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The Certainty of this Movement—No. 3

IN FORMER studies we have noticed that a special message must go to all the world just before the second coming of Christ. This message is to prepare a people for the great day of God. It is the great three-fold message of Revelation fourteen. It is a prophetic message and therefore must fulfill the specification of the prophecy. Any movement which does not fulfill all these prophetic specifications cannot be the right movement. It must come onto the stage of action at the specified time, it must do the work specified for it, and it must produce the results foretold by the prophetic word. Anything less than this could not fulfill the predictions given nearly two thousand years ago, and, hence, could not be the movement or remnant church of prophecy.

What then are some of the characteristics of the remnant church as given in the book of God? There are many, but we can notice only a few in this article. Let us read the prophecy as given in Revelation 12:17 and 14:6-12. These verses give some of the marks of the last church of God and the work that will be done by it as well as the message that it will proclaim. These specifications are very clear and plain. There is no guesswork about them. We will briefly mention some of them; please follow carefully with Bible in hand.

1. According to the prophecy the remnant church is the object of Satan's special attacks. He goes forth to plan his warfare against it, for the prophecy says that he "went to make war with the remnant." (Rev. 12:17.) It will be more than his usual attack against the people of God, for he will have great wrath because "he knoweth that he hath but a short time," in which to do his work. (Rev. 12:12.) Hence, it is a church that will meet with opposition

from without and from within; but in spite of all the efforts made against it, it will finally triumph gloriously. Rev. 15:2.

2. According to the prophecy the remnant church keeps "the commandments of God." (Rev. 12:17; 14:12.) The keeping of the commandments of God must include the keeping of the Sabbath, for God would not say that the church keeps the commandments if it breaks one of them. (James 2:10.) Hence the remnant church of prophecy must be a Sabbath-keeping church, for none other could meet the fulfilment of this prophecy.

3. According to the prophecy the remnant church has the "testimony of Jesus." (Rev. 12:17.) But "the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy." (Rev. 19:10.) Hence in order to meet the fulfilment of this prophecy it must be a church which not only believes in the Spirit of prophecy, but one which has this gift in its midst. And no church which rejects the gift of prophecy or refuses to be guided by it, can lay any claim to being the remnant church.

4. According to the prophecy the remnant church will proclaim the everlasting gospel. The prophecy declares that it has "the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth." (Rev. 14:6.) This preaching will precede the second coming of Christ. (Rev. 14:14.) There is but one gospel, the glad news of salvation from sin through faith in Christ, and not through works nor penance. (Rom. 1:16, 17; Acts 4:12.) Hence, to fulfill this prophecy the remnant church must believe in justification by faith and proclaim this grand truth to the world. None other could meet the specification. That surely must be clear to all.

5. According to the prophecy the remnant church is a world-wide movement, giving its message in "a loud voice" to all "that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people." (Rev. 14:6, 7.) Hence, to fulfill this prophecy it must be a church which believes in foreign missions and one which carries its message to the whole world. It must go to the very ends of the earth, to the darkest corners where men may dwell. Nothing less than this could fulfill the prophecy.

6. According to the prophecy the remnant church will believe in the judgment, in a judgment preceding the coming of Christ. It will call upon all to turn to God *in view of the fact* that the time of the judgment is come. It will say "with a loud voice fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come." (Rev. 14:7.) Hence, to fulfill the prophecy it must be a church which believes in an investigative judgment before probation closes. None other can be the right one.

7. According to the prophecy the remnant church will study the prophetic word and proclaim the fulfilment of prophecy as well as the coming of Christ. It will study the *prophetic periods* given by God in His word and fearlessly declare to the world that "the hour of His judgment is come." (Rev. 14:7.) Hence, to fulfill the prophecy it must be a church that knows *when* the hour of God's judgment began, or else it could not proclaim the message with certainty. It must be a church which not only studies the prophecies, but which is in itself a fulfilment of prophecy, beginning its work at the appointed time—the time when the hour of God's judgment began, in 1844. 2 Pet. 1:19.

