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## Does Bolivia Need Us?

Notice in answer to that question the striking picture of the hundred-year-old Indian woman given on the first page.

"The Stirring Story of Senor Montano," in the Young Women's Section and Miss Booker's letter show the kind of work our missionaries are doing in Bolivia.

The studies on Bolivia prepared by the Chairman of our literature committee for Young Women's Circles and Mission Bands should be widely used. Keep the Links with these studies until you want a program on Bolivia.

Mr. Buck, the writer of the "Story of Senor Montano," is stationed at Oruro.

### SOMETHING ABOUT URURO

The City—Oruro is situated at the foot of a series of low, brown hills, with streets as monotonously flat and level as those in La Paz are uncomfortably uphill and down. It lies 12,122 feet above the sea-level and, during July, August and September, the winds are very bitter and violent. The beautiful central plaza or square, in which is the finest post office in all Bolivia, does much to relieve its rather dismal and unattractive appearance. The city is an important commercial centre, around which are grouped at varying distances a large number of great silver and tin mines. Although we were given to understand that all the people of Oruro understood Spanish, we are not certain but that, as our missionaries gain a more detailed knowledge of the city, they will find that there are a great many Indians who have not enough knowledge of Spanish to enable them to understand the presentation of the Gos-

pel. If our doubt proves to be well established it will mean that one of the lady missionaries here should give herself to the acquirement of the Indian tongue in addition to Spanish. Apart from the recent entrance of the Salvation Army, with two lady workers, the evangelism of its nearly 30,000 inhabitants is left solely to Canadian Baptists. In addition to his work among the native people, the Board's missionary must marry and bury and generally minister to the English-speaking colony, the majority of whom, by their lives, are a positive hindrance to the spread of the Gospel. Our Mission is well-established here, with two fine properties worth \$20,000, one well located on Washington St., one block away from the Central City Square, and the other on a low hill overlooking the city.

The Church—The church in Oruro is the oldest in the Mission, as it was here that Mr. Reekie began his work. It has now a membership of thirty-three, with a congregation about double that number and a Sunday School of forty pupils. Under the warm evangelistic touch of the present missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Buck, the cause is steadily growing. There are no workers here equal to the Ruiz brothers of La Paz, but there are at least two men who minister to the congregation with acceptance in the missionary's absence. The membership as a whole is fairly mature in Christian experience and, having had a good many years careful Bible teaching, constitutes an instrument through which a great work may be done in Oruro for the extension of the Kingdom of God.—From "Canadian Baptists in Bolivia."