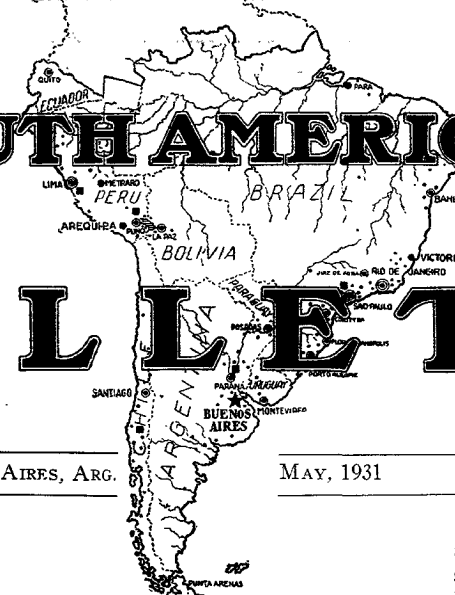


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Our Share in the Sacrifice

WE ARE connected with the greatest movement on earth; there is no other like it. We are to prepare the way for the coming of Christ; we are to warn the world of the coming doom; we are to lead sinners to Christ, that they may be ready to meet Him when He comes. It is God's last warning message to the world before it sinks into eternal destruction. To us has been committed this work, and we must give this message to all the world.

This work was started by sacrifice, and it will be finished by sacrifice. There is no other way of carrying it forward. Other denominations may have their wealth; they may have big men giving their message, while we have less prominent men giving this great message. Our work will be carried forward by men and women who are willing to sacrifice for the message, because they have faith in the cause.

The law of sacrifice is the law of the kingdom of God. By giving we gain; but by keeping we lose. We live by dying. It was when the alabaster box was broken that its fragrance filled the room. Christ sacrificed all that He might save the world. He poured out His life unto death. He died that we might live. He gave a life of sacrifice. He gave all that He might win some.

But it paid. The reward is worth the sacrifice. "He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied," is the inspired promise. Moses gave up all the riches of Egypt that he might be with God's people; but by so doing he gained the eternal riches. Instead of now lying a mummy in some museum, like some of the ancient Pharaohs, he is enjoying the glories of heaven. Surely he lost nothing by sacrifice! Paul sacrificed the honor and fame of his nation that he might advance the cause of God; he laid down his life a sacrifice for

others; but he gained a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

It cost the miner from Australia something to save the little girl. He was on his way home with his gold, the earning of years of hard work. The vessel was wrecked on a reef. He buckled the gold

about his waist and hoped to swim ashore. Just as he was ready to leap overboard, a little girl looked up into his face and said, "O won't you please save me! I have no papa here to help me! Please save me!" What should he do? He had but a moment in which to decide. He threw the gold on deck and fastening the little girl to his side, he swam ashore. But it was too much for him, and he fell unconscious on the sand. When he recovered consciousness the little girl was standing there looking into his face, thankful that she was saved. But when he looked for the ship, it was gone, and with it his gold. Did he make a wise choice? He lost his gold, but saved the girl. Did it pay?

We must sacrifice with Christ if we would reign with Him. Yes, it will cost us something to win souls; but it pays. The sacrifice is none too great. It will cost us something to finish the work; but it is well worth it. An unconverted man once said to a friend, "I would give the world to have your hope." "That is just what it cost me," was the reply. That is so. It will cost us something to gain heaven; yes, it will cost all we have to gain the prize; but it will pay.

This work will soon be finished, and Jesus will come. There can be no doubt about this. The cause today needs your help. Are you willing to join others in sacrifice for missions? Are you willing to give of your earnings for the cause we love? How much can you do? Let us talk to God about it. Let Him whisper to us by His Spirit what He wants us to do. Christ gave His life for us. What ought we to do for Him?

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"THE altar stands in the foreground of every life and can be passed by only at the cost of all that is noblest and best. There is more grandeur in five minutes of self-renunciation than in a whole lifetime of self-interest and self-seeking."

A Prayer for the Missionaries

(This poem may be sung to the tune of No. 346 in "Christ in Song.")

Heavenly Father, send Thy blessing
On the mission fields today;
Guide Thy earnest, faithful workers,
Toiling for celestial pay.
May they lean on Jesus' bosom,
Knowing that He cares for them;
May they be His faithful servants
While they tell the truth to men.

Spread Thy loving arms around them,
Blessed Shepherd, evermore;
Guide them safely through the billows
As they sail from shore to shore.
Keep them through the coming conflict;
And, when trials press them sore,
May they stand like faithful heroes
Till life's struggles all are o'er.

Bless the noble workers, Father,
As they give to Thee their all,
And obey the Great Commission
To go where Thou mayest call.
As they go to every nation,
With the message from above,
Keep them from the wiles of Satan,
Cover with Thine arms of love.

