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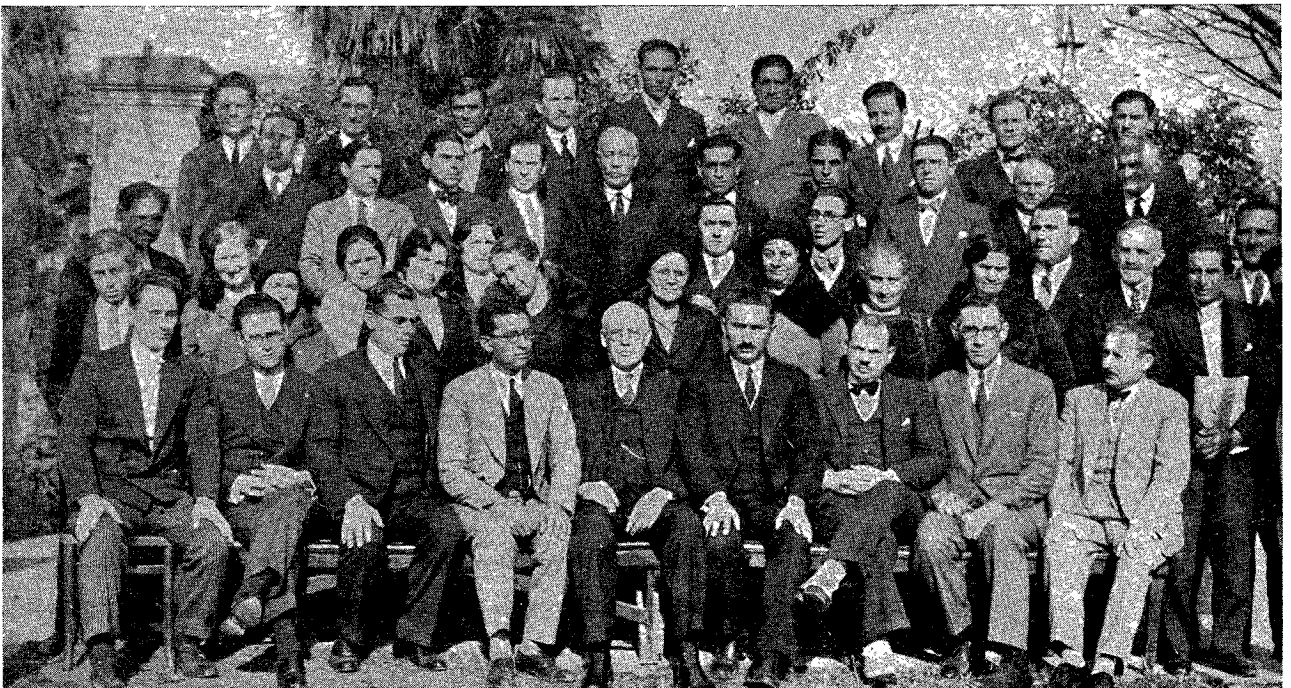
When Everything Goes to Wreck

WE HAVE come to strange times. Everything seems out of its usual course. Nothing is stable any more. Discontent, distrust and lack of confidence is found on every hand. The spirit of anarchy and lawlessness is abroad in the land. Revolutions and counter revolutions seem to be the order of the day. Governments are being overthrown, and leaders of nations seem powerless to remedy the situation. They know not what to do.

The Lord saw all this beforehand. He is not taken by surprise by any condition which arises, no matter how unexpectedly it may come upon man. He knows the crisis through which this movement must pass before we reach the end, and He has planned the ways and means by which His cause may continue to go forward.

One of these ways, according to His divine plan, is the gospel colporteur. These faithful servants of God carry

the message of salvation to the rich and the poor, the high and the low alike. They are in the front ranks of the army of the Lord in the battle for truth and right. They are our pioneers in the onward march of this message. They push forward in spite of the difficulties which may confront them. They pass through the jungles with the message-filled literature. They climb the rugged mountains and cross the swollen streams in their endeavor to reach the people. Storms cannot hold them back nor revolutions stop them in their work. They lay hold



Colporteurs' institute held in Florida, Argentina, for the colporteurs of the Buenos Aires Conference and the Uruguay Mission.

upon these untoward conditions and present them as added reasons why the people should be interested in the message which they bring to them. They go everywhere. Scarcely can we find a place, no matter how remote it may be, but what the "printed page," containing the truth, has gone before us. Some colporteur has been there.

Nor is this work without results. The seed is sown through many tears and prayers, and the Lord of the harvest watches over it. In due time the fruit appears. Scores and still other scores of souls have been snatched from the enemy's ranks to unite their efforts with the people of God. Groups of believers are springing up here and there all over the land, as a result of the seed sown. Many would never hear this blessed truth were it not for the faithful colporteur who will visit their homes. Eternity alone will reveal the full fruitage of this branch of the Lord's work.

