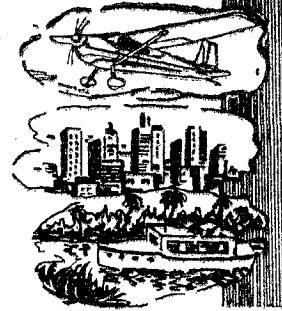
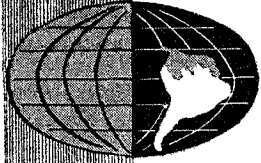


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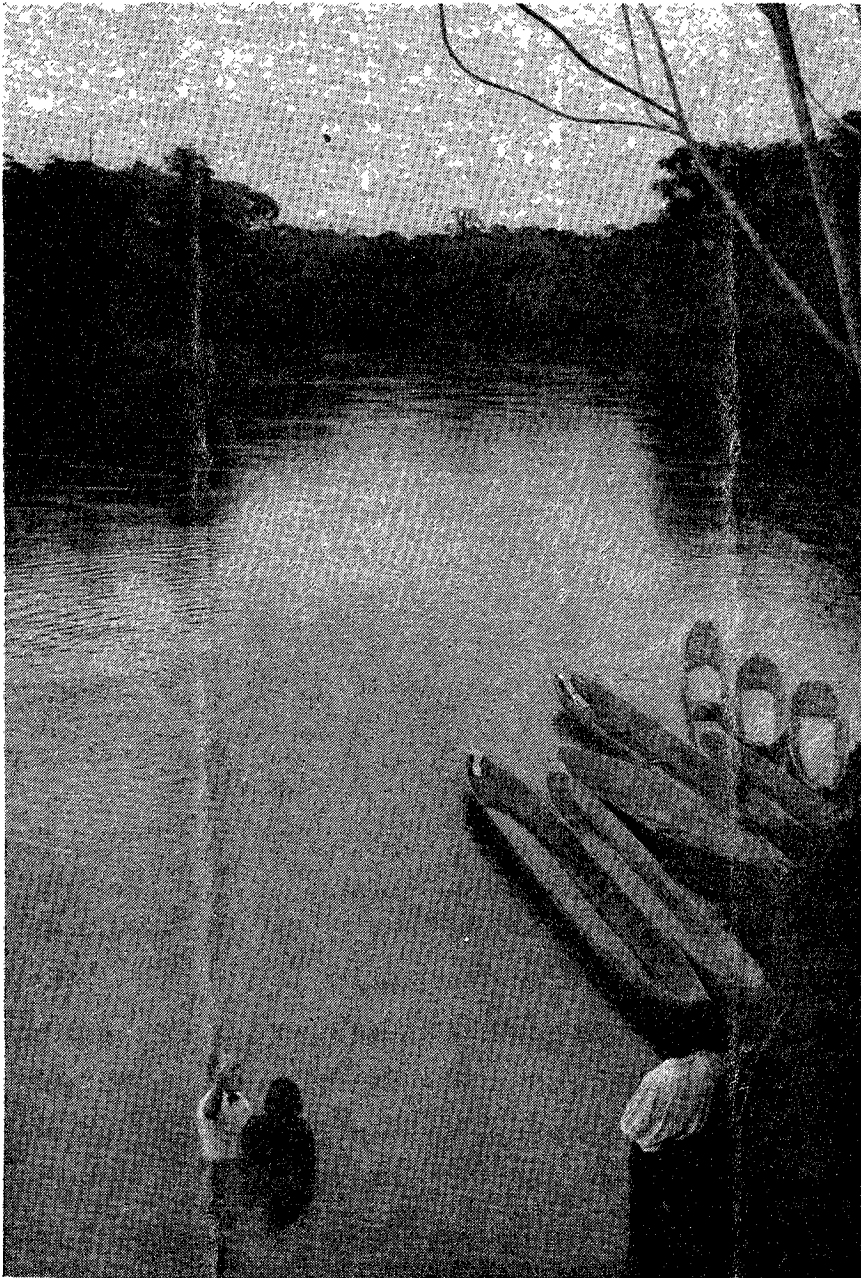
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

AFTER eight years of most enjoyable service among you as God's people in South America, it is with a bit of a heavy heart that I leave you. I have learned to love and appreciate you each and every one as we have struggled together, through God's grace and power, for the building up of God's work in all parts of this great continent. In the words of the Psalmist we can truly say, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." (Psalms 126: 3).

Mrs. Aitken, my daughter Judy, my sons John and Jerry, all join me in thanking a great multitude of friends and members of God's family for all of your kindnesses to us since our arrival in South America from Europe in the year 1958. We have all greatly appreciated the fine Christian Latin spirit of brotherhood that has been manifested among all peoples here.

I thank God for your sacrifices and consecrated efforts over the past eight years as we have gone out into the highways and byways to bring in the lost to the fold of our great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. How our hearts have been cheered as a great multitude of over 100,000 people have been baptized in this short period of time! I firmly believe, however, that the best days for the South American Division are just ahead of us. It seems to me that the ground is being prepared for a much greater harvest of souls in the future. If we use every means that God has given us for the finishing of His work, we will see the Advent Message spread like wildfire to every part of this great continent.

I am indeed happy that you have a fine new president in the person of Elder Roger Wilcox who has had many years of experience in Latin America. I have often personally been inspired by his leadership in Brazil as well as in the Middle East Division. Mrs. Aitken and I wish Elder and Mrs. Wilcox God's richest blessings as they take up their duties in this great land of opportunity!