Loving Saviour, be Thou near them,
As they battle for the right.
May Thy Holy Spirit guide them
As they scatter seeds of light.
Break the soil of stony hearts, Lord,
While the seeds of truth are sown,
That they may bring many sheaves, Lord
When Thou comest for Thine own!
—Artemisia Lucas.
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Itinerating in the South Brazil Union

(Paraná)

AFTER the student colporteurs' institute held in the Brazil Training School, Mrs. Brown and the writer left Sao Paulo for Curityba, Paraná. Our stay in Curityba was indeed an interesting one. The Lord blessed us both in the meetings held in the church as well as in the visits made in the homes of the believers.

On October 5 at about 4:30 in the morning we heard the thunder of canon fire. On looking out across Praza Republica several thousand civilians and soldiers were gathered, shouting: "Viva a independencia," "Viva a revolucao," etc. etc. Every red cloth available at this early hour was serving the revolutionists' cause either as flag or bandana about the neck.

We soon learned that Paraná had joined the states of Rio Grande do Sul, Minas Geraes, and Parahyba. Two days before, or on October 3, the three above-mentioned states rebelled against the federal government.

Our next problem was how to continue our trip and meet our appointments according to the itinerary outlined. All

passenger service ceased, bridges were dynamited or in danger of being blown up at any moment. It was reported that the federal government had given orders to blow up all the bridges between Rio Grande and Sao Paulo. The revolutionists some way received notice of this order and immediately rushed thousands of soldiers out across the states of Santa Catharina and Paraná, thus preventing greater destruction and keeping the way open for the revolutionists to enter the state of Sao Paulo which till then was still under federal control.

We tried to get a "salvoconducto." People stood all day in the rain in the street in front of the new chief of police, for the city of Curityba fell into the hands of the revolutionists the morning of the 5th of October. After several days of effort we received a "salvoconducto" for the port of Parangua. But we learned that the steamers were held in port just as fast as they entered the revolutionists' harbors. Other steamers never entered the harbor when they heard about the disturbances on land.

Next we thought that our only way of travel would be to go overland by auto, although the roads were in a terrible condition on account of heavy rains. Brother G. Doerner, secretary and treasurer of the Santa Catharina-Paraná Conference, offered to take us over to the state of Santa Catharina in his auto. For two days he tried to get a "salvoconducto" for himself and a special license for his auto, but failed. Autos were being taken for the transportation of soldiers and the sale of gasoline was prohibited. Finally we were granted a

"salvoconducto" to travel as far as Rio Negro, the border town between Paraná and Santa Catharina.

We were notified by Brother Emilio Keppke, field missionary secretary, who accompanied us on part of this trip, that a "mixto" would leave Curityba at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. To make sure of a seat we had our baggage hauled down to the station and we meekly followed afoot, for no taxis were in service. The station was jammed full of soldiers, onlookers, and passengers, patiently waiting to be served by the ticket agent. Finally, after three hours of standing and sitting on our suitcases, the ticket window opened. Now we were going to leave, sure!—We had a "salvoconducto" and our tickets. But there we waited over another hour. We bid our fellow workers and friends good-bye, for we were off for somewhere! Our train was worse than the station we had left behind, and was made up of cars of ammunition, stock cars full of soldiers and one small passenger car full of officers and people. Between soldiers' wares and luggage some women squeezed in for a seat. The rest of us perched on our suitcases again. But we were going!

About two hours after leaving Curityba our train stopped. We inquired of the station agent what it meant. "Oh," he said, "We need the engine to take the soldiers to the battle-front." Then we asked, "When will we go on?" He said, "I cannot say. No one knows. I will call for another engine from a town about four hours from here." Again we sat, but this time away out in the sticks far from civilization or revolution.

Somewhere around midnight our car received a bump and a jerk, and we were aware of the fact that our "mixto" was again moving, we knew not which way or where. On we dozed and nodded our heads until about daylight, when we finally reached the frontier of Santa Catharina.

For two days we waited;—train after train of tired soldiers passed on toward the fighting lines. Finally we were told that a train would take us on down to Jaragua, Santa Catharina. Again I procured a "salvoconducto" for the state of Santa Catharina, and a ticket, and again we waited.

More trains of soldiers came in,—about six in all during our wait in the station. Now the station agent told us that it was probable that our engine would be taken after all to transport a train of soldiers to the front.—*Paciencia!*



Train-load of soldiers going to the front during the Brazilian revolution.

At last we were on our way again and late that night we reached our destination. We made an eight-hour trip in three days. But the Lord protected us all the way and we were reminded of the words of the Spirit of prophecy that in the last days it will become more difficult and dangerous to travel about. And that which had not been done in times of peace and prosperity we would have to do in times of crisis, trouble, and revolution.

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More Workers Needed

THE words of the Master, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His Harvest," have been ringing in my ears much since our recent union committee meeting.