In the plan of God the colporteur has his part to act. He must continue to press forward with the advancing cause of God. He must not stop because of "the crisis." The harder the times the greater is the necessity of bringing to the people the message of comfort. The greater the financial distress and trouble the more the people need that which will bring them peace of mind and rest of soul. This must be the hour of our opportunity for calling the attention of the people to the true meaning of the things which are now coming upon the earth.

God has led this movement hitherto, and He will continue to do so unto the end. He has not led us out into the wilderness to have us perish in the desert. God leads no backward movement. The plan for His cause is ever forward, until His purpose is accomplished and the work is finished.

Let our colporteurs then take courage anew, and press forward with faith and cheer, knowing that this work will triumph when everything else goes to wreck. It will survive every crisis and come off victorious over every obstacle. The promise given nineteen hundred years ago by the great Leader of this movement, is still the same today. His, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," will not fail.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Beginning and Progress of our Publishing Work

"I HAVE a message for you. You must begin to print a little paper, and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world."—"Life Sketches," p. 125.

How the heart of James White, then but a young man, must have thrilled as these words came to him in that little prayer meeting in Dorchester, Massachusetts, in November, 1848! The need of publishing the message was the burden on the hearts of the believers, and at that meeting they had made this the special subject of prayer, when so unexpectedly came the commission, "I have a message for you. You must begin to publish a little paper." And how it must have heartened the pioneers in those first publishing efforts as they saw the assurance of success coming true. The people did send "means with which to print." In No 6 of that first little sheet, *Present Truth*, which James White began to publish in 1849, he reported:

"When I commenced the *Present Truth* I did not expect to issue more than two or three numbers; but as the way opened before me, . . . I have continued thus far. While publishing the first four numbers in Connecticut, the brethren sent in more means than was necessary to sustain the paper."

RESULT OF BELIEF IN PROPHETIC GIFT

"A success from the first." "Streams of light that went clear round the world." How wonderfully these assurances from the servant of God describe the progress made! And how definitely these messages have, through the years, formed the basis and background of the remarkable success we now see! As G. I. Butler once wrote:

"The most stirring, forceful, and powerful appeals came from the servant of the Lord for our people to engage in that branch of the work. Not only were some to go forward as colporteurs, but the rank and file of our people everywhere were to feel that the circulation of literature was their solemn duty." And what an example of faith and confidence those

pioneers have left for us. They had no facilities, no money, and the entire constituency of believers was only a mere handful. Regarding their circumstances at that time Elder James White wrote:

"In the autumn of 1847, Brother Bates sat down to write a work of more than one hundred pages, with only a York shilling at his command. And I was chopping cord-wood for my daily bread for the support of my little family, where I could earn but fifty cents a day. We two were alone in publicly teaching the Sabbath. Under such circumstances we could do but little in the cause. I state these things to show the reader the humble manner in which this cause commenced, and the sacrifices then made to spread the truth."

"In the spring of 1848, in company with Brother Bates, Mrs. White and self attended a conference of believers, at Rocky Hill, Connecticut. This was the first general meeting held by Seventh-day Adventists. In point of numbers and influence, it marked a new era in the cause; and yet we all numbered less than thirty. The brethren were much encouraged, and Brother Bates began to labor more extensively as the way opened before him."

But notwithstanding their poverty, lack of facilities, and the small number of members, the faith of those early pioneers did not waver. They accepted the message, "You must begin to print," and began to make plans to extend the publishing work.

ENCOURAGING GROWTH

How Brother White would rejoice if he could see how our publishing work has grown since he began issuing that first little paper.

We are hearing a lot in these days about the crisis and, indeed, there is a very serious crisis in the business world. But even with the existing conditions today how much better prepared we are for carrying forward the publishing work than were those pioneers of the early days. With their extreme poverty, the lack of any facilities, the very small number of believers, with Europe in the throes of revolution, those early pioneers could easily have doubted that those rays of light would ever reach round the world. Shall we not profit by their noble example and, as did Brother Bates, after that encouraging meeting

in 1848, begin to labor more extensively, in circulating the printed page, as the way opens before us? May the Lord help us here in these South American fields to manifest the same spirit of determination and sacrifice as was manifested by those pioneers.

N. Z. TOWN.

Traveling with Our Colporteurs

JUST recently it was my privilege to visit one of our faithful colporteurs in the East Brazil Union and I desire to pass on to the readers of the BULLETIN some of my impressions from this visit.