8. According to the prophecy the remnant church will call upon all to "worship Him that made heaven and earth, the sea, and the fountains of waters." (Rev. 14:7.) Hence, in order to fulfill

the prophecy it must be a church which believes in creation and not in evolution; one which presents the memorial of creation, the Sabbath, as the sign of His great creative power. Ex. 31:13, 17.

9. According to the prophecy the remnant church will proclaim the fall of Babylon, "because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." (Rev. 14:8.) Sister E. G. White says, "Babylon has been fostering poisonous doctrine, the wine of error. This wine of error is made up of false doctrines, such as the natural immortality of the soul, the eternal torment of the wicked, the denial of the preexistence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem, and advocating and exalting the first day of the week above God's holy and sanctified day." ("Testimonies to Ministers," p. 61.) Hence, in order to meet the fulfillment of this prophecy it must be a church that points out the errors in doctrine which have crept into the churches through the centuries, and one which presents the plain, unvarnished truths of God as given in His word. Surely this must be clear to every careful student of prophecy.

10. According to the prophecy the remnant church will deliver a warning message against the worship of the beast and his image and against receiving his mark. Read Revelation 14:9-11. Hence in order to fulfill this prophecy, it must be a church which will point out what the beast and his image are, and the difference between the mark of the beast, and the seal of the living God. It must be a church that will sound a warning message against obeying man-made ordinances in opposition to the commandments of God. Nothing less than this can meet the fulfillment of this prophecy.

11. According to the prophecy the remnant church will develop a people that will be patient, for the Lord says of them, "Here is the patience of the saints." (Rev. 14:12.) Hence, to fulfill this prediction, it must be a church that has learned patience by the trials and persecutions through which it has passed, and whose members have experienced the keeping power of God in their lives in the hour of temptation. Heb. 10:36, 37.

12. According to the prophecy the remnant church will keep "the faith of Jesus," while the world around it is losing faith in God and His word. (Rev. 14:12.) Hence, to fulfill this prophecy it must be a church which will not only have faith *in* Jesus; but will have "the faith of Jesus," and which will "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3.

13. According to the prophecy the remnant church will proclaim the message of the second coming of Christ, and

will call attention to the signs of His coming and their fulfilment. (Rev. 14:14; Luke 21:25-28.) Hence, to fulfill the prophecy, it must be a church which believes in His coming and is studying the signs foretold in the prophetic word.

14. According to the prophecy, the remnant church will be presented "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing" (Eph. 5:27) at the coming of the Lord. Hence, it must be a church that will be looking for the coming of Christ, and that will prepare to meet its God with joy. Such a church will be able to say, "Lo, this is our God, we have waited for Him and He will save us;" and it will purify itself "even as He is pure." Isa. 25:9; 1 John 3:3.

Thus we have briefly noticed fourteen prophetic specifications of the remnant church. These are plain and need not be misunderstood; and many more could be given. Now how do Seventh-day Adventists, as a denomination, measure up to them? Does it possess the marks of the remnant church required for the fulfilment of prophecy? Humbly, and in the fear of God, we answer "Yes." Review the points and you will see that it is so. Thus the people of this advent movement not only believe the prophetic word; but they, themselves, are the fulfilment of prophecy. Of this we may be certain.

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The Colporteur Institute in Buenos Aires

FROM August 8 to 15 the Buenos Aires Conference held their colporteur institute in Florida with an attendance of 35 men and women. It was the largest institute held in the union conference during the year. These men and women are serious-minded missionaries, and the time was spent in discussing how they could better accomplish their work.

Brother Emilio Gmelin, though here less than a year, has captivated the confidence and love of his workers.

To house the workers the conference rented a comfortable building where most of the colporteurs slept and where dining conveniences were had. All seemed happy and contented at the good treatment and especially of Sister Amalia Villafañe's cooking. Elder Brouchy cooperated to the extent of his ability to make the institute a success. He was

present at the larger portion of the discussions and took part like a regular colporteur.