As we sat there day after day studying our problems and not knowing how to supply the needs, our hearts were touched. I remember vividly the expression on the face of one of our mission directors, who was without even one evangelistic worker in all his field, a mission comprising three whole states, when word came back that a worker he was calling could not be released. The tears that came to his eyes were not of bitterness against the field that could not release their worker, for he knew that they also had great needs that must be cared for; but his tears were only an expression of his sorrow as he thought of the opening opportunities in his field, of the hungry souls that longed for the bread of life to whom he must turn a deaf ear, unless in some way workers could be supplied him.

Just now, as I am writing these words, I am sailing out of the beautiful city of Bahia. During the few hours that we had in port a short visit was made to the mission office, talking with the mission director and his secretary, two young workers of short experience, but earnest and devoted to the cause. As they talked of their problems, and mentioned that there were a hundred or more waiting for baptism and not an ordained minister in all the field, my heart cried out again, "Lord send forth laborers into the harvest."

We do not write these words in any spirit of complaint, but we sincerely solicit the prayers of those who read these lines that the Lord may open the way so

that more laborers may be sent forth into these great needy fields. Those who are in the fields solicit an interest in your prayers that they may be able to prepare a people for His kingdom.

H. B. WESTCOTT.

Colporteur Institute

ON JANUARY 2, at 7:00 a. m., we left the city of Victoria and set out for Serra Pellada where we were to hold our colporteurs' institute. There were eleven of us. In Santa Theresa we took an omnibus with which Brother Carl Ost was awaiting us. After breakfast Brother Heinrich Stoehr suggested that we sing on our way and we gladly joined in the song. As we passed through villages many came to the door in order to listen to the gospel songs.

In Figueira we sang the hymn, "O Glorious Day" and this excited the curiosity of the people. Here we met three of our colporteurs. We continued singing until we reached the border of Serra Pellada where we joined in the song, "For Jesus I am happy to work."

On our arrival we were met by Brother Conrad Stoehr and wife who showed us our quarters for the time of the institute. We were divided among the brethren of the place, each taking two during the institute. We appreciated very much the readiness and kindness with which we were received.

On Sabbath we were privileged to hear a sermon by Brother H. G. Stoehr. We experienced the presence of God. In the afternoon the people gathered to hear some of our colporteur experiences, and Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock the institute opened.

Serra Pellada is a German church in the interior of the mission. We were surrounded with the deep quiet of nature, free from the whistle of the train, and the tramways. We seemed to be situated as were the schools of the prophets of old. All the colporteurs were attentive to the instruction given and always presented themselves on time.

Brother Benedicto Silveira of the union gave valuable instruction, as did also Brother H. G. Stoehr, the superintendent of the mission. We also received instruction from Brethren Emil Gutzeit and Conrad Stoehr. We had a wonderful institute, one of the best I have ever had the privilege of attending.

The meetings closed Friday noon. In the evening Brother Silveira preached to us, as well as during the service following the Sabbath school. Sabbath afternoon was given over to the telling of experiences. After this meeting we took leave of our dear believers, and early

the next morning took the omnibus for our fields of labor. A number of our people accompanied us and as a parting we sang, "God be with you till we meet again."

We thank the dear people who so kindly harbored us during the days of the institute and wish them the Lord's richest blessing.

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Itinerating in East Brazil

DURING the months of February and March it was my privilege to visit several of the mission stations in the East Brazil Union. Brother Schneider, the home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the union, accompanied me on all the trips.

Our first meeting was in Minas Gerães, at Belle Horizonte. Brother and Sister José dos Passos have been working there for about a year. A nice group of believers have been gathered together. While we were there eight persons were buried in baptism as a result of their labor. At present they are holding their meetings in a small hall in one of the suburbs of the city. There is an imperative need in this city for a central church as the brethren have no suitable place in which to worship God. It is hoped that during the year some steps may be taken for buying a property. While we were there special meetings were conducted for the church and the brethren consecrated themselves wholeheartedly to the Lord and His service. A splendid Bible reader's class was organized which will be conducted by Brother Passos.

From Belle Horizonte we went to a smaller city, Campo Bello, where we have a group of believers of about twenty-five members. We found them enthusiastic in the service of the Lord and were happy to learn that they were constructing a little chapel to stand as a memorial for the Lord in that place. No doubt it will be finished by the time you read this article. Also at this place the brethren were organized for definite missionary work. We believe this church will see results during the coming year because of the missionary work they are carrying forward.

From Campo Bello we went to Juiz de Fora where the mission office is located. We have a beautiful church building and a growing church membership at this headquarter. A colporteur institute was in session and we joined the group, doing all in our power to boost this important work. However, Sabbath

was dedicated to convention work in which the church heartily participated. Each night special meetings were held for the church, which were also well attended by the public.

The colporteur institute was under the leadership of Brother Silveira, the union field missionary secretary. Brother Davis, the director of the mission, accompanied us in our visits throughout his field. The Lord is blessing the work under his leadership and although he senses a great need for more laborers in his field, the prospects are bright for the future, for with the consecrated missionary membership the work will grow rapidly.