As our steamer drew into port I stepped out on the deck beside a traveling salesman who was one of my fellow passengers, and as I appeared I saw him wave a hearty greeting to our colporteur who was approaching the steamer in a row boat.

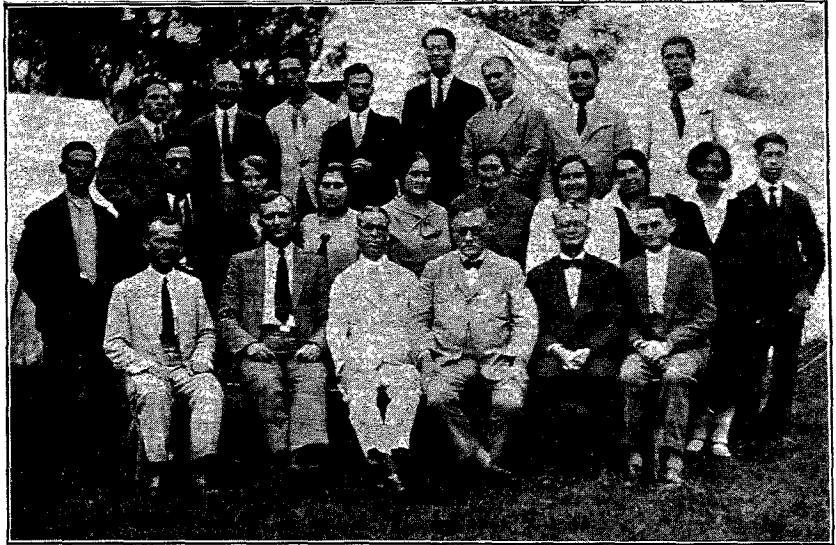
I said to the salesman "Do you know that man?" "Oh yes", he said, "he is a colporteur of whom I bought a book." An as our colporteur came upon the deck where we were, I noticed that this man seemed pleased to meet him.

Soon we were walking down the streets of the city, a capital of one the northern states, and I noticed that many were greeting our colporteur with apparent appreciation. Finally one man seemed to show especial attention to our brother so I ventured to ask who he was. The colporteur said: "Oh that is a man to whom I sold a book, he works in one of the banks here."

When we reached the colporteur's room he began to tell me of how God was blessing him in the work there.

He mentioned the case of one man, also working in a bank, whom he had met on a former trip. This man met our colporteur in the street and said, "Well are you here? Can't you come to my house tonight?" Of course our colporteur went. In the conversation the man said, "I am convinced of the truth in that book I bought of you. I believe I should keep the Sabbath but I am perplexed to know how to arrange my financial affairs."

Another case that impressed me as I talked with that colporteur was that of a Catholic family who was greatly interested in the truth, and some



Colporteurs and directors who attended the last institute in Taquara, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. At present there are fifteen regular and five part-time colporteurs in this field.

members of the family had promised to keep the next Sabbath.

There is one feature that I must not forget to mention, the book he was selling was "Our Day." In spite of it being a religious book, and the colporteur's method being of such a missionary nature he had taken, in 74 hours, according to our conference exchange, a little over \$700.00 worth of orders in a strong Catholic center.

Is it any wonder that I, as the superintendent of so vast a union with such a limited number of workers, felt like praying the "Lord of the harvest" that He send forth more such colporteur laborers into His harvest?

Our colporteurs are a mighty factor in our evangelistic work.

H. B. WESTCOTT, *Superintendent,*
East Brazil Union Mission.

Notwithstanding the Crisis

GOOD reports come in from the colporteurs. One of these writes in from cowboy land (Terra dos Gauchos), Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, stating:

"Notwithstanding the crisis the work goes on, thank the Lord. For my part I have done my best. When my partner and I arrived here in this country, we found no Sabbath keepers; now there are twenty or more. The harvest truly is great but the reapers are few.

"The people around here are awakening. Everywhere we go we find

people anxious to see the young men who sell the books to ask many questions concerning eternal life. . . . We already have many people in our territory who have left off idol worship, abandoning these to keep God's commandments.

