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The Grandest Enterprise of All

THERE are many noble business enterprises in this world. There are philanthropic organizations that are doing much for the uplifting and betterment of humanity. There are benevolent societies that are spending large sums of money to relieve suffering and distress. These surely are doing a noble work, worthy of honor and sincere appreciation, and far be it from us to depreciate the devotion and sacrifice that men and women have displayed in undertaking many of these noble enterprises.

But there is one work that overshadows them all, one enterprise that is without parallel in all the undertakings in which man has participated. It is the foreign missions enterprise, the carrying of the gospel message of hope and salvation to the lost. This is the grandest enterprise of all. I do not say that this is the *greatest* enterprise if measured by money values alone; but it is the *grandest* one of all. It is the enterprise that will yield the greatest return in peace of heart, joy of soul and life eternal, which after all are worth infinitely more than any money value that can be produced.

The origin of this enterprise is divine. It towers above all other enterprises. Christ is the commissioner. He gave the command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." He lifts this enterprise up unto a divine plane, and he assures us of His divine presence all the way. He says: "Lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world." Thus His divine presence accompanies

this enterprise and His "all power" is imparted to it.

Then, too, this foreign mission enterprise is a world-wide one. It goes to every nation under heaven. From the frozen regions of the arctic zone to the most southerly inhabited place, and from the farthest east to the farthest west, its claim is equally shared. It goes to the darkest jungles of the torrid zone and to the far-flung isles of the southern seas. It pushes far beyond the bounds of civilization, to tribes where neither men nor women wear one stitch of clothes whatsoever. It goes in among the most savage of men to carry the tidings of life and love.

Scientific enterprises may be conducted with educational or philanthropic motives impelling them to press forward, and demanding the very best of those who conduct them; but a greater and grander motive than even these is impelling the foreign mission enterprise to go forward with its task. Its impelling power is the love of God for the salvation of the lost. It leads men and women to go to the darkest parts of earth with the message of love. It leads them to willingly suffer inconveniences and privations that they may bring peace and joy to others. It leads them to count no hardship too great if they can but help some other soul in need. It leads them to gladly lay down their lives, if need be, to advance this the grandest of all enterprises.

And does it pay for us to invest in

this, the grandest of all enterprises? The Rockefeller Foundation Institute is a great enterprise. It has been the means of saving many lives from an untimely grave in the different parts of the world. It has brought medical knowledge and skill to the benefit of the suffering. But there is a still grander enterprise than this, the foreign mission enterprise, the grandest of them all. Let Doctor Simon Flexner, head of the Rockefeller Institute Research give us his view on this matter. Some years ago, upon returning from a tour of missionary investigation in the Far East, on which he was sent by the Rockefeller Foundation, he made the following significant report:

"There is no organization in the world, either philanthropic, or business, which is getting as large returns out of the money it spends as the various Boards of Foreign Missions."

Thus in giving of our means for the support and extension of the foreign mission enterprise, we need not have any doubt as to the worthiness and fruitfulness of the undertaking. It is the grandest of them all for it is of God. It will bring us the greatest returns of any for it works not alone for that which perisheth, but for that which will endure eternally. It is impelled by the grandest motive of all, the love of God for the lost. It is supported by the greatest power there is, the "all power" that was committed to Christ. It can know no defeat for the spirit that actuated Livingstone when he said, "I will open a path into the interior or perish," is impelling its messengers to push forward.

Today, in this time of crisis, there are wonderful opportunities before us.

The providences of God are beckoning us onward. We must go forward. The appeals that come to us must not fall upon deaf ears. It is well worth while to invest in this, the grandest enterprise of all, in which humanity has ever been engaged.

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Overcoming Difficulties

"WHERE there is a will there is a way." Just so it was with Helen Keller, the blind girl, who has now become one of the twelve most famous women of North America.

Recently she visited King Alexander I of Yugoslavia and during the conversation he leaned forward and said, as reported in the January "Good Housekeeping," "I have known you for many years, Miss Keller. I have read your books with deepest interest. It is difficult for me to conceive of how you have accomplished all that you have. And the greatest mystery to me is how Mrs. Macy first began to teach you; how you learned to read lips and to speak. I should consider it the greatest privilege if you would show me your methods."

Then Miss Keller says: "So many people ask the same thing, and I always like to satisfy their curiosity, for by so doing I am taken back to those days long ago when the dark, soundless world in which I lived was lighted and brought close to me through the systems of communication and contact I have learned; particularly that most important day of all when Anne Sullivan came to teach me as a child of seven.