From Juiz de Fora we went to Rio de Janeiro, spending the Sabbath with the churches there. At present the Rio Mission is without a director, but the churches are under the leadership of competent elders who have a missionary vision. These men heartily joined us in our plans to lead the churches to greater faithfulness and more intensive missionary efforts.

On February 24 in company with Elders Westcott and Schneider and Brother Wissner, we left on a steamer for Pernambuco, where we arrived Sunday, the 29th. Brethren Westcott and Wissner continued on the steamer to Para to visit the Lower Amazon Mission and Brother Schneider and I remained at Pernambuco to visit this mission in behalf of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments. The day following we went by train to Natal. For some time this church has been without a worker, but just a few days before we arrived Brother Castellani had arrived from Sao Paulo to begin work in this place. The leader of this church is a faithful sister of more than 70 years. The next morning after arriving we called to see her but she was out, then we returned at a later hour and still failed to find her at home. In the evening we learned that she had been out all day selling small books. So you can see that she is a real missionary. She has been a real mother to the little flock. The church took hold in a strong way in the missionary plans presented. Here also a Bible reader's class was organized under the leadership of a local worker, and the members were happy for the prospect of being taught how to give Bible studies to their neighbors.

From Natal we went to the interior of Pernambuco and visited during the following week six churches and groups. At one of these places eight persons were baptized, entirely as a result of the home missionary efforts of our brethren. Our brethren in this region have suffered many hardships, as the past four

years have been continuous dry seasons. They have no wells, and depend upon the rain for their drinking water. Ponds are dug here and there, into which the water is drained and this is their only water supply. After standing for many months, the water is anything but inviting, but it is the best available to them. I was deeply impressed with the faithfulness of the brethren in this district and their loyalty. Although they are not blessed with this world's goods, they love the Lord and are working to teach the gospel to others. Elder Gustavo Storch, the director of the mission, accompanied us on this journey. The mission is growing under his careful leadership.

We ended our visit to this mission by spending several days in Recife. Here Brother Schneider organized a Bible reader's class of 23 members. The church also pledged itself to evangelize the city through the distribution of literature. We have two churches in the city, but they are both meeting in rented quarters. Plans are under way for building a much needed central church during this year. There is a splendid interest among a good class of people in the city and we hope that during the year there will be a large harvest of souls.

From Recife we went to Bahia by boat, where we met several nights in special meetings with the Bahia church. Brother Schneider continued with them after I left, conducting the Sabbath school and home missionary convention on the Sabbath. He will make a trip through the interior with Brother Juan Meier, the director of the mission, for there is a large number of interested people waiting for baptism throughout the mission. We should pray for the work in these northern missions. We have only touched the work there with the tips of our fingers. The larger cities should be earnestly worked, not only by strong efforts but also through the wise distribution of our literature. Although the membership of the mission is small and there are only a few workers, yet with each one consecrated for the winning of souls, the work is bound to advance. We believe that 1931 will mark a new epoch in the work of these missions.

R. R. BRETTIGAM.

Experiences from the Amazon

I HAVE told you something of the experiences of those who were sent to work among the Indians of the Amazon country, and now I want to tell you of one who was interested in the truth through the first missionary we sent, Brother J. L. Brown.

I am going to tell you of Pedro Bernardo. Brother Brown first met this man in the home of Brother Michiles. Brother Michiles and Brother Bernardo at that time were both seeking after the truth. Pedro Bernardo was on his way to the home of Michiles to study the Bible with him. On this occasion Brother Brown happened to be there. A long and continued Bible study was being given. Pedro on his arrival was invited to join in the study. He became more and more interested. His heart responded to the truth of the gospel message. Pedro became a member of the first Sabbath school organized in the heart of the Amazon.

Every Sabbath Pedro would come bringing as many of his family as possible, the journey was three hours in row boat.

In 1930 Pedro was baptized and shortly afterward entered the colporteur work. He now travels up and down the great Amazon rivers, paddling day after day his little canoe. He is a faithful, untiring worker. His sales are indeed small. The family must use great economy, but never a word of complaint comes from them. Their heart is in the work, and they long to save souls.

Not long ago he was traveling alone with night drawing on, when a launch came along, and according to Amazon custom he asked permission to tie on behind. There are sometimes fifteen or twenty row boats tied on behind a passing launch. There were a goodly number already tied on behind this one. Pedro tied on behind the last one and, being tired, soon fell asleep. On awakening he found his boat filled with water and sinking, his entire body was submerged in the water with only his eyes and nose protruding. His boat was fast going down. He at once sprang into the water, thinking that possibly he could swim along and empty the boat of the water it contained. However, the boat went down. The attention of the men in the launch was finally drawn toward Pedro and his canoe, and on stopping, all turned out to give a helping hand; the boat was raised. The books, although wet, were saved. Pedro's life was spared and he went on his way rejoicing. This man and his family are passing through privation, and difficulties of all kinds, yet they are happy in Jesus and His work.