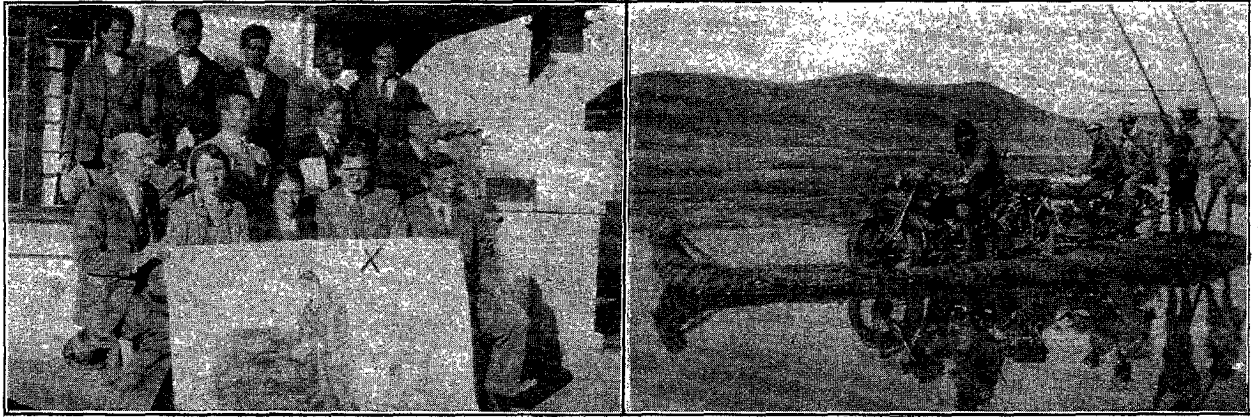
"The family with whom I stayed last night are believers and we invited the neighbors in to hear the word of God. They seemed to enjoy the Bible study very much.

"Together with this letter I am sending you a list of seventeen interested persons. Please send them more literature and write them missionary letters. . . . If you must spend extra money for the tracts you send, you may charge my account."

The above letter is only a sample of many such reports, which speak of the earnest and faithful work our ministers of the printed page are doing.

Besides the regular work, studies are given and tracts distributed and names are sent in. God is adding His blessing and many souls are finding the true way to life eternal. In the state of Rio Grande do Sul alone there are twenty or more groups of interested people who are waiting for a pastoral visit. These are interests that have been stirred up in the same way as the example given in the letter above. May God continue to bless His work.

EMILIO DOHNERT.



Left: Recent colporteur institute held in the Lake Titicaca Mission. Pastor F. E. Bresee at left, sitting. Publishing Department Secretary, Samuel Weiss indicated by an "X".

Right: Brother Samuel Weiss fording a river on a recruiting trip, Lake Titicaca Mission.

The Ministry of the Printed Page in Bolivia

"THE world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals." "The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world." These well known statements of the Spirit of prophecy are being fulfilled in the territory of the Bolivian Mission, as well as in the rest of the continent.

At first it was thought that in a country where 80 per cent of the inhabitants are illiterate, nothing could be done with our books and periodicals; but thank the Lord, our experience in the last three years has demonstrated that our literature is welcomed even by those who cannot read.

During the month of May, with the help of Brother Tabuena, from the Inca Union, and the local leader, we held a splendid colporteur institute, which was attended by eleven enthusiastic young people, all of whom are at present in the field of labor working with remarkable success. Five of them, are in the cities and the other six in the Indian towns and villages. "Let not the canvassing work be left to languish—said Sister White.—Let the books containing the light on present truth be placed before as many as possible. The presidents of our conferences and others in responsible positions have a duty to do in this matter."

Among the colporteurs who are now in the field, we have Brother Antonio Gonzalez who has already

worked with us for over two years. We are glad to have this brother with us for we know that he is brave and is able to stand the hardships that so often confront the colporteurs in this field. Last year this brother was put in jail because he was working with our literature in the far-away districts of the Bolivian jungles. There he was cruelly treated by the enemies of the truth. For him it makes no difference whether he rides on a train or in a motor car, or walks with his load of books on his shoulders, for he realizes that "if there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."

As for us, we are convinced that "papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth, the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the Word alone."

FRANCISCO BROUCHY,
Superintendent, Bolivian Mission.

Waiting for a Messenger

A MAN of the Catholic faith, at his death left a Bible with his daughter saying: "Some day a man will come who will explain its contents; in the meantime read it and follow its teachings as far as you understand them."