As I take up my duties now as Radio and Television secretary of the General Conference, I wish to ask an interest in your prayers that we may use this modern miracle of science to the fullest extent for a speedy finishing of the message as we reach the multitudes bringing salvation and a better way of life to those who sit in darkness.

My deepest, heartfelt thanks go to Elder Nigri and Elder Hartman, our Division officers, for their kind support and cooperation, along with each member of our Division family here in Montevideo where I am writing these last lines of greeting. To each of you as union and local conference presidents, with your loyal corps of workers, I wish to express my deepest appreciation for your consecrated efforts. To each of you as God's people I pray that our kind Heavenly Father may sustain you and uphold you until we meet again—whether it be on this earth or the earth made new. "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in

HASTA QUE NOS ENCONTREMOS OTRA VEZ

DESPUES de ocho años del más agradable servicio entre vosotros como pueblo de Dios en Sudamérica, es con tristeza en el corazón que me alejo. He aprendido a amar y a apreciar a cada uno de vosotros al luchar juntos con la gracia y el poder de Dios para la edificación del trabajo de Dios en todas partes de este gran continente. Con las palabras del salmista puedo verdaderamente decir: "Grandes cosas ha hecho Jehová con nosotros; estaremos alegres" (Salmo 126: 3).

Mi esposa y mis hijos Judy, John y Jerry, agradecen a todos los amigos de la familia de Dios por la amabilidad que manifestaron hacia nosotros desde nuestra llegada de Europa, en 1958, a la División Sudamericana. Hemos apreciado grandemente el bello espíritu cristiano latino de la hermandad que han manifestado todas las personas aquí.

Agradezco vuestro sacrificio y consagrado esfuerzo durante los pasados ocho años, durante los cuales hemos salido por todas partes para traer a los perdidos al rebaño de nuestro gran Pastor, Jesucristo. Nuestros corazones se han regocijado por la gran multitud de más de 100.000 personas que han sido bautizadas en este corto periodo. Firmemente creo, sin embargo, que mejores días para Sudamérica están ante nosotros. El terreno está siendo preparado para una gran cosecha de almas en el futuro. Si usamos cada talento que Dios nos ha dado, en la terminación de su obra, veremos que el mensaje adventista se extenderá como el fuego, rápidamente, a todas partes de este gran continente.

Estoy muy feliz pues tenéis un muy buen presidente en la persona del pastor Roger Wilcox, quien ha tenido muchos años de experiencia en Latinoamérica. Yo he sido personalmente inspirado por su trabajo en Brasil como también en la División del Cercano Oriente. Mi esposa y yo deseamos al pastor Wilcox y a su esposa abundantes bendiciones de Dios al hacerse cargo de esta nueva tarea en esta gran tierra de oportunidad.

Como mi nuevo trabajo ahora es el de secretario de Radio y Televisión en la Asociación General, deseo pedirlos que recordéis en vuestras oraciones este moderno milagro de la ciencia para que podamos usarlo de tal manera que el mensaje sea llevado rápidamente a las multitudes que yacen en la oscuridad, proporcionándoles salvación y un mejor modo de vida.

Mi sincero agradecimiento al pastor Nigri y al pastor Hartman, dirigentes de nuestra división, por vuestro gentil apoyo y cooperación, como también a cada miembro de la familia de la división aquí en Montevideo, donde estoy escribiendo estas últimas palabras de saludo. Deseo agradecer también a cada presidente de unión y campo local con su leal cuerpo de obreros por el consagrado esfuerzo realizado. Oro a Dios para que nuestro Padre celestial os sostenga a cada uno hasta que nos volvamos a ver, si no fuera posible en esta tierra, en la tierra nueva.

"Resta, hermanos, que tengáis gozo, seáis perfectos, tengáis consolación, sintáis una misma cosa, tengáis

COVER PICTURE:

Pastor Marvin Fehrenbach baptizing at the Nevati Mission Station in the Peruvian jungle. The Upper Amazon Mission set a new record in 1965. The original baptismal goal of 350 was passed long ago and it now appears, in 1966, they will baptize almost 500 people in the Upper Amazon Mission.

SUDAMERICA — TIERRA DE HOY

1966 es el año del cincuentenario de la organización de la División Sudamericana. Y al mirar retrospectivamente, podemos ver que fueron 50 años de progreso para Dios y su causa.

En 1916, cuando la División Sudamericana de los Adventistas del Séptimo Día fue organizada en La Plata, Argentina, contaba solamente con 4.903 miembros. Eran fervorosos y estaban listos aun a dar su sangre por la causa, si fuera necesario. No hace mucho tiempo tuve el privilegio de visitar la estación misionera de Laro y las escuelas entre los indios quechuas, situadas a más de 3.000 metros de altura en la costa del Lago Titicaca, en el altiplano del Perú. Hay justamente detrás de la estación misionera, una pequeña colina con las tumbas de doce mártires que dieron sus vidas para Cristo hace más de 50 años.

Incitados por los dirigentes religiosos, una banda de indígenas armados y a caballo atacaron a 300 hombres, mujeres y niños, cuando estaban terminando de construir la escuela de Laro, bajo la dirección del Hno. Pedro Kalbermatter. Muchos de ellos fueron atacados y heridos; pero doce fueron muertos sin misericordia, golpeados y atropellados por los caballos mientras estaban arrodillados con sus manos en alto orando por sus vidas.

