

they will be capable of taking charge of a mission field.

During the year we have had seven baptisms. This is the largest number for any one year in the history of the work in La Paz. We have been compelled to exclude three former members of the church for unbecoming conduct, leaving our present membership at twenty-four, seven of whom are non-resident.

At the last of April, Sr. J. M. Rodriguez, who had been serving as assistant pastor for eleven months, left and returned to the Argentine in order that he might be with his wife, who had failed to recover her health during the year, as was hoped and expected. Sr. Rodriguez proved himself to be a faithful and earnest worker, and the church here has felt his loss keenly. He was a diligent student of the Word, a man firm and settled in his convictions and a fearless defender of the truth. Being thus relieved in some measure from the immediate pastoral duties by Mr. Rodriguez, I was able to devote myself for some months to literary work; and with the help and revision of Sr. Rodriguez succeeded in translating into Spanish a special book for the young men of the educated classes, entitled, "The Times and Young Men," by Josiah Strong. The manuscript is now in the hands of a large house in Spain, and we hope ere long to complete arrangements either with this house or some other for its publication.

I was also able to prepare the first draft of four chapters of an extensive treatise on Catholic controversy, for which I have now been reading and studying for fifteen years and hope to publish in Spanish as soon as other duties will permit. Such a treatise is urgently needed throughout the Spanish world, as no comprehensive presentation of our distinctive doctrines can be found as yet in this language.

It will be remembered that four years ago the union services in English were discontinued owing to extreme sectarianism of some Methodist missionaries. Since their removal, the following year, there has been a growing sentiment and conviction among the various workers of that mission that a very grave mistake was committed at that time, and steps should be taken towards the re-establishment of the union services.

And on the 23rd of May the first union service was held. The arrangements are that the services will be conducted for six months each year in the Methodist chapel and six months in the Baptist, the Methodist missionary to have charge while we meet in his church, and the Baptist missionary the same; the various missionaries will take their turn in preaching and the collections will be divided equally. This arrangement has been a matter of great satisfaction and rejoicing to all concerned, and we hope that the present congenial relationship will continue.

In conclusion, let me express my gratitude for the generous way in which the Board have sustained the mission in Bolivia during these trying times, and especially for the prospects which we have for the arrival of reinforcements this fall.

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"Josiah Jones," who talks to "Solomon Wisacre," in "Missions," has announced that he thinks the best thing that could happen to the uninterested, indifferent, or hostile Baptists is to shut them up in jail, and not let them out till they had read the review of their Mission Societies over five times and could pass an examination on every paragraph. Then, he thinks, they would be ready to see this enterprise through in a big way. If he could guarantee to rouse our people to a realization of the greatness and urgency of our task, Josiah Jones might find some seconders in Canada.