

Missionary work in Chile, South America.

In view of the coming month of prayer for Missions in South America, which by arrangement occurs in November it may be in place to present to the readers of the

*Quayle* some items in regard to the MTR work now in progress in that far off country. It is possible for the writer to speak only of Chile, and necessarily, some things may be repeated that to some are already known.

The two great difficulties in all Roman Catholic countries to the evangelizing of the people is found in a natural fruit of the system of Romanism. One is the fanaticism and bigotry of those who still hold to the Romanist faith, and the other is the indifference or the infidelity that has come as a reaction against the rejected teaching of Rome.

Indifference cares not for a Christian teaching that touches the life, and demands purity and uprightness. Infidelity classes all religion alike and counts the evangelistic faith as worthless as the teaching of Rome. Against these difficulties we address ourselves.

The Chile Mission on its force, when all the men are here The following ~~MTR~~ persons, viz: -

SIX clergymen, two of whom are engaged in teaching and in press work, Three clergymen who are Pastors of English

congregations, but who aid in counsel and in many other ways one of whom receives aid from the Board, and this only for a very small sum. The English Churches paying the salaries of their pastors.

We have three native pastors and four helpers, and in the schools are six teachers in the Instituto Internacional and six in the Escuela Popular.

The salaries of the teachers is nearly all paid from the income of the schools and from money raised in the country.

~~MISSION~~ The work of the Mission is divided into the following departments. Pastoral work and preaching Itinerary work, consisting in holding periodical preaching tours from city to city where we have as yet no regular preacher. Schools consisting of The Escuela Popular designed for the poor children, and is carried on at a low cost yet is not a ~~mission~~ free school, every pupil pays something. It has an enrollment of about 200.

~~The Institute for Cottages and Unversity~~ Then the Instituto Internacional which is a high grade school which fits youth for Colleges and Universities and for business. It aims to give the better class of youth a thorough Christian education. It has an attendance of eighty pupils, and is nearly self-supporting. Then we have the beginnings of a theological Seminary.

We have two graduates in the work, and one who took a partial course engaged with the Valparaiso Bible Society.

There are in course of instruction four youth three of whom are yet in the preparatory department.

We have had others but as we are determined to send out only the best we have advised those who do not show highest capacity to retire to secular work.

Another department is that of Press work. We publish a fortnightly paper called "El Herald". We send out ~~3000~~ 3100 copies, and distribute from ~~BBB~~ Punta Montt in the Extreme south to Lima, Peru, and La Paz, Bolivia.

These papers are welcomed every where and while it is a free paper we receive many dollars in contribution to its expenses. We also publish special Spanish tracts from time to time which treat of Gospel themes and of Romish errors. These tracts are accepted and read with avidity. We could greatly multiply the work in this direction if we had the means.

One of the English Pastors, Dr. Trumbull, secures funds and prints a small periodical called "El Predicador."

in which is one of his English sermons which has been translated into Spanish. This periodical comes out once in two weeks and has a free circulation of from 2500 to 3000 copies. It reaches the ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> readers as the Heraldic

During the Past year we have published some 15 different tracts, varying from 16 to 50 pp. and in editions from ~~10,000~~ 2000 copies to 20,000.

The other department of our work is that of Itinerating. In this work two or three go from town to town. They take a small portable Mason and Harlin organ, a lot of tracts and an assortment of bibles, together with a lot of hand bills. When arriving at a town a place is sought. The hand-bills are filled out and scattered. Meetings are held two three and some times four days in succession. Conversations are held with those who come to the hotel during the day. The inquiries are not so often like the those who visit Mr. Moody's inquiry room but those who want some explanation over some question of difference between Catholics and ~~the~~ Protestants.

In ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> places the ire of bigoted ones has been ~~aroused~~ aroused. Usually by sermons from the priests on the Sunday previous. The workers have been greeted with beans, potatoes -- not boiled, -- garbage and stones.

The range of these visits has been for a line of 400 miles. Meetings have been held in fourteen different cities having a population of from 7000 to 15000, not to count special meetings <sup>in cities</sup> where we have already located chapels. In one city a new church is forming having now

some 17 persons who have come out as devoted Christians others also are now proposed for members and will unite in due time.

The regular pastoral work is done after the usual form of such work. We have five churches regularly supplied but one has preaching but once a month. Though a christian member holds service when the pastor cannot come.

To carry on this work more effectually we need 1st a well equipped power press and a foot press for small work, We believe that with the press fully arranged we could not only greatly multiply our printing, but could do outside work to the reduction if not the paying of expenses. We need 2d. Two good school buildings one in S Santiago for the Instituto Internacional, and one in Val Paraiso for the Escuela Popular. If the Board has sufficient funds these things may be done.

We need also 3d. a church in Concepcion.

That city of 40,000 people has a promising and growing church. It is now obliged to meet in a small inconvenient room. This must soon be vacated, and we will need to seek other quarters.

What about results. Well first the men named at the opening of this letter are not all old workers two are absolutely new not yet having the language They have just been appointed. ~~The results from th~~