Este fue el espíritu y el coraje con que se comenzó nuestro trabajo en Sudamérica. El espíritu de sacrificio trajo progreso y el establecimiento de nuestra obra. Hoy tenemos más de 170.000 miembros en los ocho países que forman la División Sudamericana. Y aquel espíritu de sacrificio, lealtad y fe es hoy tan firme como antes, ya sea en el interior como en las grandes y modernas ciudades de este continente.

No hace mucho tiempo un colporteur fue a una pequeña ciudad. Poco tiempo después de haber llegado tuvo que escaparse de ese lugar. Se encontró con el presidente de la misión, y levantándose la pierna del pantalón, le mostró las heridas que tenía. Entonces le dijo al presidente que sus piernas estaban heridas por la persecución que había sufrido en aquella ciudad donde lo querían matar. "Pero —añadió— yo volveré a aquella ciudad a terminar el trabajo". Volvió y Dios lo bendijo abundantemente.

Este es el espíritu que mueve hoy los corazones de los obreros y laicos aquí en la División Sudamericana. Nuestro gran cometido es el evangelismo en todas las líneas de trabajo; necesitamos terminar la obra. Estamos usando a todos los hombres para llevar el nombre de Jesús a toda nación, tribu, lengua y pueblo en nuestra división. El espíritu del gran misionero del siglo pasado, Fernando Stahl, todavía vive en el siglo XX, en las alas del avión que lleva su nombre, volando sobre la selva peruana; sí, vive también en nuestro programa de radio, televisión, en nuestros libros, sanatorios y hospitales; colegios misioneros, lanchas médicas, fábricas de alimentos, en el corazón de nuestros valientes misioneros de hoy y en el coraje de nuestros evangelistas.

—M. S. Nigri

SOUTH AMERICA, LAND OF TODAY

This year, 1966, marks the 50th Anniversary of the organization of the South American Division; and looking back retrospectively we can say that they have been 50 years of progress for the Lord and His Cause.

In 1916, when the South American Division of Seventh-day Adventists was organized in La Plata, Argentina, there were only 4.903 members in the Division. They were faithful and ready to give even their life blood for the Lord. Not too long ago it was my privilege to visit our Laro Mission Station and school among the Quechua Indians, situated at an altitude of over 10.000 feet on the shores of Lake Titicaca in the highlands of Peru. There, just behind the mission station, is a little hill with the graves of 12 martyrs who gave their lives for the Lord almost 50 years ago.

Incited by religious leaders, a band of native Indians, armed and on horseback, attacked 300 men, women and children when they were finishing the building of the school at Laro under the direction of Pedro Kalbermatter. Many of them were attacked and injured, but 12 of them were killed without mercy, shot and trampled by the horses while they were kneeling with their hands upraised, pleading for their lives.

It was with this spirit and courage that our work was started in South America. The spirit of sacrifice brought progress and stability to the work. Today we have more than 170,000 members in the eight countries which make up the South American Division; but that spirit of sacrifice, loyalty, and faithfulness is just as strong today, whether it is found in the interior or in the large modern cities of the continent.

Not long ago a colporteur visited a small village. A short time later he had to escape for his life. He met the president of the mission, and lifting his trouser legs, showed him his injuries. He told the president the wounds were due to persecution he suffered in that village where the people were intent on killing him. "But," he said to the mission president, "I will return to that village and finish the work." He did return, and the Lord blessed him abundantly.

It is this spirit that moves the hearts of workers and laymen in South America today. Our greatest concern is evangelism in all lines of the work; we need to finish the task. We are using all the men and means to take the name of Jesus to each nation, kindred, tongue, and people in our Division. The spirit of that great missionary of the 19th Century, Fernando Stahl, still lives in the 20th Century, on the wings of the airplane which bears his name, flying over the Peruvian jungle. It also lives in our radio and television programs, our literature ministry, our sanitariums and hospitals, colleges, medical launches, food factories, in the heart of each courageous modern missionary, and in the courage of our evangelists.

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peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." (2 Cor. 13: 11).

With this assurance let us lift up our hearts and rejoice that our redemption is drawing nigh. Let us work and pray while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. May the God of peace keep and guide you all as you move forward to greater achievements in His power.

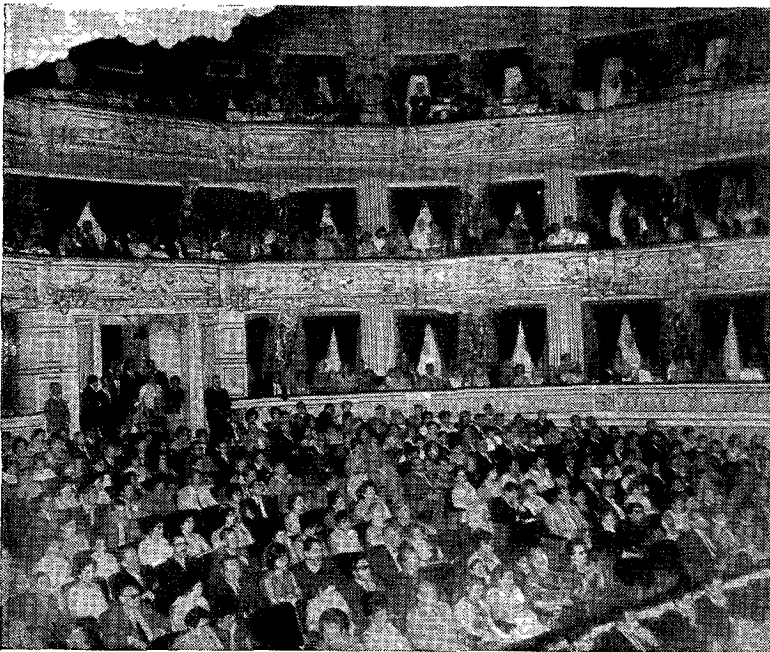
President

paz y el Dios de paz y de caridad será con vosotros" (2 Corintios 13: 11).