A feature of the meeting that was especially interesting was the decided spirit of debt reduction. The *oso* (bear, representing debt) was sentenced to death and many of the men determined that by the time of the next meeting no debt would stand against their names.

The combination plan was reported to be working successfully. Most of the colporteurs are taking a subscription for the missionary paper, *El Atalaya*, with every order. The publishing house reports the largest circulation of the *Atalaya* that it has enjoyed in its history.

The Florida church was made colporteur-minded as every evening stereopticon lectures were given, showing the colporteur around the world; the evolution of the art of printing; Advent missions on eight continents; and the signs of the times. One of the deacons remarked, "No institute like this was ever held in this church. I almost feel like going out myself and selling books."

Brother Fayard's series of talks on "The Times and Their Meaning," were also appreciated by the workers. Elder Town cooperated with his studies and presence. Elder J. L. Brown of the Division was one of the principal instructors.

The last Sabbath, after a sermon, the colporteurs were dedicated to God by prayer, and a solemn charge was given to them publicly. Three new colporteurs were baptized and all the colporteurs enjoyed the ordinances together.

H. F. BROWN.

One Calls for Another

AFTER making a presentation of my book at a certain home, the lady told me that she would have to consult with her husband before giving an order. She had a son and daughter present, one of whom remarked that the book presented was something like the one they had bought the year before. Then they told me that "Hacia la Edad de Oro" was the name of the book referred to. I explained that my book was published by the same house, after which the lady remarked, "Then I do not need to consult with anybody before placing an order for the book. Please put my name down for a copy for this is really a beautiful book." Then the mother added, "We are also receiving the *Atalaya*," and said that they had never seen a magazine equal to it. One of the children remarked that they had read "Hacia la Edad de Oro" three times and that each time they liked it better. It is needless

to say that my heart was filled with joy as I left that place. I find many people hungering for the message wherever I go.

JUAN BARRIOS.
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Influence of a Home School

THE accompanying picture represents one of the 16 church schools in the Central Argentine Conference. This school is conducted at the country home of Brother Julio Dupertuis, near the village of Felicia, Santa Fe.

Last year there were only seven children enrolled, but this year the fame of the school has spread over the neighborhood to such an extent that there are a number of non-Adventist children in attendance, making the present enrollment 19 children.

The parents greatly appreciate the untiring efforts put forth by the teacher, Miss Alicia Bishop, to make the school what it is.

May the dear Lord bless all of our Christian schools and help our teachers ever to keep in mind that the real purpose of all our schools is the saving of our boys and girls, and that every teacher may truly be able to say with the Spirit of prophecy that to mold plastic minds is the nicest work ever given to man.

Mrs. J. H. MEIER.

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Scatter Our Literature

BROTHER Alcantaro Niz, our untiring warrior in the ranks of the Lord, sends us the following word from Uruguay:

"I have had the great pleasure of hearing a good testimony from the mouth of a young man regarding *El Atalaya*. When we visited the father's home he subscribed for the magazine, and upon its expiration his son rode fourteen leagues on horseback in order to renew the

subscription. He said that he recognized it to be the best magazine he had ever read, and added: 'My father is ready for baptism and I am thinking of following in his steps.' This young man was ad-

there seemed to be hungry souls living in darkness, seeking for the light.

For years we have been foretold by the prophecies that in the last days there would be a great time of crisis, a time of trouble. Now there is a world crisis and this is our time of opportunity, for the people are inquiringly looking to us, wondering what these things mean and what will be the outcome. As they know we are a people of prophecy, they wonder what the prophecies are for these days.