Word now comes telling us of an English professor whom Pedro met away up one of those rivers. He sold the professor a book and told him of the joy that filled his own heart as a result of having accepted Jesus. The man is today keeping the Sabbath.

Dear young people, the seed you are sowing is bearing fruit. Is it not a joy

to have a part in such a soul-saving work? Pray for the Amazon.

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such a large company of Indians who had gathered, reminded me of the verse found in Isa. 35:1:

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."

Brother Serucama needs help for the enemies are doing all in their power to discourage the interested ones. It seems that Satan is determined to break down their work.

When we decided to return we found that our mission launch was already known by all the people living along these rivers, and it was quite difficult to continue our journey because of the many canoes filled with people who had come to meet us and plead that we return and teach them the Word of God.

In Contamaná, on the Ucayali river, we stopped to visit our flourishing mission where Brother Juan Remos is located. Brother Remos is the young man who accepted the message as a result of our work in the Perené Mission among the Campa Indians. We have an organized church at that place, and many were awaiting baptism. While making provisions for the baptism I was called before the authorities of the place, who prohibited me from performing this rite. They said the priest had prepared an attack on us if we did. We appealed to the authorities in Iquitos and they also refused us this privilege. Upon explaining to the chief officer that I would do nothing in violation to the laws of the country, he irritably asked:

"Who gave you permission to baptize?"

I told him that my authority was extended by our Saviour Jesus Christ and His church, and that I was an ordained minister. He then exclaimed:

"Then go and have it out with Jesus Christ."

"That I shall do," I replied, and left him.

There is a general interest for the Word of God in this large territory, to such an extent that the friars have become alarmed to find that their entrance into the country has diminished considerably during the past year.

Our courage is firm in the Lord because we know that this will result for good and for the advancement of His work. Experiences of this nature give us an opportunity to exercise our faith, which has already been greatly strengthened.

I wish to thank all our brethren for the interest manifested in this work and for the help we have received in this missionary launch. I plead with you to remember us in your prayers, and my desire is that God may bless you abundantly.

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Itinerating in the Amazon Basin

OUR first trip in the "Auxiliador," the new steam launch for our mission, was a complete success. We took medicine, literature and special provisions along, and traveled more than 2,400 kilometers down the Amazon and Ucayali rivers.

Our launch has only a two foot draught, which enables us to travel in very shallow water. We were able to visit Indian tribes who never leave their jungle homes along the source of many of the tributaries of these rivers.

It seemed marvelous to me that I could find so much comfort in those wilds. At night I rested in my hammock under a mosquito net stretched over a metallic frame, while the mosquitoes and other poisonous insects buzzed furiously outside.

The Conibos and Shisibos Indians gathered to see us. I had not visited them since 1925, at which time they earnestly pled that some one be sent to teach them about the "true God." The Catholic priests had made repeated attempts to establish themselves among the Indians, but without success. Always they were told: "We do not want you, but the Adventists, to settle among us." The perseverance of these Indian tribes attracted the attention of the white people living on the shores of the river, who communicated with me concerning the desires of the Indians. I am glad to be able to say that we have now sent our friend and faithful helper Rufino, an Aimari Indian, to begin missionary work among them.

Some distance away, on one of the tributaries of the Ucayali, I met Serucama and his wife Jerome. He is a Piro Indian and his wife is of the Campa tribe. They are the couple who followed us from the Perené Mission to Iquitos and remained three years with us, during which time they learned to read and write; then returned to the jungles to do self-supporting missionary work. The Lord has blessed them wonderfully in their work and I was able to baptize 47 while in that district. Their clean church hall and homes, and the sight of

Latter Rain Evidences

WE MAY experience business depressions, governments may become uncertain, the whole world may seem to be on the verge of destruction through the forces of evil, but nothing can stop the final and rapid triumph of this blessed third angel's message. Every day brings new evidences that we are living at the close of time and that soon this work will be finished.

Yesterday I had the privilege of getting some reports from our colporteur director, Brother Linares, and of visiting four families of interested people who have been found within the last few



Workers' and teachers' meeting, Juliaca Training School.

weeks by two faithful student colporteurs who have been working faithfully in this district.

The reports indicate that real interest has been manifested in the three towns along the coast. A short time ago a family of Adventists from Chile came to the port of Mollendo in search of work. They were faithful believers, and since they could not find any Adventists in the town, they began to look for people whom they could win. They became acquainted with a minister of another denomination and through him learned that there was a division in his group over some questions concerning their faith. This family began to give the truth as best they knew, and although not very well prepared, they were invited to lead out in the meetings of this group.

Soon one of our colporteurs who was working close by decided to go to Mollendo where he found this brother. He immediately began to give Bible readings to the interested ones, and called our colporteur director down to visit the group. A real interest was raised up. The minister said after having received several studies, "I am convinced that the whole law is spiritual and must be kept. I want more light on this question and am going to teach my people all I can." In a meeting soon afterward he gave a splendid sermon on the obligation of keeping the law of God.

