923.*

THE story of how one copy of the *Signs of the Times* picked up by a woman in British Guiana thirty years ago, started a work that now extends over all South and Central America.—*Heading of an article by M. E. Olsen, in Signs of the Times, Oct. 9, 1923.*

IT WAS a big undertaking, a veritable work of faith, when two canvassers came to Chile to pioneer the way. They were T. H. Davis and F. W. Bishop, of California.—*J. W. Westphal, in Review and Herald, Jubilee Number.*

E. W. THOMANN, our first missionary to Bolivia, was self-appointed and self-supporting.—*J. W. Westphal, in Review and Herald, Jubilee Number.*

ONE of the churches that I visited on this trip is the direct result of our literature work. However, this happened before my time in Bahia.—*L. B. Halliwell, Dec. 23, 1923.*

LITERATURE sent by a layman to Paraguay produced the first fruit in that republic.—*J. W. Westphal, in Review and Herald, Jubilee Number.*

A CANVASSER first brought the truth to Uruguay, awakening an interest that resulted, under the labors of F. H. Westphal, in the organization of the first church in that republic.—*J. W. Westphal, in Review and Herald, Jubilee Number.*

IT WAS through the reading of literature sent from Switzerland that the first believers in Argentina found the truth.—*O. Montgomery, in Review and Herald, June 26, 1919.*

## Division Notes

BECAUSE of a serious menace to our work which has developed in Peru it has been thought best to cancel Professor Crager's appointments in Brazil, and send him to Peru to join the brethren there in counsel and help. He is sharing the burdens of the special revival effort which is being made in the Lake Titicaca field for the Indian believers.

ELDER and Mrs. C. B. Haynes, with their son, Donald, sailed for England on July 31. After two weeks in England and Scotland they will go to the United States; Elder Haynes to attend the Autumn Council, Donald to reenter college, and Mrs. Haynes to remain there until after the General Conference session. Elder Haynes will return to his office here in November, following the Autumn Council.

ELDER Breitigam is helping the brethren in Brazil, in conventions and general meetings.

ELDER J. L. Brown has just returned from a trip in the Austral Union where he has been assisting in institute work in the North Argentine and Alto Paraná fields. His report is that the prospect is good for the literature ministry in those fields.

BROTHER C. L. Bauer will remain near the office in the absence of Elder Haynes, up to the Divisional Council in November.

ELDER Westphal will give his services to the Austral Union during the months of August and September, visiting churches in the North Argentine Conference and the Alto Paraná Mission.

THE Statistical Report of the South American Division for the first quarter of 1929 reveals the following interesting items:

The tithe of the Division shows an increase of \$3,495.84 over the corresponding period of 1928. Also \$1,319.74 more mission offering was given during

the first quarter of this year than that of last year.

One hundred ninety-three baptisms were reported during the months of January, February and March.

The Home Missionary activities show an increase of 2,866 missionary visits, 4,066 Bible readings, and 20,339 tracts distributed over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The Sabbath School Department reports 2,174 more members during the first quarter of the current year than last, with the result that \$1,626.85 more offering was contributed to mission work than the first quarter of 1928.

The Publishing Department shows an increase of \$11,253.44 worth of orders and \$15,733.47 in literature delivered over the first three months of last year. Also that 80% of the orders received this year were delivered.

## Obituary

BROWN.—Valera La Belle Brown, the only child of Elder Harold C. and Mrs. Ruth H. Brown, was born on October 7, 1923, in Glendale, California. When two years old she accompanied her parents to Puiggari, Entre Ríos, Republic of Argentina, where Brother and Sister Brown went in response to a call to teach in the River Plate Junior College. Valera, a rather serious little maid, endeared herself to all the college family. She was never very strong, and succumbed very suddenly to an attack of scarlet fever, after less than 36 hours of illness, on Tuesday, August 6. Her last words whispered in her parents ears were, "Daddy, I do so want to sleep. When will the morning come?" With breaking heart the father replied, "Soon, my darling, soon." And very shortly afterwards she fell sweetly asleep in Jesus. The following morning, August 7, she was laid to rest in the little Puiggari cemetery, to await that bright morning now so near, when our Lord will awaken his slumbering little ones. Thus another precious link has been forged in the chain, binding the hearts of those who loved Valera to the coming of our Lord, and another has been added to that band of redeemed little ones, now sleeping in Jesus, who are to grow to a beautiful maturity in the very courts of heaven.

In the funeral service, held at the grave side, comforting thoughts were drawn by the writer from our Lord's striking statement recorded in Mark 5:39: "She is not dead, but sleepeth," and several songs were touchingly rendered by quartets of students of the College.

EDGAR BROOKS.