Con esta confianza en nuestros corazones, vamos a dejaros, regocijándonos porque nuestra redención está cerca. Vamos a trabajar y orar mientras hay tiempo, porque la noche viene cuando nadie puede obrar. Que el Dios de paz os guarde y guíe a todos al ir hacia la conquista de grandes realizaciones con su poder.

Presidente

10 OUTSTANDING EVENTS



The Municipal Theater in Santiago, Chile, with seats for 1,625, where Antonio Arteaga conducted two simultaneous evangelistic campaigns and has already baptized nearly 500.

REMEMBERING the last General Conference Session in Detroit when reports were given of the activities of different departments during the last four years, 1962-65, we also want to give our readers a summary of the ten most important events which took place in the South American Division in the past quadrennium.

1. The South American Division passed the 165,000 mark in church membership by December 31, 1965, and 170,000 in Sabbath School membership. There was a net gain of 45,239 new members over the four-year period. In nine years we almost doubled our membership. (December 31, 1956, we had a membership of 85,581.)

2. Evangelism:

a. 69,466 were baptized and accepted on profession of faith in this period. In 1965 alone, 19,650 were added to the church by baptism and profession of faith.

b. Evangelists are baptizing in each series, 100, 200, 300, and even up to 400 people, as was done in Arequipa, Peru, and Sao Paulo, Brazil. In the campaign being conducted in Santiago, Chile, it is expected from 500 to 700 will be baptized early in 1966.

c. 1965 was Evangelism Year for Buenos Aires, and four evangelistic campaigns were held simultaneously. Up to the present, 700 have been added to the church and three new churches have been organized. Thirteen new groups have sprung up in Buenos Aires during 1964 and 1965.

d. In Brazil, an average of 1,000 people were baptized each month during 1965. By March 31, 1966, the membership in Brazil was 100,129.

e. Sao Paulo, in southern Brazil, is perhaps the city with the largest Seventh-day Adventist population in the world, outside the United States.

In this city there are 96 churches with 14,000 members, as of December 31, 1965.

f. The Voice of Youth and MV Target were launched in this quadrennium also, and 2,891 were baptized by the direct work of our young people.

g. The child evangelism program has begun to spread through our Sabbath Schools.

3. Development of field administration:

a. The Chile Union was formed, consisting of three local fields, a senior college, a day academy, a clinic, a Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service center, and a branch of the Buenos Aires Publishing House in Santiago, in addition to many primary schools.

b. The Northeast Brazil Mission was granted conference status.

c. A new mission was formed, the North Chile Mission.

4. The colporteurs sold a total of US\$ 7,108,860.00 worth of books and won 5,496 souls in the last quadrennium. Outside North America, our Division had the highest deliveries and sales in the world.

5. The airplane work was started in the Peruvian jungle and extended to the Beni region of Bolivia. At present there are six airplanes in operation in the Division as part of the program to penetrate into the heart of the continent. Plans are laid to extend this work with the addition of two more airplanes in Brazil, one on the Amazon, and the other in Bahia. In one year the pioneer airplane, "Fernando Stahl" saved 60 lives in the jungle area of Peru, and in one and a half years, treated 3,559 people.

6. Six new launches and three new mobile clinics were inaugurated. In all, we have fifteen launches and three mobile clinics at present.

Following is a summary of the work being done by the 18 medical units, over the past four years:

Number of people who attended meetings: 183,884

Number of people baptized: 954
Number who received treatments or medicine: 264,918

Number of treatments given: 376,821

7. Advance of the medical work:

a. A new hospital has been opened in Hohenau, Paraguay. Construction has begun on two new hospitals in Argentina, and a new clinic was opened in Bahia, Brazil.

b. Seven hospitals have improved their facilities by expanding their capacity and enlarging buildings.

c. Six medical institutions have started a construction program with the addition of new buildings, which will increase their capacity three times; actually, they will be new hospitals. These institutions are the following: American Clinic, Quito, Ecuador; Paraguay Adventist Sanitarium, Asuncion; Penfigo Adventist Hospital, Brazil; River Plate Sanitarium, Argentina; Sao Paulo Hospital, Brazil, and the Belem Hospital, Brazil.

d. The Belgrano Clinic in Argentina, the Good Hope Clinic in Peru, and the Silvestre Hospital in Brazil will also start construction programs.

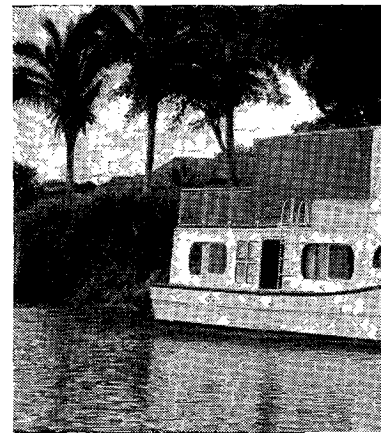
e. We now have 16 hospitals and 5 clinics and dispensaries in the Division.