"So we demonstrated to King Alexander how I learned my first word in the manual language of the deaf. That word was 'doll.' My teacher had brought to my home a doll. The toy delighted me; and after I had played with it a while, Teacher spelled into my hand the letters d-o-l-l. This finger-play interested me, and I began immediately to imitate it.

"At that time I had no idea of the meaning of these finger motions, and I learned to spell many other words without realizing their significance. For instance, I confused 'mug' and 'water,' until one day when Teacher placed my hand under the well spout and spelled the word water in one hand while the cool water poured over the other. Then, almost in a flash,

the mystery of language was revealed to me, and I realized that for every object there was a name which was represented to me by motions of the hand.

"King Alexander looked on fascinated as we explained the process and several times he explained:

'C'est merveilleux!'

"But he was perhaps even more interested in how I learned to talk, although I had not heard a sound since I was stricken dumb as an infant. We demonstrated my first lessons, in which I began to distinguish vocal sound, not by hearing, but by feeling the position of the tongue and lips of the speaker and imitating them. We also gave a demonstration of lip reading, showing how I place a thumb on the throat and allow my fingers to rest lightly on the lips of the speaker."

Now let us read what she says about herself in another of her many writings:

"All my life I have struggled with a triple handicap of deafness, blindness and imperfect speech. The struggle has taught me some precious truths that have brought me happiness. It has also helped me to understand the problem of other people who have unusual disadvantages to overcome. . . . Without doubt, the overcoming of limitations develops the qualities we admire most in man—patience, sympathy, courage, and magnanimity. The great and good of all times and places bear witness to the potency of struggle in forming character. For character is like the fire within the flint—latent until it is struck out of stone. Observing the flint stone, who would think it contained the possibility of light? And so it is with the dark experiences of life. When they are met with courage, they give out sparks of spiritual light.

"I can work with heart and mind and soul only when I realize that I shall gain spiritual strength by conquering obstacles. In the light of this belief, almost every situation in life offers opportunity for effort and even happiness. To face disaster with cheerful courage and faith is an achievement in itself, and an enduring triumph. . . . With each victory we win, we push forward a little the frontier of achievement. . . . I have come to the conclusion that we gain from life opportunity and happiness in

proportion to the qualities of mind and heart we put into it."

I need not lengthen this article because you are now wondering how a person who for a lifetime of over 40 years has struggled with total blindness and deafness, could possibly speak with such courage. We wonder how she learned to talk without hearing, how she learned of things without seeing, and how she learned to write and read. It is as King Alexander I of Yugoslavia exclaimed several times, "It is a marvel!"

Through Miss Keller's efforts and persistent work many schools for the blind have been established and much literature has been printed to help the sightless. She has also become a popular author of articles and books for those who have their eyesight.

What an example of overcoming difficulties! We who are blessed with eyes and ears and a good control of the voice, should never "faint in well doing." Indeed, as Jesus said: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint" when difficulties, perhaps mountain high, seem to block our way in these times of world-wide trouble. "Let us find a way or make one."

Speaking of our colporteur missionaries and their work in times of difficulty, Mrs. E. G. White gave the following encouraging message: "The work of the colporteur is elevating and will prove a success if he is honest, earnest, and patient, steadily pursuing the work he has undertaken. His heart must be in the work. He must rise early and work industriously, putting to proper use the faculties that God has given him. Difficulties must be met. If confronted with unceasing perseverance, they will be overcome. The worker may continually be forming a symmetrical character. Great characters are formed by little acts and efforts." J. L. BROWN.

"God tries the faith of His people to test their character. Those who in times of emergency are willing to make sacrifices for Him are the ones whom He will honor with a partnership in His work. Those who are unwilling to practice self-denial in order to carry out God's purposes, will be tested, that their course may appear to human eyes as it appears to the eyes of Him who reads the heart."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 104.

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"Our Hopes are in God"

IN SPITE of adverse conditions the work in the Peru Mission is onward. The year 1931 was the best in its history. More books and papers were sold, more baptisms were registered and greater activity was manifested along other lines. This year began well, but it has had several reverses.

First, our evangelistic efforts in Lima and Callao were barely begun when Brother Henry Westphal was taken ill and had to drop his work. It seemed best that he take a much-needed rest and recuperate before entering into another active campaign. He was accordingly voted a furlough and left for the United States the 6th of April. Two weeks later Brother Field became ill and is still at the time of this writing in a state of convalescence. Two workers short in our already too small force leave us with a great handicap. The absence of the union superintendent leaves a gap that others have to fill so the visits to the various mission fields by the union workers have been lessened that much. Nevertheless there are encouraging signs as we see added burdens cheerfully borne and willing hands extended to help.

