

another site and payment. Your Secretary is hopeful that the entire episode will eventually turn out for the advantage of the Kingdom of God in La Paz." These words, written a year ago, have been literally fulfilled and prayer has brought this to pass—prayer which culminated in the first days of February in a week of petition by the denomination from Halifax to Victoria. Rarely, it is believed, have Baptists in Canada more unanimously and wholeheartedly besought the Throne of Grace than they did in regard to the La Paz Chapel. Now comes the result, which we give in the words of the Board's missionary at La Paz, Rev. H. E. Wintemute.

"I was very glad indeed to know that the home people took up so earnestly our trouble here with the church and that they prayed for a speedy and satisfactory solution of the difficulty. The native Christians here joined with those at home in this prayer, and during the three days of the Catholic Carnival or Festival we held special prayer meetings each day. The way in which prayer has been answered is to me nothing short of marvellous. Three days later the ex-president of the municipality, or the Mayor, sent for me, and said that he wished to come to terms with me in this matter. I asked him Bolivians 55,000 for the property. At first he insisted on getting it for Bolivians 45,000. When I refused this, he said that he had only been able to collect Bolivians 50,000 and wished to close the deal at that figure. We have had a good many interviews and discussions, and the result is that I expect to cable you to-morrow to the effect that the property is sold for Bolivians 51,500. The papers are all drawn up and should be signed to-morrow morning unless something occurs to prevent it. The Mayor is an exceptionally

astute man and I have had to exercise all the wit and caution I possess in putting this deal through. It has been a rather trying experience but it is one of the most interesting ones I have ever been through. You can imagine what a tremendous relief it will be to me to get this affair settled and off my mind. If you do not get a cable from me before you get this letter you will know that something has gone wrong at the last moment."—The cable has been received saying the sale at Bolivians 51,500, or \$17,000, was made. This fully covers the Mission for all expenditure it has had in connection with the Chapel.

#### Wherein the Victory Lies

First, it has grown increasingly clear during the year that, after all that has occurred and especially in view of the fact that recently a monastery has been built right beside our chapel, it would be best to sell the site and chapel and build in another place. The Catholic Mayor must have been aware of this. Would the Mission, then, be able to withdraw without loss financially and with increased moral prestige? The sale price is entirely satisfactory and fair, providing as it really does, compensation for the time spent by our missionary on the building as well as for the cost of the building itself. The moral victory, also, is not small. For the first time in the history of Bolivia, as is believed, the Catholic Church in the largest and most influential city of that Republic, led by a man who literally held the government of the day in his hands, has met on grounds of equality a Protestant body, the Baptists, who in La Paz have a membership of only twenty. This simply means that Baptists have been publicly recognized and treated by the Catholics as having real rights to consideration in

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