One of our colporteurs came to a certain place to present his book. He was met at the door by a young lady who asked him if he were an "evangelista." The colporteur did not give a direct reply. The young lady continued to question him but without the desired results. Then the father of the young lady called from an adjoining room and said, "Tell him that if he is an 'evangelista' you will buy the book, and if he is not you do not want it." The colporteur was surprised to hear this, and made inquiry concerning their faith. He sold them a book and returned in the evening to give them a Bible study. As a result he found a group of four or five families who knew something about our faith and were very anxious for meetings. The owner of the hotel offered our brethren his large parlor furnished with chairs for meetings. We hope soon to be able to accept this offer.

And so the work goes on. God's work is not waiting for us. May He hasten that glad day when all the redeemed shall sing the song of praise and redemption to Him.

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The Uruguay General Meeting

FROM February 24 to 28 the Uruguay Mission held its regular annual meeting in their little chapel in Nueva Helvecia. The afternoon and evening services during this meeting were well attended, from 200 to 300 being present. Besides the workers from the Uruguay Mission, Brethren G. E. Emmenegger, S. C. Weber and the writer attended from the union, and Brother M. I. Fayard from the publishing house. The spirit of the Lord was present and there was a good response on the part of the brethren to the Bible studies and instruction given. It was surprising to see the large number of young people and children present. The churches in Uruguay have during recent years sent a goodly number of their young people to the college in Entre Rios. Some have graduated and are engaged in the work, while others are still studying, and there are large numbers yet to follow. On the last day of the meeting twelve of these young people offered themselves for baptism.

The Lord richly blessed the work in Uruguay during 1930 notwithstanding the fact that they were without a leader. The finances of the mission are in good condition. The literature sales amounted to \$11,407 (gold), which represents a gain of \$2,830 over the previous year. Their colporteurs were all present at the meeting and they returned to their fields determined to make 1931 a better year than 1930.

Several years ago a brother who was born and reared in Rivera, on the Brazilian border, accepted the truth at Santa Maria, Brazil. Having a burden for his own people who still live in Rivera, he returned about two years ago to his home town to see if he could win his family to the truth. He engaged in selling fruits and vegetables from door to door, and at the same time he talked the truth to the people, and gave them tracts. Soon an interest sprang up and as a result of his work, together with that of two colporteurs who during last year canvassed the town, fourteen have been baptized and many others are interested. Brother and Sister Marcelo Pidoux have gone there to follow up the interest.

Brother Ner Soto, who has acted as secretary and treasurer of the Uruguay Mission for about seven years, has been

appointed as director pro tem and Brother Silverio Peris of the union office has been called as secretary and treasurer of the Uruguay Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Miramontes, who for the past seven years have done faithful work in Uruguay, have just left for their homeland for a rest.

Let us pray for the success of the work in Uruguay.

N. Z. TOWN.

Evangelistic Work in Buenos Aires

IN HARMONY with the action of the General Committee, we have begun intensive and continuous evangelistic campaigns in the Buenos Aires Conference. Two evangelists are now located in the city of Buenos Aires and are experiencing success in their endeavors. The public meetings are held in theaters as we do not have any church buildings in the city as yet.

The necessity of an appropriate church building is so urgent that we have requested the Division Committee to authorize the modified plans that we had formerly drawn up, and permit us to build with what money we have in hand.

In the city of Bahia Blanca, Pastor Luorno is giving a new impulse to evangelism and is receiving the hearty cooperation of his church members. In two other cities, Junin and Tres Arroyos, we hope to organize new churches during this year. In both these places interest was awakened in the truth by colporteurs, who in addition to selling their books gave Bible studies to those manifesting an interest in things spiritual, and organized nucleus Sabbath schools.

During the first quarter of this year twenty-five people were added to the church by baptism. All the membership is animated to be more diligent in their missionary work and to make this year more fruitful in the salvation of souls.

The Florida church plans to construct its church and school building this year. They have bought the site and have a large part of the money in hand for the building. Until now it has been necessary for this church to hold its meetings in an old shed which formerly served as a workshop of the publishing house, and lacks all the accommodations needed in a church. The baptisms for the entire city have been celebrated in a small, antiquated, tank. We are very grateful to the Lord that soon we shall have a more appropriate place in which to worship the Lord.

A live interest is manifested throughout the conference in the increase in

circulation of our missionary paper, *El Atalaya*. Our goal is fifteen copies per member, or 10,000 per month for the conference.

The arrival of our new colporteur director, Brother Emilio Gmelin, was very opportune. The four weeks since he began his work shows a gain of almost one thousand pesos worth of orders over the previous month. We are urging the colporteurs to put in more hours in order to make up for the loss occasioned by the financial crisis in the country.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign has met with success. The Florida church, which has a goal of three hundred pesos more than last year, has already reached it. One of the churches in Buenos Aires has done better this year than ever before in its history.