One note of progress in this mission is the building of our much-needed church in Lima. For many years services have been held in a small hall in what was formerly a dwelling house of such uncertain age that its appearance would naturally give a very unfavorable impression. There has been no room for expansion and as a result there has not been the growth that should have been seen in this city. At last our long-deferred hopes are about to be realized. In the month of January of this year the work was begun and now the building is well along, the walls up, the roof on and the interior finish begun.

The main building has a large meeting room of eleven by fifteen meters with two class rooms at the front alongside of the corridor entrance, over which there is a gallery that will seat 120 persons in the event of a large

attendance. At the rear are two rooms that will serve for school rooms or as the children's department in the Sabbath school. Above these there is being built a commodious apartment for the pastor's residence. Sufficient unoccupied ground still remains on the lot for an office building with living rooms above. Until this can be built the pastor's apartment will serve temporarily for offices.

It has been a source of satisfaction to see the enrollment of students at our training school reach almost the same figure as last year, in spite of predictions to the contrary. Economic difficulties have prevented some from coming, but others have taken their place. A spirit of earnestness and enthusiasm prevails in the school and the moral and intellectual standards have never been better. A better force of teachers mans the faculty and the prospects for trained workers from our school are better than ever.

The country is in the throes of financial and political distress, but our valiant colporteurs have never wavered. Sales have not been so large as last year, but the percentage of deliveries is better. One can but honor the faith and courage of our men at these times. Several students earned enough during the summer months to meet their expenses during the school year and some of those are continuing their colporteur work during the hours when not in classes.

Last month Brother and Sister Schaeffler returned from their furlough and are again at work among the Campas in the Perene region. A recent visit revealed the good work that brethren Leon and Condori have been doing. Brother Leon is in charge of the old Metraro Mission and had 250 Campas under his care in the harvest on one of the large *haciendas*. Instead of letting them drift away alone during this season to meet all kinds of temptations, he stays with them, conducting worship in the different camps, holding Sabbath services with them and protecting them from any contaminating influence that might come among them.

Brother Condori has been looking after the work in the Sutseque Mission during Brother Schaeffler's absence. Aside from teaching school, under his direction a new school house has been built and an excellent field has been

cleared out of the jungles for the landing of airplanes. The mission is near the regular route of the planes flying to Iquitos and at a point where the cold air currents of the high sierras meet the warm currents ascending from the Amazon region, causing sudden and severe storms that prevent the planes reaching the terminal base when returning from Masisea, compelling them to turn back after having flown more than two hours. Now in case of storms or accident there is a place where the planes may land in safety, wait until storms pass, and then continue to the San Ramon base instead of going back. What advantage is this to the mission? Only those who have been there can fully appreciate what it means. During six months of the year the missionaries were completely isolated from the outside world as the high water during the rainy season makes travel by canoes, the only transportation possible, out of question. When the water is low it takes from three to four days to make the round trip with the hardest kind of work and occasional dangers. For having made this emergency landing field we have the free use of the airplanes at any time that we wish to enter or come out, and the round trip can be made in fifty minutes of flying time. Not only is there a great saving of time, but in case of need, illness or other reasons, all that is necessary is to give a prearranged signal when the planes fly over on the regular route and a plane will be sent to give whatever service may be needed. What a relief for the missionary's wife, alone for weeks at a time, when her husband is visiting tribes far away from home, to know that sure and immediate relief will come if needed! Surely the Lord has given us favor with men and the mission has been located in a strategic place, for another place for a landing field is not to be found anywhere near there.

Many interesting items of progress might be mentioned. Suffice it to say that we are of good courage and continually there present themselves to us greater possibilities in the work in this mission. The needs are overwhelming and the resources limited, but this only spurs us on to greater efforts to meet them.

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How "The Right Arm" of our Message Works

THE medical missionary work has always been considered as the right arm of the three-fold message. Sometimes we have not given that right arm the opportunity to exercise as we should have done, especially in these South American republics. But in spite of handicaps the Lord is blessing the medical work in South America.

The Sanatorio Adventista del Plata, located in this conference, at Puiggari, Entre Rios, Argentina, is doing a splendid work. It is the only sanitarium we have in the Austral Union, which includes the republics of Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay. As missionaries we are very grateful also to have a place to go to in case of sickness.