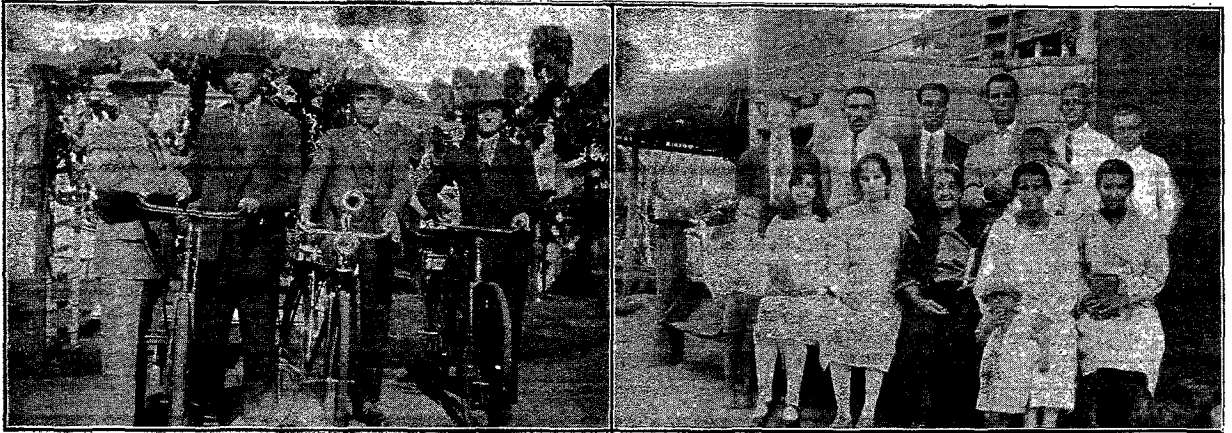
The lady kept the Book with all care and read it frequently. She was Catholic and knew no other religion

outside of her own. But in her reading of the Bible she encountered the ten commandments, and was greatly surprised to find them different from those she had studied in her catechism.

One Sunday, during confession, she asked the priest if the ten commandments, as found in the Bible, were good. He told her they were, that those were the ones God had given. Then she asked, "Why do we have idols in our church and why do we worship them?" The priest answered that it was not necessary to worship the idols, that the images were only a representation. From that day on she left off burning the candles and worshipping before the idols. In order to be certain that she was acting aright, she again read Exodus 20 carefully, and was surprised to find that the day the Lord had set apart as holy was the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, and not Sunday, the first day, as she had devoutly observed. The following Sunday she asked her confessor if she might keep the Sabbath. He told her yes, that the virgin Mary had also hallowed it, even after the death of Jesus, and for that reason it was called the day of the virgin.

The more she read her Bible, the more she found it at variance with the Catholic religion.

At another occasion she asked the priest with reference to tithing. He told her that the tenth part of all the earnings should be brought to the church. The lady then began to pay her tithe to the Catholic church. But her discontent grew, she remembered



Left: Brother M. Margarido, South Brazil Union Publishing Department Secretary, bidding farewell to three successful colporteurs in the Sao Paulo Conference.

Right: A group of believers won to the truth by the faithful efforts of the colporteur with his literature, state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

the words of her father, and prayed that the Lord might send the men to explain the Scriptures.

Thirty years of her life had past without the realization of the fulfillment of the words of her father, when one day there was great excitement in the town in the province of Corrientes where she lived. It was announced as something extraordinary, that a man would come who would preach from the Bible in the plaza. In this town no other religion outside of the Catholic was known.

The lady was overjoyed with the thought that this was the man for whom she had waited all this time. She attended the meetings and invited him to her house, but was much disappointed to find when she spoke enthusiastically of the Sabbath that he told her that the Sabbath was for the Jews and had been abolished. Even though the man with whom she spoke was a veteran Protestant minister, she defended her cause with such fervor that he was constrained to ask, "Where did you get all your arguments?" She told him that she had obtained them from the Bible.

At another time she spoke to him of the tithing system and was just as insistent as she was about the Sabbath. The pastor was annoyed and finally responded, "you are an Adventist." As she had never heard the word "adventist" before, she asked what these were and he told her "They are the people who keep the Sabbath and pay tithe as you are doing." At these words the lady experienced much joy. Though she could not get the address

of any Adventists from the pastor, her old hope was renewed, and she felt that some day a man would come to her home who was keeping the Sabbath.

A little while after this experience a man who was selling books called at her house. But as she had once been disappointed, before admitting him she inquired whether he believed in the Bible and observed the seventh-day Sabbath. Our colporteur told her that he did. She invited him in and called her husband, a school teacher, and they bought his books as well as the monthly *Atalaya*.

A short time after that I had the privilege of visiting that place, and after a series of meeting I baptized the woman and her husband. When she had been baptized she exclaimed, "Now I am ready to die, I have grown old waiting for this opportunity, thank the Lord!"

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

Depression Overcome by Prayer and Work

IN THE two large states of Santa Catharina and Parana, Brazil, the financial depression has been felt more than in some other parts, because the two principal crops of tea and lumber could not be sold for enough to pay the handling. This is why the colporteur work has suffered considerably in the past.

However, notwithstanding the adverse circumstances, a new spirit has taken hold of our colporteurs and new

progress has been made in our literature sales. Even in places already canvassed more success has been attained than when it was canvassed the first time with the same books. We are working a great portion of our territory with "Life of Christ" and also with "Return of Jesus" for the second time.