Brother C. D. Christensen together with his wife raised \$1,138.50 (pesos) in the Harvest Ingathering this year. We greatly sense the loss to our conference in the transfer of Brother Christensen to the Chillán school in Chile.

The Adventist family in all the world is engaged in the speedy finish of the work of God on earth.

P. M. BROUCHY.
*President, Buenos Aires
Conference.*

On the Trail of the Colporteur

TO MY dismay I found that the town toward which I had traveled ten hours by train, was no town at all. It was a small village with nothing but huts. I thought to myself, "eight orders in this village would be a success." But when I started the following day and had worked an hour and a half without taking a single order, I thought, "even four orders would make me happy."

But man's extremity is God's opportunity. At the close of the day I had finished canvassing the village and taken twelve orders (valuing \$241 Argentine pesos). As I had to wait one day for a train, I visited the outskirts of the village where I took eight more orders. Thus, where I had hardly hoped to take four orders, twenty were received, amounting to a little over \$400.

In this district it gets very warm and the colporteurs often have to work at a temperature approaching 104°. There is no fountain water, but only rain water to drink. And as hygiene leaves much to be desired, frequently when asking for water some beings belonging to the fish kingdom can be seen in the glass.

Rainy days seem to be bathing days for children. As water is scarce they take advantage of the rain to take what

we would call a "shower" bath at that time.

I was happy to spend the Sabbath with some of our brethren. About twelve persons were present at the Sabbath school, six of whom were children, and they all knew their Morning Watch texts. But before we could begin the Sabbath school the chickens had to be taken out of the room as they were getting too noisy.

Although one finds things quite primitive here, the people are the same as in other places, and one may notice in them perhaps a little more clearly than in the more worldly-wise, their longing for something better.

P. E. WENSELL.
*Field and Home Missionary Secretary,
Alto Paraná Mission.*

Big Week Echoes

SPLENDID Big Week reports have come in from Uruguay. Brother Cayetano Ferri, the field missionary secretary of the mission, sold \$198.00 (gold) worth of books and turned in the \$99.00 profit to the Big Week fund. This amount helped the mission to pass its goal of \$300.00 very early during the campaign, even before many of the colporteurs turned in their Big Week profits. Brother Soto, the mission treasurer, says:

"Although we are without a head it seems that the other members of the body continue to function as though the head were not lacking. We are very grateful for the blessings received during this campaign."

Chile informs us that one colporteur sold \$1,000.00 (Chile money) worth of books during the Big Week and sent in \$500.00 to be applied on the conference goal. The colporteur director, Brother Arriagada, stated that he expected to have a good Big Week also.

From the Northeast Argentine Conference, only recently organized, Brother Weber, its former director, said that 133 small books were sold in only a few hours and that they more than doubled the amount of their goal.

And so the echoes have come in from the several conferences throughout the union.

H. F. BROWN.

THE pitcher of our human nature which was broken when Adam fell, may be put together again, but it will never have the true ring it had before it was broken. To regain that, it must be handed over to the Potter to be ground to powder and entirely reconstructed.—
Thomas Cook.

Austral Notes

SOON our work will be established in La Unión (Chile). Brother Turner says that there are five families in his neighborhood who are deeply interested in the truth. Mr. Francisco Fernández, although not an Adventist, is directing our work in that place.

BROTHER Pablo Mora, who is an earnest lay member, is dedicating a large part of his time to the work. At this writing he is holding a series of meetings in Carahue (Chile) as well as keeping in touch with our believers in Trovolhue. May the Lord reward the efforts of Brother Mora, which have been given so freely.

BROTHER Humberto Dal Santo writes from Cullinco (Chile) that a Sabbath school of 25 members has been organized on the ranch of Brother Cameron; and that 35 are enrolled in the Indian day school. There are several who are awaiting baptism in that place.

ON SABBATH, October 4, six persons were baptized in the little stream that flows through San Felipe. Four of these were from San Felipe and two were from Los Andes. These converts were the result of the faithful work of Brother Block.

The Chillan Church

OUR school in Chile is located about ten kilometers from the beautiful city of Chillán, in the "Fundo Mariposa," and ever since its establishment the membership has had a definite interest in the city of Chillán. The loyal Leiba family have kept the torch of truth shining in the city for many years, and the school has sent capable students over to conduct series of evangelistic lectures.

During the years 1927 and 1928 the students assisted their teachers in holding meetings for the public and as a result they baptized between twenty and thirty during that time. One of these converts wrote the following when sending a picture of their church building to the office.

"You cannot imagine how happy we are for the knowledge of this blessed truth. Every day we thank the Lord for the message He has sent to us, and for the faithful brethren who have taught us. We pray that we may remain faithful until that glad day when Christ will come to take His children to the heavenly mansions. Every Sunday we sell *El Atalaya* with good success. Yesterday we went to a nearby town where we sold considerable literature. It is our desire to remain faithful until the end."