Doctor Habenicht was the founder of the sanitarium. He worked untiringly many years, and the Lord blessed his efforts. In the early days there were no doctors for many miles around. After the native medical schools turned out national doctors, the status of the medical work in Argentina was changed. Hospitals, sanitariums and private doctors began practising in all directions around the sanitarium. For some time the outlook for the institution was dark.

When Doctor Habenicht became sick, he was replaced by a young doctor, Carlos Westphal, the son of the first ordained minister in South America, Frank Westphal. He is a graduate of the medical university of Santiago, Chile. He, Doctor Replogle, his assistant; O. E. Maxson, the business manager; and others urged that what the sanitarium needed was to get more equipment, improved rooms, better service, etc., so as to be able to compete with the other institutions that were functioning in the neighborhood. But there was no money. Where shall we get the funds? was the important question. But there was another question much more important, and that was, shall we close the sanitarium or shall it continue? Some suggested

that it be turned into a department of the Colegio Adventista del Plata, located at the same place. But the Lord took care of that right arm.

The sanitarium staff got under the load and began to sell credit tickets, which in turn could be used at the sanitarium on treatments with the instruments they expected to buy with the money obtained through the credit tickets. This campaign proved to be a complete success. In a short time thousands of pesos were raised. The necessary equipment was bought and other improvements made. The patronage began to increase at once. In a short time the institution was so crowded that every bed was occupied. New beds were bought and other arrangements were made to accommodate the patients. The men nurses gave up their beds and slept on the massage tables in the treatment rooms. Well, it was just marvelous. The Lord was pleased to turn a seeming failure into a great success.

Besides treating the sick and giving the weary missionaries a place to recuperate, it has trained many nurses, who are in medical missionary work all over the South American Division. Many of our leading native workers in Peru and Bolivia have received their training at the sanitarium. Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay also have workers who received their training at this institution.

The Central Argentine Conference has received thousands of pesos in tithes, offerings and Harvest Ingathering donations due to its influence. This year it was very difficult to raise money in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, but the sanitarium manager alone raised over 500.00 pesos.

This year a new sanitarium was built by an organization here in the city of Parana, a few blocks from our conference office. That organization wants *only* Adventist nurses. The other day I visited the institution. The leading doctors of Parana bring their patients there for operations and then turn them over to our nurses and give them orders to take care of them just as they were taught to do at the Sanatorio Adventista.

On Sabbath the manager gives the nurses the same privileges they receive in our own institutions. They need to do no cleaning, nor cooking, on that day, only to wait upon the sick as the needs may require. Operations that

are not absolutely necessary are being postponed until the evening after the Sabbath or Sunday. Just a few days ago a doctor wanted to operate on the Sabbath, but the manager said that he had Adventist nurses and they do not work on that day except on urgent cases. The doctor willingly postponed the operation.

A Catholic lady came in the other day and asked the manager why he did not employ Catholic sisters to take care of the sick. He answered with firmness: "Lady, the sisters are hid hunder a black garb, but these Adventist nurses are on the outside what they are on the inside." The lady did not have anything more to say. Today she too is convinced that these Adventist nurses are what the manager told her they were.

Through the influence of the doctors the men nurses have received their recognition from the government, so that they can practise as nurses anywhere in the province. So the right arm of the message is still functioning. Man proposes but God disposes. May the medical missionary work penetrate many hearts in this great South American continent and bring them to a full knowledge of the truth.

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ELDER John L. Brown of the South American Division Publishing Department, who has been attending the annual colporteur institutes in Rio de Janeiro, Campinas, Bahia and Recife, called at the union office on his way back to Buenos Aires. He reported that they have had very good institutes and that the boys are taking hold of the work in the right spirit. We are sure that the help and counsel given by Elder Brown has been appreciated by all who were present at the various places and we believe that our union sales for 1932 will be above the ones of last year. Reports which have come in so far show an increase over last year's sales. This increase is not due to a betterment in the present

crisis but to a deeper consecration and confidence in the power of God.

While Elder Brown has sailed for the south, Brother Benedicto Silveira, our valiant leader in the work of the Publishing Department has continued his voyage north for another five or six days. There is a large territory awaiting our colporteurs in the Amazon district and in order to hold an institute for the colporteurs in the states of Para and Amazonas, Brother Silveira directed his steps toward Belem, where a few fearless men of the printed page united to receive help in salesmanship as well as encouragement in listening to the experiences of their fellow laborers, showing God's wonderful leadings.