There is no territory where books cannot be sold, if the colporteur is truly consecrated to the Lord. One of our colporteurs went recently to a section of the country where some of the older colporteurs refused to work, but he is having better success in taking subscriptions to our *Atalaia* than the old colporteurs.

Another colporteur is canvassing in a very sparsely settled district called Sertao. He took for his monthly goal, "orders for seventy books, small and large." In spite of the poverty of the people he has had good success, and wherever he goes he is leaving persons interested in the present truth.

Still another one of our colporteurs tells how he turns depression and poor territory into success and good territory. He met a man who showed no interest and would not give his order. The colporteur then turned to his last reserve talking point. He showed an important and appealing chapter of his book and at the same time offered a silent prayer for God to touch his heart with the message. The result was that the man changed his mind and said: "Yes, you may bring me two of those books," and signed up. Then the colporteur adds in his letter, "I am experiencing the presence of God's

spirit with me in my work." Indeed, "Prayer changes things."

One day one of our faithful ministers of the printed page heard that a certain man who had ordered his book had died since giving the order. The colporteur went over to see the widow and to deliver the book. She gladly received the book and while she was paying for it the children said: "Papa always liked to read books like that one."

Recently I received an invitation from a certain municipality asking that our colporteurs be sent there. Really, there are places where the people are waiting for the minister of the printed word. Would that we had many more faithful soldiers of the cross, to visit every corner of this large country. We long to make this year our best year.

EMILIO KEPPKE,
Field Missionary Secretary,
Santa Catharina-Parana
Mission, Brazil.

Colporteur Institute in the Lower Amazon Mission

OUR second institute for our colporteurs is just over. When we arrived at Belem, we met the colporteurs who were anxious to obtain more preparation and counsel, so as to be better prepared to carry the responsibilities which they had accepted to serve God and win souls for His kingdom.

To attend this institute, one brother left his little workshop, another the brush, another his mason's trowel and hammer. A sister left her housework. Satan did not want these recruits to enter the field, but God helped them to overcome difficulties and prepare for His work.

During the institute we had the privilege of visiting some of the interested people, which Brother Andre Gedrath, our pioneer colporteur, had found while working in Belem.

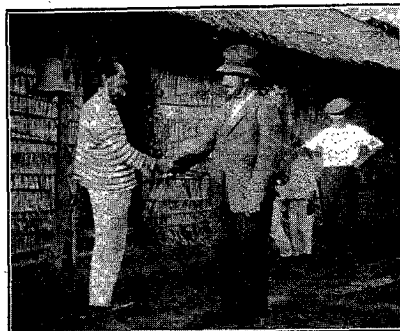
Even our cook book, "Que cozinharei hoje?" has brought souls to Christ, some of whom are now in the colporteur work. Brother Miranda, who is now canvassing, said that this book had interested him in the meetings which Elder L. B. Halliwell was holding in Belem. So in due time he accepted the truth and then won his wife to the truth also. He is now anxious to bring still others to Christ.



The printed page leads more people to "Jordan" than any other single agency. Baptismal scene, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

Besides this couple there were three others baptized at the same time, who had become interested through the same agency. They told us that they had been good Catholics, but they could not resist the power of the truth with which they had become acquainted through reading one of our books, "Hope of the World," which Brother Gedrath had sold to them.

He also gave them Bible readings. One of this number knew about the Sabbath already. She kept Sunday to be obedient to the pope and the Sabbath in order to obey the commandments of God. It is interesting to note the fact that this lady learned of the Sabbath through a Bible which she bought at an auction; and it is still more interesting to know that she was able to win another lady who lived in her house.



Veteran minister of the printed page, Andre Gedrath, shaking hands with chief Coronel Baptista of the Maues tribe.

Of course, Satan becomes wroth with those who win souls for Christ. Brother Gedrath was cast into prison while he was doing his best, but there is One who has more power than Satan.

"In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God." Ps. 62: 7. The same God is still with the faithful colporteurs and He cares for them and wants them to trust in Him.

In Belem, after the institute, we worked with our small books in combination with *O Atalaia* and in a short time we took a good number of orders.

Then I accompanied some colporteurs to Manaus. Our first canvass in this place resulted in four orders. The colporteurs continued with good success taking orders for *Atalaia* and "Life of Christ." In a very short time they had orders to the value of over 2:000\$000.

Brother Andre Gedrath went to the state of Maranhao and in 74 hours took orders to the value of 5:390\$000 for "Our Day" and the *Atalaia*. This is God's work and therefore we praise Him.

BENEDITO SILVEIRA,
Field Missionary Secretary,
East Brazil Union Mission.