While working in the Harvest Ingathering in Lima with Elder J. T. Thompson, we were both impressed by the reception we received from business men. They were very courteous and many of them were anxious to talk with us about our work and our message and the days in which we are living. In this time of financial uncertainty people seem anxious to talk with those who have a message of certainty for this time. During many years of Ingathering work in various countries, never have I seen such longing on the part of many to talk about the things of God. Although times are very hard financially and many of the countries find themselves with their money inflated, yet the offerings were as good on the average as the previous years, and in some cases better, for some doubled their offerings.

It was also my privilege to spend a week with the college at Miraflores in a revival effort for the college family. God blessed in these meetings as the entire student body joined earnestly in seeking God and consecrating their lives to Him. At the close of the week a baptismal class of eighteen members was organized. Brother E. U. Ayars, the principal of the school, enjoys the highest esteem of the student body and the school is prospering under his leadership. This year they have one of the largest student bodies they have ever had.

The last week of June was spent in Chepen, in the northern part of Peru where a general missionary convention was held for the churches in that district. Elder Thompson and I joined Elder Henry Westphal in these meetings. Delegates were present from the surrounding churches and the attendance from the city was also very good, so that every meeting was a crowded one. Brother Westphal had just completed a successful effort in that place. He organized the church into groups for definite missionary work and as a result souls have been won. The church reluctantly released him to go to Lima to take up his burdens there. But they promised to carry the missionary burdens faithfully which were entrusted to

The Home School referred to in the article below.

dicted to smoking, but he told me that he had quit, and that in two months he had gained six kilos."

Listen to what the Spirit of prophecy says: "I was shown men and women studying with intense interest papers and a few pages of tracts upon present truth. They would read the evidences so wonderful and new to them, and would open their Bibles with a deep and new interest, as subjects of truth that had been dark to them were made plain, especially the light in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. As they searched the Scriptures to see if these things were so, a new light shone upon their understanding, for angels were hovering over them, and impressing their minds with the truths contained in the publications they had been reading."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 28.

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Itinerating on the West Coast of South America

DURING the five years that I have spent in South America visiting the various fields, I have never seen so many omens of the soon-finishing of the work as on my last visit on the Pacific coast, during the months of June and July. Everywhere I went

them, and to be responsible for the evangelizing of the district.

In this church they have three elders. One looks after the work in the town and the other two visit the interests in the surrounding country and conduct the Sabbath schools in the surrounding districts. Just recently they completed a spacious chapel which was built almost entirely through their efforts and is a testimony to what can be done where there is a faith that works.

From this place I went by boat on to Ecuador where I had the privilege of spending three weeks visiting in Guayaquil, Sabanettas, Quito, and Riobamba. In Sabanettas, a country district about twelve hours by boat and horse from Guayaquil, we have a nice group of 26 believers with others ready for baptism. This work is the result of the faithful work of some of our lay brethren. Several years ago a man by the name of Vargas in the neighboring district accepted the truth and he in turn carried it to this district. The first person won to the truth by him was Brother Diaz, who is now the church elder and a faithful missionary worker.

Brother Oscar Vargas, who came from a nearby province to be with us in these meetings, told us of more than twenty people in localities where he has been doing missionary work. These he planned with Brother Replogle to visit in the near future. The work is opening up marvelously in this district. Quito, the capital of Ecuador, has had a church for some years, but there is now, we believe, a greater interest being awakened than they have before experienced. There is a desire among the educated people to study our truth.

In our visit to Ecuador we spent a week in revival meetings in the churches and held a small colporteur meeting for a few new recruits. Elders Replogle, Schwerin and I were together in these meetings. Recently Brother Schwerin took up the book work in Ecuador and there has been a real revival of the colporteur work in this field. Our books are being sold everywhere and as a consequence interested people are springing up here and there. Although in places our colporteurs meet with opposition and persecution, they are courageously going forward, scattering the pages of truth.

Recently the mission headquarters were moved from Colta to Riobamba, as that place is more centrally located and makes a splendid center for our work in Ecuador. Already there are some interested ones studying the truth in this place. It is expected that soon we will also have a little church there. A splen-



Group of believers at Sabanettas, Ecuador, won to the truth by the efforts of a lay member.

did group of people attended the meeting the night I was present.