Our Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary, Brother J. D. Hardt, is fast getting acquainted with his new territory. After spending a number of weeks in the Rio-Espirito Santo Mission visiting church schools and giving his counsel in this most important work, he made a short trip into the state of Minas Geraes to Caparao, where we have a goodly number of members and an organized church school, which we are sure will prove to be a blessing to the children of that vicinity. There is a fine church and school building in a good location. Brother Hardt has now proceeded on his first visit to Bahia and the other states in the Northeast Mission, and we are sure that he will find great needs for our educational work.

Every time one of the union laborers makes a trip through the length of the union, we realize the immensity of the field. Brother Benedicto Silveira began on the 15th of January with his colporteur institutes. He has been holding institutes in all the missions and spending some time after each institute with the colporteurs in the field. He has ended up at the mouth of the Amazon in the city of Belem and we were privileged to have him back the 15th of May. This is just a four-month trip. Elder Westcott, who left for the Amazon district will be gone for three months, stopping only at two missions. We thank the Lord for protecting our coworkers on such long trips and for the blessings they receive from His hands which enables them to make the sacrifice, and leave the comforts of home life and be absent from their families.

U. WISSNER.

Colporteur Institute held in Belem, Para, Brazil early part 1932.



Faithfulness in Crisis

WE HEAR much these days about the crisis and its effect on the work of God. No one can deny that there exists a real crisis, but it seems that some of our churches in the East Brazil Union Mission are meeting the crisis in the right way. I noticed on my trip through the Pernambuco Mission that in many places people were starving to death, and one worker told me that we have quite a number of members there, who because of the drought have not harvested anything for four years, and that they are living on roots that they dig in the woods.

In a recent letter from Brother Juan Meier, the director of the Bahia Mission, he says: "Until recently our Thirteenth Sabbath offering never exceeded 100 *milreis* here in the church in the capital, but last quarter we reached 162 *milreis* and for this quarter we have a goal of 200 *milreis*."

One of the most interesting items that has come to my attention for some time is regarding the gifts of the Sabbath school in Victoria, the headquarters of the Rio-Espirito Santo Mission. While the Mission as a whole shows a heavy loss both in tithes and offerings, due to the fact that a large part of our membership in that field are farmers, and because of the low prices, they are holding their products, this little church with a membership of only twenty three is doing the seemingly impossible this year.

If all our people were as liberal as this little church, there would be no lack in this time. May the Lord pour out upon all of us the spirit of liberality that His work may soon be finished.

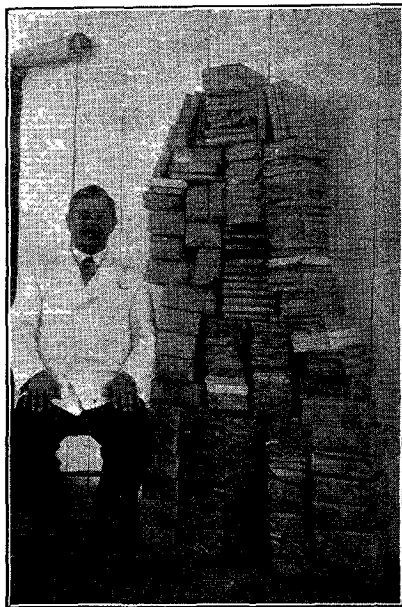
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The Great Amazon is Part of World Field

"I AM bidden to say to our publishing houses: 'Lift up the standard; lift it up higher. Proclaim the third angel's message, that it may be heard by all the world. Let it be seen that "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" Rev. 14: 12. Let our literature give the message as a witness to all the world.'"—"Testimonies" vol. IX, p. 61.

It is evident that our truth-filled literature will take a prominent part in evangelizing the world, and especially in proclaiming the third angel's message. Take for example the Amazon region. Other denominations have worked there for years. The state of Para has dozens of evangelical churches scattered over its vast territory. The city of Belem has already over one thousand members of one evangelical church alone. But this is not enough. The Lord desires His sincere and truth-loving followers to know the Eternal Gospel and prepare for His coming. So in these last days He sends His messengers with the truth for this time. Since the task is great and the laborers few, God is using the most rapid and economical and efficient way of reaching the millions of people even in the mighty Amazon region. Yes, since the Amazon is a part of the world and happens to be in the territory of our Brazilian publishing house, it behooves its workers to "lift up the standard" of truth in North Brazil.