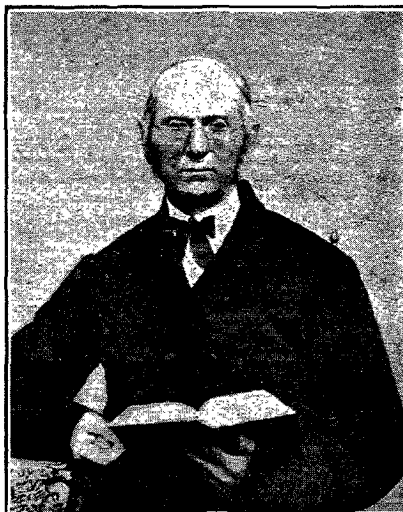
WE ARE not saved because we keep the commandments of God; but we keep them because we are saved. Obedience is the fruit of salvation.

If Captain Joseph Bates Should Visit South America Today

IN "The Life of Joseph Bates" we read that he made several voyages down the South American coast trading. On one of these voyages he was convicted of sin by reading his Bible and greatly desired to meet some spiritually-minded persons with whom to converse. "I was much disappointed in Pernambuco in not finding there any members of a Protestant church with whom I might converse; but the state of my mind was such that I was fully resolved to persevere for a full and free salvation."—Page 142.

"In my intercourse with this people, who were all Catholics, I found no one to converse with on the subject of religion. I often thought what a privilege it would be to meet with one Protestant Christian, and how delighted I should be to spend an hour in an assembly of praying Christians, or hear another's voice in prayer beside my own."—Page 147.

If Captain Bates should return today, 108 year after this voyage was made, what would he find? He would find 21,154 Seventh-day Adventists to bid him welcome to the continent. There would be 198



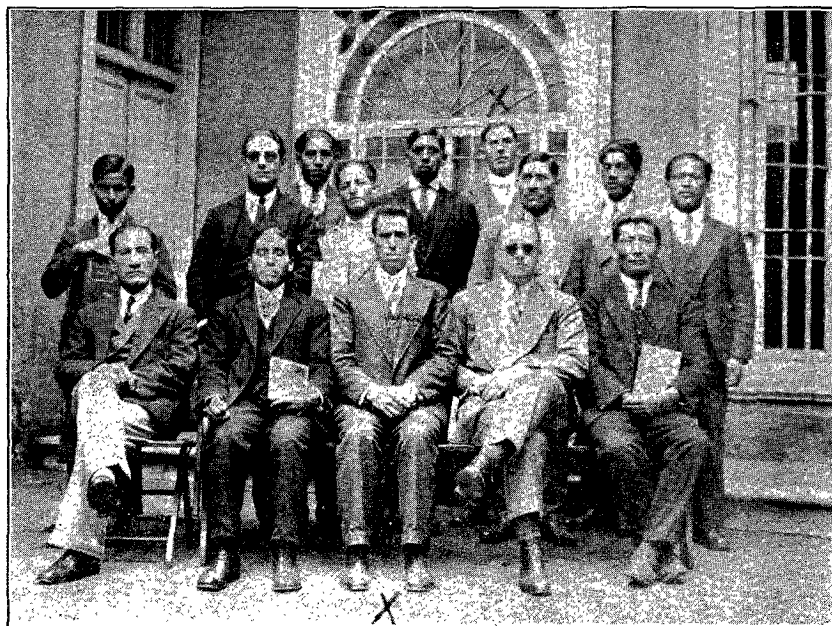
Captain Joseph Bates

churches in which he could attend prayer meeting. In place of having to retire to the forest to seek God, he could meet with one of the 727 Sabbath schools in the Division where 21,875 members would gladly listen to his interesting experience in discovering the truth gradually through Bible study and prayer. His boat would doubtless be boarded, while in every South American harbor, by one of the 255 regular colporteurs and a copy of some of our latest publications or an

Atalaya placed in his hands. He would be astounded by the recital of progress of the work in this continent. The 876 workers would inform him that each week sees 40 new believers baptized into the message. He would be told of the hundreds of young people in the many schools receiving a vision of life. He would not be able to believe his senses if told that if all the \$214,573.95 gold worth of literature sold each year were 100 page books piled in one stack, it would be over three miles high! If they were all "Toward the Golden Age" the latest book by Brother Fayard, there would be a cargo of 72,368 kilos for his brig in case he should wish to purchase all of one year's output of literature.

If the value of literature sold each year were printed in tract form, it would make a total of over 109,376,000 pages. This could be circulated among the nearly 70,000,000 inhabitants of the South American Division, placing in the hands of every man and woman the equivalent of one two-page tract. Placed end to end this would make a ribbon of present truth 21,372 kilometers long. Captain Bates could fasten one end of this ribbon to the wharf at New Bedford, Massachusetts, and encircle the continent of South America returning through the Panama Canal to New Bedford again and still have several meters extra on board his steamer. This does not include the thousands upon thousands of pages of tracts, papers and small books distributed by the church members yearly. The pages printed and circulated through the years would almost carpet South America with pages of present truth like autumn leaves.