8. Progress of the educational work:

a. Six new secondary schools and a number of new courses have emerged in the past quadrennial period.

b. Senior college status in theology has been granted to Inca Union College, Chile College, and Northeast Brazil College.

This is one of the 15 medical the various rivers of the South is shown the medical mission quarters on the Araguaia river territory of 1,500



c. At present we have 24 academies and colleges.

9. Most of the presidents of the eight countries which make up the South American Division, have become acquainted with some part of our work. One of them made an official visit to two of our institutions, leaving behind him words of encouragement and appreciation. Truly, we have plenty of liberty in all eight countries of our Division.

10. Miscellaneous:

a. The first floating school in the denomination was opened on one of the floating islands in Lake Titicaca, Peru, for the Uros Indians. There are 45 young people in attendance, and 50 Uros mothers are also studying.

b. L. C. Scofield was decorated by the Minas Gerais State government in Brazil for meritorious service to the nation and the state.

c. The Five-Day Plan to stop smoking was launched and proved to be a great success.

d. The Uruguay Academy Food Factory near Montevideo, was established.

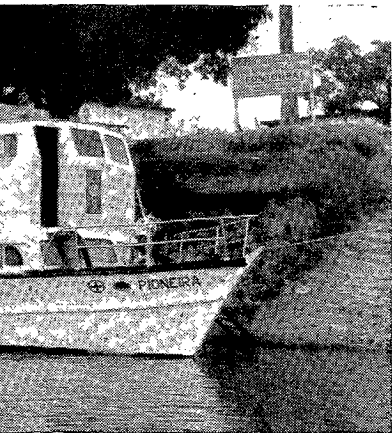
e. The participation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in welfare work in Chile following the earthquake of March, 1965, is noteworthy.

f. A branch of the Buenos Aires Publishing House was established in Santiago, Chile.

g. The first evangelistic center in South America was inaugurated, with offices also for the Brazil Voice of Prophecy, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This center includes offices, an auditorium seating 1,500 people, and the best radio studios in the city. Outside the United States, ours is the Division with the largest number of Voice of Prophecy broadcasts in the world. Of the total 2,500 stations broadcasting this program, more than 500 are in South America. M. S. N.

Teniendo en vista el último Congreso de la Asociación General realizado en Detroit, donde se presentaron los informes de las actividades de los diversos departamentos en

onary launches in operation on American Division. In the photo launch "Pioneira" at its head- Brazil, from which it works a meters of the river.



The floating school located on Lake Titicaca serves the educational, physical, and spiritual needs of the Uros Indians.

During a recent visit, John Wesley Jones, U. S. ambassador, received an appropriate gift of a balsa boat. He spoke very highly of Seventh-day Adventist work.



10 ACONTECIMIENTOS IMPORTANTES

los últimos cuatro años de 1962 a 1965, deseamos dar también a nuestros lectores un resumen de los diez acontecimientos más importantes realizados en la División Sudamericana en el último cuatrienio.

1. La División Sudamericana pasó la cantidad de 165.000 miembros de iglesia el 31 de diciembre de 1965, y los 170.000 miembros de escuela sabática. Hubo un aumento neto de 45.239 nuevos miembros sobre el período anterior. Necesitamos 9 años para casi duplicar nuestra feligresía. (El 31 de diciembre de 1956 teníamos 85.581 miembros.)

2. Evangelismo:

a. 69.466 personas fueron bautizadas y aceptadas por profesión de fe en este periodo. 19.650 recibidas por bautismo y profesión de fe solamente en 1965.

b. Los evangelistas están bautizando en sus series, 100, 200, 300 y a veces hasta 400 como fue hecho en Arequipa, Perú y San Pablo, Brasil. En Santiago, Chile, en una campaña realizada a principios de este año, esperan bautizar de 500 a 700 personas.

c. 1965 fue el año del Evangelismo en Buenos Aires, ya que se realizaron cuatro campañas simultáneamente. Hasta el presente, 700 personas han sido agregadas a la iglesia y se organizaron tres nuevas iglesias. También trece nuevos grupos han surgido en Buenos Aires durante 1964 y 1965.

d. En Brasil, un promedio de 1.000 personas fueron bautizadas cada mes durante 1965. El 31 de marzo de 1966 teníamos 100.129 miembros bautizados en Brasil.

e. San Pablo en el sur del Brasil es la ciudad con la mayor población adventista en el mundo, fuera de los Estados Unidos. El 31 de diciembre de 1965 había 96 iglesias con 14.000 miembros.

f. La Voz de la Juventud y Meta MV fueron impulsadas también en este cuatrienio y 2.891 personas se bautizaron por el trabajo directo de nuestros jóvenes.

g. También el evangelismo infantil comenzó a extenderse mediante las escuelas sabáticas.

3. Desarrollo administrativo de los campos:

a. Fue organizada la Unión Chilena con tres campos locales, un colegio superior, un liceo, una clínica, un centro de asistencia social y una cursal de la Casa Editora en Santiago de Chile, además de muchas escuelas primarias.

b. La Misión Nordeste del Brasil pasó a ser asociación.

c. Se fundó una nueva misión, la Misión de Chile Norte.