Recently an interesting institute was held in Belem. Workers were trained to carry the printed page from door to door. Brother Silveira, East Brazil Publishing Department secretary, after



Colporteur Andres Gedrath with the books "Return of Jesus," which he delivered in Manaus, Brazil, in 1931.

holding the institute for his colporteurs and recruits in the Lower Amazon Mission, says:

"I distributed the territory to the colporteurs and then helped two sisters make their start in Belem. We went from house to house taking subscriptions for "O Atalaia" in combination with the little cookbook. In a very short time we took a number of subscriptions and the new colporteurs continued with good courage. We look for a good work to be done by these sisters. Then I took two more new recruits and initiated their work in Manaus. When they have finished Manaus they will canvass all the smaller towns down the river."

In the accompanying picture of the colporteur institute you may appreciate Elder Halliwell's effort to organize a strong group of literature workers. He has a good start. Pioneer Andre Gedrath, who stands to your left in the picture, has enjoyed wonderful success in selling our literature and in winning souls to the truth. In Manaus alone, in a few weeks, he delivered some 220 "Return of Jesus." May God bless the literature ministry even in the most neglected portions of the "neglected continent" because it is also a large portion of the "land of opportunity," where as yet the gospel has not been proclaimed. J. L. BROWN.

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A Word from the Araguaya

WE RECEIVE but few letters a year from the Araguaya; there is a reason for this. Our mission station located on the Araguaya river is located in one of the isolated places, far away from civilization, and therefore difficult to reach by mail. It is located in the jungles among the Indians who grow up as do the beasts of the forest, they know little or nothing of the white man and his civilized ideas, or of his way of dressing. They know nothing of God and His love for man.

Our school at the mission station is doing a great deal of good. Indians are learning to read and write and to wear clothing. God is blessing in the instruction given by our consecrated teachers, Ernesto Bergold and wife. There are about 20 students in attendance this year, the most of which are children, yet there are some older boys in the school at present. Because of the hold that heathen superstition has upon the Indian boys and girls it is hard for them to break away and attend school.

One young man, Antonio Pereira, a Brazilian who has attended our school for two years, is now opening up work farther down the river. In a letter just recently received from him he states that he was then in the home of a certain chief named Domingo. To reach there he and another young man had made their way down the river in a little row boat, passing through many perils. He said that as they passed the dangerous places they thought of the experiences of Paul. They were sleeping at night in the open and in territory infested with wild beasts and savage Indians. To get to the home of chief Domingo he with another man walked into the forest and across the swamps for fourteen hours, arriving there at 3 o'clock in the morning. Naturally they were tired and weary, but were given a hearty welcome. They spent several days in the home of the chief, reading and studying the Word of God with him.

He taught them to sing "Meu Deus me ama" "God loves me." They sat together till way in the night singing over and over that song and after singing, the Indians would say *auria* which means good. These poor naked Indians, with skin tanned by the tropical suns and their minds steeped in ignorance are just now beginning to learn of the love of Jesus and they respond heartily.

May God help us to take a deeper interest in their welfare and in their salvation. It is wonderful how He can take these poor Indians and make them into His own dear children, and fit them for a place in His eternal kingdom.

At the time of writing Antonio and another young man were working until late every night felling trees and making lumber for the construction of a house among these Indians. May God bless this young man and his family as they move there to open up the work in this new place. They will be from 15 to 20 days' distance from any place of civilization, alone among the wilds. May God ever be by their side is our earnest prayer. We can have a part in this real missionary endeavor by our prayers and through our offerings. E. H. WILCOX.

Entire Population of Earth Now Reads

THE SAVAGES in the jungles of South America, Africa, Australia and the islands of the sea now read. The heathen though living in spiritual darkness, now read. The unfortunate peasant in the backwoods of Catholic countries now read. The Eskimos of the frozen north and the dwellers on the wind-swept island of *Tierra del Fuego*, now read.

But what do people read? They may not be reading the newspapers, magazines, novels, law or religious books. In fact, there are millions scattered in every portion of earth who cannot read the alphabet invented by man. But they do read. There are millions of others who can read the writings of men but who do not care to read. They are either too busy, too lazy, too ignorant, or too superstitious and self-satisfied to read. There are still others who read and do not feel impressed by the message they read or do not understand what they read as

in the case of the eunuch on his way to Gaza when he met Philip, the evangelist.