Four years ago Brother and Sister Schwerin began work in Guayaquil, and after years of faithful sowing a little group of believers has been gathered and the prospects are bright for a splendid harvest of souls in the near future. Brother Espinosa is now associated with them in that place. Both Quito and Guayaquil greatly need chapels for it is very difficult to rent suitable halls.

Everywhere I went in Ecuador I found our work greatly appreciated for its seriousness and the high morals which we as a church hold. Although the work has gone slowly in this country in past years, we believe that the harvest time has now come. God will fulfill His word and will recompense the faithful seed-sowers in Ecuador.

July 23 I boarded the s. s. "Santa Rita" at Guayaquil on my homeward journey. While on this boat I had many opportunities of witnessing for the truth. The boat was full of tourists. They seemed anxious to know about our work and to listen to our message. On Sunday I was invited to conduct services, which were attended by practically all the passengers as well as the officers of the boat.

Surely we are living in the days of the final visitation. These are days of opportunity for the Adventist church. The church of God should arise and grasp these opportunities. Everywhere there are hungry and thirsty souls and God commands us, "Give ye them to eat." There are souls groping in the darkness, and longing for the light. God commands us to "Arise and shine."

R. R. BREITGAM.

Sandia Flood

SANDIA is a narrow valley with high mountains on either side. Other narrow valleys above send their rushing waters down through the Sandia valley. These valleys are inhabited by many Indians, but the little town of Sandia has some white people, some "mistis," and the rest are Indians.

Among the Indians of these valleys an interest was developed in the advent message and for several years they called for help. Our missionaries visited the region a couple of times, but this did not satisfy the people. They wanted their missionary. Finally, Brother Field, his family, and an interpreter, were sent to this district. After a short time a lot was bought in the town of Sandia for the mission home and chapel.

The work the missionaries were able to do was appreciated by many of the people, but the Catholic element, as usual, sought ways and means to rid the valley of the *Peste Protestante* (Protestant pest).

During the last week of February, a short time before Elder Field was called to Lima to act as secretary of the Educational Department of the Peru Mission, a terrible tempest broke in the mountains and torrents of water came rushing down through the Sandia valley, flooding the town and washing away some property. The Catholics at once became excited and proclaimed in no uncertain tones that the disaster had come to them on account of the Protestants and that in some way the people must get rid of the missionaries who had come to dwell among them.



Interior of the new church building in Chepen, Peru.

About this time the message reached Elder Field that he should come down at once to Lima. Missionary Field and family left Sandia, causing great rejoicing on the part of the Catholics. Now they would have peace and prosperity. But the Indian interpreter remained to hold things together among the interested Indians. Persecution set in. He wrote a short time ago saying: "The fanatical people have tried to kill me a number of times. I am not afraid. The Lord is with me. They want to kill me but they cannot kill me." Then he told about the change that had taken place.

About the middle of March another storm broke through the high mountains and again the waters came down twice as strong as before; rushing, tumbling waters and boulders which destroyed all but a few huts and carried everything down the canyon below. The entire town was converted into a rocky river bed. The people were horrified. Now the Protestant evangelist had gone, and why should God punish them this way? The Indian interpreter continues in his letter: "Now the people are good to me and are anxious to have the missionary return. They say he was a man sent of God."

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Chepen's New Church Building

IN THE year 1925 a lot was purchased in the town of Chepen in northern Peru but until the year 1929 nothing was done to erect the building that was to serve as the home of the church at that place. At that time pledges were made for the

purchase of adobes but the work dragged along rather slowly until the latter part of 1930 when Elder G. D. Klatt said, "Let us arise and build." The adobes had been purchased and nearly paid for but there was still much lacking in funds for the work and other material. With admirable enthusiasm the members made weekly pledges and began to work to supply the necessary means as the work progressed. At times the work was delayed because of lack of means but never stopped entirely. Brother Klatt had to leave because of the health of his family and the time for his furlough was due. In view of that Elder Henry Westphal was sent to complete the work of building and holding an effort as soon as the building was ready for occupancy. After conquering many obstacles and working untiringly, all was ready for the dedication on January 25.