Brother Bates would discover that the century which has elapsed since his conversion has made a great change in the religious aspect of the continent. In every port would be a group of Adventist believers to salute him either in Portuguese or Spanish. From thousands of lips ascends the prayer, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Progress has been made in South America since Captain Bates' days and the end is not yet. Truly, the printed page has played a great part in the rise and progress of the great Seventh-day Adventist movement in this wonderful land of opportunity, and we believe that it



P. R. Tabuena, (X sitting) Publishing Department Secretary of the Inca Union Mission, with a group of colporteurs at the Peru Mission institute. Brother Alfredo Marin, (X standing) Field Missionary Secretary.

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will still play a larger part in the closing work.

H. F. BROWN,
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Buenos Aires and Uruguay Institute for Colporteurs

WHILE the political horizon between the republics of Argentina and Uruguay was rather cloudy, our Seventh-day Adventist leaders planned a joint institute for the colporteurs of the Uruguay Mission and the Buenos Aires Conference.

Oh, what wonders are wrought in the hearts of men by the inflow of present truth and the love of Jesus. Our brethren, twelve in number from Uruguay, were given a cordial welcome and their stay in Buenos Aires was made most pleasant and agreeable by the Christian hospitality they received on the part of the Argentine brethren. In this great advent movement there is no room nor time for national animosities, nor are there national boundary lines for the movement. The three-fold message must go to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people."

The Buenos Aires Conference made ample preparations to care for its twenty-five colporteurs as well as for the ones who came from Uruguay. Unitedly these colporteurs of some ten different nationalities, sang song of praise and victory, and studied improved methods of carrying the printed page to every inhabitant of both territories.

Elder N. P. Neilsen and the writer from the Division, Elders N. Z. Town

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Special attention was given to spiritual preparation to face this, our special financial depression age. God came very near to us, and our institute closed with an extra-special consecration service on Sabbath morning in the Florida church.

Elder N. P. Neilsen, our Division president, gave us a heart-stirring sermon on our need of having a vital connection with heaven. "Just one



"Mas Atalayas, mas almas," (More Watchman, more souls) is the South American slogan. One of our faithful Atalaya sellers making a presentation.

touch of the hem of His garment will send saving power through our entire being," he said.

A call was made for renewed consecration and dedication for another year's service in the Master's vineyard. Thirty-five strong, cheerful men and women filed in from both sides of the church from their reserved seats. There they stood in front of the pulpit waiting for a fresh blessing from heaven. Words of encouragement were read from the Scriptures, as well as the commission to "go." An earnest prayer was offered in behalf of these ministers of the printed page. God heard the cry of each heart and His power rested upon us in great measure.

In the afternoon a baptismal service was conducted and the Lord's supper

celebrated for the colporteurs. After Sabbath the entire Casa Editora family, colporteurs and employees and Casa board members, gathered in the publishing plant to spend the evening in a social way. Brethren Tucker and Lawson had arranged for the Casa workers to be at their posts of daily duty. Every machine was put in motion. The large presses hummed as streams of *Atalaya* pages and colored *Atalaya* covers sped through them. The stitching machines held the attention of the passing groups of interested colporteurs. One colporteur said, "It is easier to sell the books in the field where one has liberty and pure air to breathe than to sit at that machine and attend monotonous jobs all day long." Each phase of the work in book manufacturing was demonstrated and every colporteur appreciated the privilege of seeing for himself what careful, painstaking effort is bound between the two covers of a book. Even Elder Town, our veteran bookman and now Austral Union president, learned something while going through the factory. He said, "I learned a lesson while watching one of the presses. The operator told me that the moment something goes wrong, (two sheets go in or one goes in double), the machine stops automatically until the fault is corrected. Now, if we might stop dead still while working in the field when something goes wrong with us, until our faults are made right, we would surely do a better work."

One of the Austral Union workers said that the Buenos Aires-Uruguay institute was the most inspiring and the best from start to finish that he had ever attended. Many blessed *re-cuerdos* will linger with the colporteurs while they toil in rain or shine in their fields of labor, I am sure.

Since the clouds of political trouble have lifted from the international horizon of Argentina and Uruguay and the sun of good will and peace still shines we pray that God may bless the efforts of instruction and the expenditure put forth in the celebration of this joint institute, and we shall continue to pray that God may give greater success to every faithful colporteur in the distribution of the truth-filled page, and in the harvesting of precious souls for the Master's kingdom.

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