Yes, every inhabitant on this old world can read. The babe in its mother's arms reads the message of love expressed in its mother's eyes. It reads and knows when mother is happy and when mother is cross. The children of every size read the desire and even the intentions of their superiors. The same is true among savages and the illiterate. But everybody reads. Therefore there are millions upon millions of people in the world today who will never read anything about the gospel of Jesus except that which they read in the Christian. The Christian layman, the missionary, the gospel preacher and colporteur are read as open letters. The motives, the actions and the entire life is read by the entire world. No one is too busy, too lazy, too ignorant, too superstitious or self-satisfied to read the actions that make up the life of his professedly Christian neighbor. The child, the pagan, the savage, the ignorant and superstitious are all impressed with their readings. They either are influenced for or against the gospel by what they have read.

The apostle Paul tells us that "God hath set forth us . . . for we are made a *spectacle* (theater) unto the world, and to angels, and to men." 1 Cor. 4: 9. "Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men. Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart." 2 Cor. 3: 2, 3.

"Ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ" and when this epistle is known and read of all men, by every kindred, tongue and people, for a witness in all nations, then shall the end come. Math. 24: 14.

Seeing then, and knowing that all of the world's inhabitants now read, and that we are known and read of all men, what manner of persons ought we to be in holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God? 2 Pet. 3: 11, 12. J. L. BROWN.

"BE SURE that God ne'er dooms to waste the strength He deigns impart."
—Selected.

Follow the Copy

HERE is a schoolboy's copybook. At the top of each page we notice that there are some words, or a sentence, which the schoolboy is supposed to copy. He is to copy these again and again until the whole page is covered. We observe that generally his first line on the page is written better than the rest. Why is this? Oh, because instead of keeping his eye on the copy, he looks at his own writing and copies his own mistakes, and the more so as he gets farther and farther away from the original. He should keep his eye on the copy at the top of the page.

Thus it is with us in our Christian life. Christ is our copy. He is the perfect pattern, and we are to follow Him day by day. We must keep our eyes upon the copy. If we begin to look at our own lives or at the lives of others around us we will be likely to recopy our own mistakes or those of others. Our only safety lies in keeping our eyes upon the Pattern, and following Him.

N. P. NEILSEN.

The Door to Wider Achievement

TIMES are hard and money is scarce, but there is always room at the top. Those who now use their spare hours in definite preparation for more efficient work in their own particular field of labor, will presently be glad they spent their time and money in this way. Education, of the practical kind that leads to definite service, is always worth the sacrifice of time and convenience and the small amount of money that it costs. The Home Study Institute is receiving test papers from students ranging all the way from the 8th grade through the high school grades and through a large part of the college course. We also give many mothers instruction that enables them to take their children through the first three grades of the church school. We are glad to hear from men and women and boys and girls who desire to make something of themselves. Let us help you in your forward-looking plans.

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"When I Put Forth an Effort"

A BRAVE missionary of the printed page is Sister Maria Correa. For more than eleven years she has been working faithfully and consecratedly in this cause. From year to year she seems to be happier and more satisfied. A colporteur institute in the Rio-Minas Gerres Mission without her presence would be incomplete.

Every year she sells thousands of *Atalaias*. She has her certain clients and constantly looks out for and fishes for new regular customers. These await her or one of her companions every month. Many times the customers say: "But you have trained a good crew of sellers!" For Sister Maria takes recruits with her to teach.

Sister Maria sells every month from 600 to 800 *Atalaias*. She told in one meeting during one colporteur institute recently held in Rio de Janeiro that "When I put forth an effort I can sell 800 *Atalaias* every month." Nobody can tell how much good the reading of these magazines by the people will do.

On a certain day she met a man who did not want to see nor to hear what she was telling. Suddenly he said, "I do not want to know anything of religion, neither of your business." But Sister Maria put forth every effort to sell him a copy, yet it seemed he did not want it. Finally she told him she had a number which did not speak about religion but concerning vices. This number the man bought to free himself from further discussion. Some days later this gentleman met Sister Maria again and as soon as he saw her he said: "Lady, do you know I do not smoke any more, and want to tell you that you are a good physician for humanity. You are doing a noble work, and I always want to receive this good magazine and have gotten some more purchasers for you."

This faithful example of Maria Correa, has inspired confidence in some other ladies of the capital city, and now she has ten in number who help in this noble evangelistic work. When the colporteur institute closed, the total of all individual goals for selling *Atalaias* reached five thousand a month. We hope that from this time forward in this field, as in all Brazil, the number of lady colporteurs for the magazine will increase. J. L. BROWN.