4. Los colportores vendieron un total de 7.108.360 dólares de libros y ganaron 5.496 almas en el último cuatrienio. Fuera de Norteamérica, nuestra división fue la que más entregó y vendió en el mundo.

5. El trabajo con los aviones comenzó en la selva peruana y se extendió hasta la región del Beni en Bolivia. Actualmente tenemos seis aviones en acción como parte del programa de penetrar en el corazón del continente. Hay planes de extender este trabajo con dos aviones más en Brasil, uno en la zona del Amazonas y el otro en Bahía.

THE LARGEST OFFERING

A FEW years ago it was my privilege to attend an unusual baptism. It was the first time I had seen such a baptism. We were on the bank of a small, muddy river in the hinterland of Brazil, in the intense heat of Mato Grosso, near the city of Campo Grande.

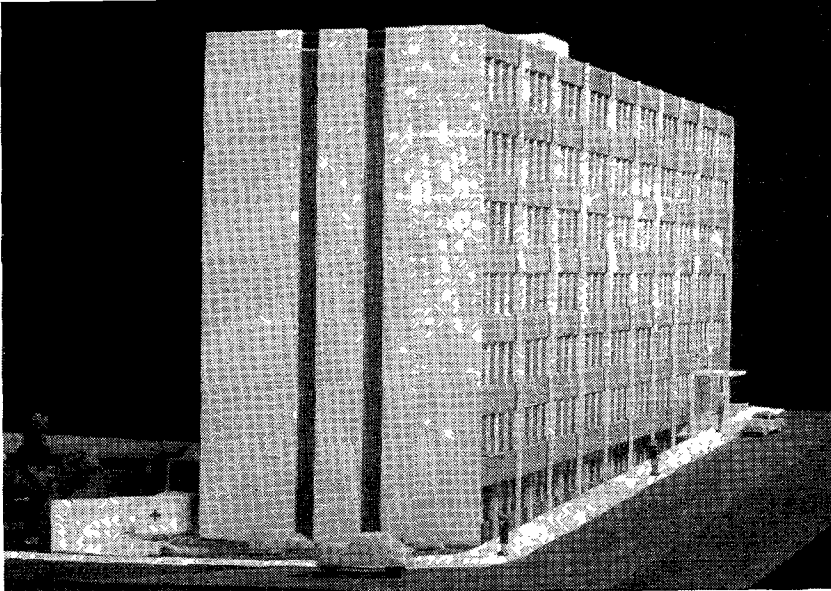
A man lay on a low cot of wood on a simple mattress. He was taken by two deacons into the river to be baptized. In the water the pastor was waiting for the man who, before God and those gathered for the service, was to receive the precious rite of baptism. When the deacons lifted the cot from the river bank, the pastor raised his hand in prayer. Then, gently, with the same hand on the chest of the man, and assisted by the deacons, he submerged the cot and in this way the man was baptized.

Who was this man? Why did he have to be baptized this way?

He was Pedro, a victim of the horrible disease, pemphigus. He had contracted "Savage Fire" a long time before, and when he saw our hospital in Campo Grande, he knew nothing of the truth that redeems and the grace that saves. Pedro was no longer young because he was over 60. The terrible pemphigus disease that tormented him with a burning, constant pain, had left him so atrophied that he could no longer walk. His case was considered hopeless, and he knew it. He was converted, gave his heart to Jesus, and asked for baptism—and I had just witnessed the service. Some months later, Pedro passed away, but he was faithful and happy in Jesus.

Many have been converted in our hospital for the treatment of pemphigus, and many have been cured physically as well.

This is the work our hospitals are doing in South America. Like Pedro, others in other medical institutions are finding Jesus in the midst of their pain and suffering. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer them the comfort and the facilities they need. Our hospitals are small, such as the one for pemphigus patients in Campo Grande, and the general hospital in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Sao Paulo is a city of nearly five



How the new Sao Paulo Hospital will look like, with a capacity for 110 beds. Part of your offering on the 13th Sabbath, December 31, 1966, will help build this hospital.



Dr. Gunther Hans, medical director of the Penfigo Adventist Hospital, with one of the hundreds of patients treated. Your 13th Sabbath offering will help them have a better hospital.

million people and we have there only an old hospital of 40 beds. The reputation we have, the environment we offer, and our missionary spirit impel us to improve the conditions in the Penfigo Hospital as well as in the Sao Paulo Hospital.

The overflow of the 13th Sabbath offering the last quarter of 1966, taken December 31, 1966, will be used entirely for the construction of two new hospitals, one for pemphigus patients, and the other in the city of Sao Paulo.

May the spirit of Him who gave all He possessed for our salvation, touch our hearts that we may give

a generous offering. This will be an offering taken between Christmas, 1966, and the new year, 1967. What a propitious moment to give—to celebrate Christmas and the new year by giving the largest offering of a lifetime! Do you not want to give your largest offering in the Sabbath School? Then give it the last Sabbath of 1966. In the New Earth we will see not only Pedro, the pemphigus victim, but also all who have come to know Jesus through the largest offering we have ever given to the Lord.

M. S. N.

En un año, el avión pionero, Fernando Stahl salvó 60 vidas en la selva peruana, y atendió a 3.559 personas en un año y medio.

