

young men in Canada live more uprightly. He brings many to the services, and some of them, including his cousin, have been baptized.

One poor ignorant Indian boy worked for an English family, and was paid his clothes and one Boliviano each week. He turned in that Boliviano each Sunday, towards paying for the rent of a new mission hall, which the members had themselves rented for meetings in another part of the town.

Antonio—a boy of 17—preached with ease and eloquence in both Spanish and Quechua.

Josefina, of 16, with her sweet face and dutiful life, is a joy to her family and to us. Her soft voice rings in my ears yet, as she stood in a prayer meeting to tell of her love for her Master. She keeps house for her uncle, Don Florencis, whose own wife and daughter deserted him to run a liquor shop and lead immoral lives. Her grandmother, who died about two years ago, and Josefina, were baptized the same day, the young girl tenderly supporting and guiding the old woman on the long walk to and from the river. She attended her lovingly till her death, and no happy grandmother of any land received more love and care than did this old Indian woman, from her half-breed grandchild.

These are a few examples of the changes that have been worked. The other missionaries could tell you of others. Twelve years ago the Bible was a forbidden book, that called forth priestly curses, and fed many a bonfire. Many years ago a colporteur was put to death. Ten years ago another, under pain of death, was forced to leave Cochabamba before daylight of a set date. Now Bibles are sold peaceably on the streets even of Cochabamba, and Bible agents are penetrating to the more remote parts.

These things have been accomplished. So far, you are meeting the need of Bolivia. How much more are you going to extend your efforts? South America is awakening. Other Boards are increasing their missionary staff. Are Canadian Baptists to be on the ground as well? What share will your Woman's Board undertake?

There are eight departments or provinces in Bolivia, and instead of eight missionaries there ought to be twenty. The sacrifice is not overwhelming. The laws are favorable now. Persecution of the missionary is of the past, and has

given place to a certain amount of deference. The climate is good. Tuberculosis is unknown. There are many foreigners, and one is not entirely cut off from English-speaking society. Railways are increasing. The electric cars of La Paz are as good as those of New York. There are electric and tram lines, and electric lighting in many of the homes, including the new mission house in Oruro. These are incidents; but, above all, there is a growing desire for Truth.

Some, in their disgust at the effects of Romanism (pure and unadulterated as they have it there) are tending to an opposite extreme, and renouncing all religion. Our missionaries need reinforcements to step in and help to claim those "truth-seekers" before they reach that stage.

I have often been asked if there is the same need for lady missionaries as in India. Perhaps not the same distinctive need, but she might greatly help the male missionary on any field. Single women are sent to the other republics by other Boards. The Regions Beyond do good work through their nurses, who enter all homes even to those of the bishops and priests. There is, in short, work for any missionary of either sex, and now is the time to enter in.

My dear reader of the Link, what will you do towards the redemption of Bolivia?

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

Rev. H. B. Cross is studying in Chicago University in anticipation of returning to India next year. His little daughter, Kathleen, is with him.

Rev. Yonan Shabbaz, our pioneer Baptist missionary in Persia, who works under a committee of American Baptists led by Dr. R. S. McArthur, has been visiting Canada, asking that we contribute \$2,500 to purchase a printing press and outfit, the first one he has had. 75,000,000 people may be reached by literature printed in the Persian characters,—people distributed through Persia, Turkey, Russia, Afghanistan and Beluchistan. Since Mr. Shabbaz went back to Persia from his course at Colgate, he has baptized over 300 people, and has organized four Baptist churches and eleven missions. There