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Division New Notes

AFTER having helped with the auditing of the books in the Brazil Unions, Brother W. E. Phillips, of the General Conference, arrived in Buenos Aires the 5th of June, for the purpose of auditing the books in the Division office. We were glad to have Brother Phillips with us and especially so as he is one of South America's former workers, having been connected with the Division office, as well as serving as secretary-treasurer of the Inca Union for several years. He has had the privilege of meeting many old acquaintances and renewing old friendships. After finishing his work here he left for the Inter-American Division July 10.

BROTHER C. L. Bauer returned to Buenos Aires on June 5 after having completed the audit of the two Brazil Unions. He expects to spend some time in the office before leaving on his next trip.

PROFESSOR W. E. Murray returned to Buenos Aires the middle of June. He was in the office for a few days before leaving for Brazil.

ELDER R. R. Breitigam returned from Chile the 24th of June, where he had been looking after the interest of the work, in the absence of Elder Walter Schubert who is on a leave of absence to the United States for medical treatment.

"THE Sabbath is a golden clasp that unites God and His people."

Gleanings of Progress Throughout the Field

Conducted by N. P. Neilsen

WRITING from Puno, Peru, under date of June 6, Brother P. R. Tabuenca, Field Missionary secretary of the Inca Union Mission, says that they have had a very good and encouraging colporteur institute in Bolivia, and that both the white as well as the Indian colporteurs went forth "with much fire" to spread the message. He also says that he hopes that many more books will be sold in the Lake Titicaca Mission this year than last.

"IN MANY places are interested souls. One such, in order to be baptized, made a trip on horseback that took him away from his home for one month. As no minister came to where he lived, to baptize him, he went to where there was a minister. In going, although he had a guide, they got lost, as they did not know the way. When I visited him he gave me 535\$000 in tithes, although his whole family and relatives are against the truth." Thus writes Emilio Keppke of the Santa Catharina-Parana Mission.

ELDER G. S. Storch, superintendent of the Northeast Mission in Brazil, writes concerning the great drought and famine within his mission territory as follows: "The drought is enormous here in the north. Hundreds of people die in the fields and roads. The interior of the states of Pernambuco, Parahyba, Rio Grande do Norte and Ceara is so dry that it is in danger of burning up. The government is feeding about 100,000 who are suffering from famine. Our own people will soon need to receive help. The condition is very sad. I dislike to travel in the interior, for my heart is pained when I see all this misery. This drought will affect our offerings and tithes."

BROTHER Emilio Keppke, secretary of the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments of the Santa Catharina-Parana Mission, Brazil, gives us the following encouraging words under date of June 8: "Thank the Lord, not only have the tithes and offerings increased more than 11:100\$000 in the

first five months of this year as compared with the same period for last year; but during this same time we took more subscriptions for our papers and sold more single copies than last year. Our total literature sales show an increase of 7:878\$000. The number of colporteurs has increased from nine to fourteen."

UNDER date of June 6, Elder Ennis V. Moore, president of the Sao Paulo Conference, gives us the following encouraging words: "We are holding an effort in Mogy das Cruzes in a hall which we rented from the Commercial Club. We have about two hundred chairs; but from one to two hundred are standing every night for lack of seats as Elder Jeronymo G. Garcia preaches the truth for these times. The Sabbath truth has been presented; but the people continue to come. Last Sabbath they held their first Sabbath meeting in the hall, and there were more than forty people present. If I am not mistaken twenty-two of these were adults and strangers to the Sabbath school." Let us pray that many souls may be led to take their stand for the truth in that city.

IN WRITING about the many interests that are found in his field, and the calls that come to them for holding meetings in new places Elder Ennis V. Moore, under date of June 6 writes: "A hall that seats 700 people is offered to us free of charge with piano and light in Jahu, (state of Sao Paulo, Brazil) a beautiful and prosperous city in the interior of our state; but we do not have the preacher to send there. We might go there and hold meetings for a week or so, but that would do very little good, for we must have someone to follow up the interest. In Olympia some interested families have arranged the Spanish Club hall free of charge for a week's meetings. We had no one to send to preach to the waiting multitude. . . . The work is onward along all lines. While there is a greater crisis and less money in the world, we have more tithe, more mission offerings and more books sold this year than last, and we are much concerned that more souls may be won and a deeper spirituality come in among the people, for surely we are living in a time of more sin and greater need and nearer the end of the world."