6. Seis nuevas lanchas y tres clínicas móviles fueron inauguradas. Actualmente tenemos 15 lanchas y 3 clínicas rodantes. Presentamos a continuación un resumen del trabajo realizado por estas 18 unidades médicas de 1962-1965:

No. de personas que asistieron a reuniones: 183.884.

No. de personas bautizadas: 954.

No. de personas que recibieron

tratamientos o medicamentos: 264.918.

No. de tratamientos dados: 376.821.

7. Adelantos del trabajo médico:

a. Fue abierto un nuevo hospital en Hohenau, Paraguay. Se comenzó la construcción de otros dos en Argentina y se abrió también una nueva clínica en Bahía, Brasil.

b. Siete hospitales aumentaron su capacidad técnica y ampliaron sus edificios.

c. Seis empezaron un programa de construcción con la adición de nuevos edificios, de manera que su ca-

pacidad aumentará hasta tres veces, y se convertirán en hospitales completamente nuevos. Estos hospitales son los siguientes: Clínica Americana de Quito, Ecuador; Sanatorio Adventista del Paraguay en Asunción; Hospital Adventista del Penfigo en Brasil; Sanatorio Adventista del Plata, Argentina; Hospital Libertad, S. Pablo, Brasil, y el Hospital Belem también de Brasil.

d. La Clínica Belgrano, Argentina, la Clínica Good Hope, Perú y el Hospital Silvestre en Brasil em-

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ELECTIONS IN DETROIT

In the General Conference

ON THE occasion of the last General Conference Session held in Detroit, Michigan, June 16-25, 1966, and with 1,400 delegates representing the Seventh-day Adventist church in 183 countries and political divisions, a number of important decisions were made, among them the election of the leaders who will direct the work of God in the coming quadrennium.

As one might expect, there were many changes, since at least 17 workers of the General Conference staff requested retirement. Among these were the following pastors: R. R. Figuhr, president; C. L. Torrey, treasurer; W. E. Murray and F. L. Peterson, vice-presidents; N. W. Dunn, A. F. Tarr and E. W. Dunbar, associate secretaries; R. A. Anderson of the Ministerial Association, E. E. Cossentine of the Department of Education, T. R. Flaiz of the Medical Department, G. A. Huse of the Publishing Department, and others, such as the president of the Far Eastern Division, C. P. Sorensen, and the president of the Northern European Division, E. E. Roenfelt.

As president of the General Conference, Elder R. H. Pierson was nominated. He is the former president of Trans-Africa Division and previously served as president of the Southern Asia Division and in the Inter-American Division. He is leader of wide experience, and excellent writer, poet, and an able administrator; a modern man of vision who has carried forward the work of the church in southern Africa in spite of the many problems which must be confronted there. He is also a man of prayer and for this reason he is also a man of power who knows his God because he is in constant contact with Him. Certainly he will have His guidance in his new responsibilities.

For the vacancy created by the resignation of C. L. Torrey, Elder K. H. Emmerson was elected as treasurer of the General Conference. All of us here in South America know Elder Emmerson well. His ability, his firmness, and his kind way of dealing with people indicate that his capacity will constantly increase. Elder Emmerson was once treasurer of the South American Division and has left many friends here.

Elders Theodore Carcich, F. L. Bland, David H. Baasch, and others

have taken the places of Elders W. E. Murray, F. L. Peterson, and N. W. Dunn. Elder Baasch, who was the secretary of the Inter-American Division, is the man who cares for the interests of the Inter-American and South American Divisions in the General Conference, a work which Elder N. W. Dunn carried forward efficiently for many years. He will be with us for the coming Annual meeting of the Division Committee December 7-14, when we will have the privilege of becoming better acquainted with him, and he with us. In the Inter-American Division he did excellent work, and is highly esteemed and respected by the brethren.

In the South American Division

As in other divisions of the world field, ours also suffered some changes in staff members. We are sorry that some of our men are leaving, but such is the Advent Movement, and perhaps that is something that makes our church different from others. Movement is progress. Changes bring news—new plans, different blood, different experiences. And, since we sincerely believe that the Lord directs His people and this Movement, we also believe that He approves and permits nominations because He sees in them a way to prepare and test men and women for finishing His work in the last days.

With the decision of our president, Elder J. J. Aitken, not to return to South America because of the educational needs of his children, it was necessary to choose another president. Since Elder Nicolas Chaij had accepted the call of the Inter-American Division to be secretary of the Publishing Department, it was also necessary to call someone to take his place. Also, as Elder F. C. Webster accepted the nomination to be president of the Middle East Division, another man had to be found—and he has still to be found. For years we have been looking for someone to be the Medical Department secretary, possibly a doctor, and now we have found one. We also have an auditor, which relieves our treasurer of part of his responsibility. To reinforce the work of the three Division officers, a field secretary was named, who, in addition to this responsibility, will also carry the work of the Religious Liberty Department. The field secretary had already been named at the beginning of the year to act until the

time of the General Conference Session.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of 129 members, included the following 14 representatives from the South American Division: O. R. Azevedo, Lorenzo Baum, Rodolpho Belz, D. R. Christman, Siegfried Genske, Siegfried Kumpel, Werner Mayr, Elbio Pereyra, Adelio Rocco, D. Peixoto da Silva, W. J. Streithorst, D. K. Sullivan, Moises Tenorio, and Arturo Weisheim.