HENRY F. BROWN.

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Home Nursing Class, Santiago, Chile

ON RETURNING to Chile in December after my furlough in the States, I realized more than ever the needs of our people here along the lines of hygiene, sanitation and simple treatments. After considering the matter, I decided to try organizing a small class and see what the results would be. An announcement was made in the church and soon a number of sisters made application to join the class, and a real interest was shown from the very beginning.

A course of 24 lessons was planned, consisting of a review on Physiology and Anatomy, Disease Prevention, Health Preservation, Care of Bedroom, Taking Respirations, Pulse and Temperature, Symptoms of Disease, Simple Water Treatments, Accidents and Emergencies, Physical Culture.

Prayer was offered at the beginning of the class session. Different members of the class took turn in being the patient. After demonstrating and explaining the treatments, the class then practiced on each other, thus they learned by practical work. A deep interest was manifested by each member.

In harmony with the instruction given by the Medical Department of the General Conference, it was understood by the class that they were not trained as nurses. Uniforms are not worn. Each member provided herself with a large white apron. A matriculation fee was charged.

An interest has been awakened among the ladies of the church and some are asking when another class will be organized. Different members of the class have already begun to treat the sick among the church members. My purpose in starting this work is that the lay

members of the church may learn how to care for the human body in sickness as well as in health; to be better wives and mothers and real missionaries among their neighbors.

This course will be followed by a short course in Diet and Healthful Cooking. I plan on conducting these classes in each large church in Chile.

Mrs. W. W. WHEELER.

Chile Camp Meeting

IN THE Spirit of prophecy we read the following:

"Properly conducted, the camp meeting is a school where pastors, elders, and deacons can learn to do more perfect work for the Master. It should be a school where the members of the church, old and young, are given opportunity to learn the way of the Lord more perfectly, a place where believers can receive an education that will help them to help others."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 49.*

"Our general workers and our brethren and sisters in every conference should remember that one of the objects of our annual gatherings is that all may gain a knowledge of practical methods of personal missionary work."—*Id., Vol. IX, p. 81.*

"At some of our camp meetings, strong companies of workers have been organized to go out into the city and its suburbs to distribute literature and invite people to the meetings. By this means hundreds of persons were secured as regular attendants during the last half of the meeting who otherwise might have thought little about it."—*Id., Vol. VI, p. 36.*

In planning the program for the meeting recently held in Santiago, Chile, Pastor Schubert, the conference president, arranged for two hours a day to be devoted to instruction on missionary work and the duties of church officers. In harmony with the methods studied for missionary work, some of which are quoted above, all the workers went out to put in practice the plans that had been presented, an experienced worker accompanying one of less experience. They solicited Harvest Ingathering funds the first day they were out. Another day they distributed tracts and announcements of the meetings, and the third day they sold *Atalayas*.

As a result of the invitations and tracts distributed no less than one hundred persons attended the services for the first time. Many copies of *El Atalaya* were sold, and an encouraging sum was gathered in the Harvest Ingathering fund. The plans presented from the Spirit of prophecy proved successful when carried out in their camp meeting.

Our brethren received fresh experiences and had new plans to suggest to their fellow workers when they returned to their several churches throughout the conference.

HENRY F. BROWN,
Home Missionary and Publishing Department Secretary, Austral Union.

Division Notes

AT THE close of the year the South American Division had 19,546 members, grouped into 201 churches. Only 93 of the churches have their own church buildings.

THE enrolment in the 65 church schools, 77 Indian schools, and four advanced schools in the Division last year was 5,946, in which 210 teachers were employed.

LITERATURE amounting to \$240,029.28 was delivered in the homes in South America during 1930 by the 229 colporteurs employed in this noble work, who reported 250,437 hours of service.

THE 19,546 members in South America reported 83,246 missionary visits made, 62,552 Bible readings given, and 666,627 papers and tracts distributed during the year 1930.

ELDER N. P. Neilsen arrived at the Division office Friday, April 3. He remained at headquarters only a few hours, leaving the city Sunday noon in company with Elder N. Z. Town, the Austral Union president. Elder Neilsen is on his way to Brazil via the Alto Paraná Conference, where he attended an annual meeting. He plans to locate Buenos Aires the middle of May.

ELDER R. R. Breitigam returned to Buenos Aires March 27 from an extended trip through the East Brazil Union, where he joined Brother C. C. Schneider, Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretary for the union, in convention work.

PROFESSOR W. E. Murray, Educational, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath School secretary of the Austral Union Conference, arrived in Buenos Aires Friday, April 3, to assume his new duties.

PROFESSOR A. W. Peterson returned on Friday, March 27, from an extended visit through the Inca Union and the Chile Conference.

MR. AND MRS. P. H. Barnes, together with Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Graybill, left on the s. s. "Monte Sarmiento" April 29 for the United States on their furlough. We wish for them a Bon Voyage and a safe return.