Upon these men rested the responsibility of choosing and recommending the following list of workers as leaders of the work of the Seventh-day Adventist church in South America for the coming quadrennium:

R. A. Wilcox	President
M. S. Nigri	Secretary
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Samuel Alberro	Auditor
H. J. Peverini	Field Secretary, Religious Liberty Department Secretary

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AN IMPORTANT "P"

PRAYER is an important "P" in our mental garden. We need to pray not only when things go wrong, but to make prayer a daily part of our lives. Joseph remained true when everything was going wrong, but I am sure that he never lost contact with his heavenly Father. Remember this little saying, "Satan trembles when he sees the Christian on his knees." Here is another good one—"You cannot stumble if you are on your knees."



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In addition to these men who were nominated in Detroit, the Division staff includes the following,

who are not elected by the General Conference:

D. R. Hensel Consulting Engineer
 Wilbur H. Olson Assistant Treasurer
 Arturo E. Schmidt Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association

The *Bulletin* desires for each one the blessings of God and His leadership in the administration of this progressive Division. The responsibility is great. Let us pray especially for our new president, Elder R. A. Wilcox; let us sustain his upraised arms while we struggle here below to liberate souls bound in the darkness of sin. United in spirit, love, and understanding, and filled with zeal for this sacred cause, we will bear the trophies of victory to the feet of our beloved Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

8. Progreso del trabajo educacional:

a. Seis nuevas escuelas secundarias y algunos nuevos cursos han comenzado en el pasado cuatrienio.

b. El "status" de Colegio Superior de Teología ha sido dado al Colegio Unión en Lima, Perú, al Colegio de Chile y al Colegio del Nordeste de Brasil.

c. Tenemos actualmente 24 colegios y liceos.

9. La mayoría de los presidentes de los 8 países que forman la División Sudamericana, se han relacionado con alguna fase de nuestro trabajo. Uno de ellos visitó oficialmente dos de nuestras instituciones y expresó su estímulo y aprecio hacia nuestra obra. Verdaderamente gozamos de mucha libertad en los 8 países que forman nuestra división.

10. Miscelánea:

a. La primera escuela flotante en la denominación fue abierta en una de las islas flotantes en el Lago Titicaca, Perú, para los indios uros. Asisten a ella 45 jóvenes y 50 madres de ellos están también estudiando.

b. L. C. Scofield fue condecorado por el gobernador del Estado de Minas, Brasil, por su servicio meritório a la nación y al estado.

c. El Plan de 5 Días para Dejar de Fumar fue probado y tuvo un gran éxito.

d. Se estableció una fábrica de alimentos en el Instituto Adventista del Uruguay, cerca de Montevideo.

e. La participación de la Iglesia Adventista en el trabajo de asistencia social en Chile, después del terremoto de marzo de 1965, ha sido notable.

f. Una nueva sucursal de la Casa Editora de Buenos Aires se abrió en Santiago, Chile.

g. Fue inaugurado el primer centro evangelístico en Sudamérica, que también alberga la oficina central de La Voz de la Profecía en Río de Janeiro, Brasil. Este centro incluye oficinas, un auditorio para 1.500 personas y el mejor estudio en la ciudad. Fuera de los Estados Unidos, Sudamérica es la división que tiene más audiciones del programa de La Voz de la Profecía en el mundo: de 2.500 estaciones, más de 500 están en Sudamérica.

YOUR HELPING HAND IS NEEDED



Seventh-day Adventists as a church have been spared one of the greatest scourges of our time. While millions of others in virtually every country of the world are enmeshed in this tragedy, we as a people are free from its ravages. No other church today is equipped to do what ours can to help smokers. No

other faith has the publications program ours does to help smokers quit and to discourage non-smokers from starting. No other denomination has films like ours to help smokers. We have such tobacco films as "One in 20,000" which has helped thousands to quit smoking and thousands more to never start. Our alcohol films, our books, periodicals, and leaflets are filling a tremendous part as "Helping Hands" in this hour when we are told by the pen of inspiration that as a people we should stand in the forefront in this great battle against intemperance.

The General Conference Temperance Department, along with its message of prevention, is also developing methods of helping the intemperate.

Through the years our church has emphasized a message of temperance education to help prevent people from falling victims to drink and other dangerous habits. This approach is important, perhaps the most important. However, work for the intemperate must not be neglected. "Missionary work does not consist merely of preaching. It includes personal labor for those who have abused their health

and have placed themselves where they have not moral power to control their appetites and passions. These souls are to be labored for as those more favorably situated. Our world is full of suffering ones."—Evangelism p. 265.

The task before us is huge. The challenge is great. This church has an unprecedented opportunity to save lives and souls by supporting our temperance work today. Our Lord has told us: "Say not ye, there are four months, and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."—John 4:35.

We are ready to move forward, but we need "Your Helping Hand." We now hasten to finish the task our Lord assigned us in the lingering twilight of earth's history. Won't you give a little more than you have ever given before on South America Temperance Sabbath, October 15, 1966, for the temperance phase of the third angel's message? May God bless you as you share "Your Helping Hand." "As we do our part faithfully, the Lord will bless our efforts to the saving of many precious souls."—Temperance, page 251. May "Your Helping Hand" dig deeply into your pocket on October 15, and may this offering be the largest in our history, with God's help.

Robert H. Pierson, President
 General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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pezarán pronto su programa de construcciones.

e. Tenemos ahora 16 hospitales y 5 clínicas y dispensarios médicos en la división.

Moisés S. Nigri
 Director