A month before that date two young men were sent to join in the effort and they were busy visiting the homes of the people, distributing literature and holding Bible studies, thus preparing the people for the meetings to follow. Though it was the hot season, the most unfavorable time for such meetings, the attendance was very good all the time. A deep interest was manifested by many and a very favorable impression was made in the whole town. The church was organized into bands for missionary work and heartily seconded the work of the evangelist. One of the local members acted as chorister and with Sister Westphal playing the organ many were attracted to the meetings. After having covered the main points of the message the regular meetings for the public were suspended and the interested gathered

into a class preparatory to baptism. This class met twice a week, each member being required to keep a notebook that was regularly handed in to the evangelist for examination to make sure that every point was well understood. As these studies proceeded the sifting began. The truly interested continued while others dropped out. About twenty have remained faithful and will later be baptized.

Ever since coming to the mission I have hoped for the time when general meetings could be held in strategic centers and our brethren in the surrounding districts be invited to attend. One of the chief difficulties has been the lack of large enough halls to accommodate those who would attend. That has now been solved in Chepen. Wishing to take advantage of the benefits of Elder Breitigam's visit, a missionary convention was arranged for the week-end of June 26-28. Brethren from the surrounding churches and companies came as delegates and an occasion such as perhaps has never taken place in the Peru Mission was enjoyed by them. Brother Breitigam's practical and earnest instruction filled their hearts with joy. The visitors were blessed in meeting, as many of them did, with the Chepen church for the first time, and seeing the progress of the work and how the Lord had helped them to acquire a commodious meeting place of their own. The brethren of the Chepen church received a blessing in the old-time Adventist hospitality shown to the visitors. It was an occasion of great rejoicing for all.

Brother Westphal will now spend about two months visiting the believers in this part of the field and then return for a two weeks revival to be followed by baptism. He could well spend the time here at Chepen following up the interest created but the needs in other places are so imperative that someone must make the visits and no one else is available for the work. Interests are springing up everywhere and our brethren are calling for help to further instruct those who have accepted the gospel as far as they are able to teach them. Three or four good evangelists would find more than they could do in this end of the mission.

Two young men from the Chepen church have decided to enter the field as colporteurs and will attend the institute to be held this month. The present activity of the church members bids fair to produce so many colporteurs that we shall be at a loss to know where to find places for them to work. One of the elders is seriously considering closing up his business and establishing himself



In the front row, center, are Brother Díaz, leader of the group at Sabanettas, and his father 104 years old who has recently accepted the truth.

contented with the way each colporteur is taking hold of his work and realizing that it is a sacred work, doing his best to put the books in the hands of the people. . . .

"I want to tell you just a little about the boys who are in Cuenca. Everybody has always been afraid to go to Cuenca. They have had the idea that there everybody was so fanatical that they would not even listen. However, while it is a fanatical place and everybody is strongly Catholic, yet nowhere have I been treated with more courtesy than here.

"All are very kind, hospitable, and ready to do something for you. On arrival, after much fervent prayer before and at the time of starting the work, we went to the governor and were finally able, in the afternoon, to talk with him. He treated us very kindly and with a big smile immediately signed up for a book in the keratol binding. Then we got the *Intendente, Jefe de Zona, Presidente de Concejo, Presidente de la Corte Superior*. In one bank we got four orders in about five minutes from the president and employees, in the keratol binding, so that when I left the boys had over five hundred *suces* worth of orders from the cream of the city. Then, they started out alone and during the first full day's work took 263.00 *suces* worth of orders. They no doubt by now have a good list as they have had a week in which to work. . . .

"The work is onward and the books are being sold and will continue to be sold. We will, I am sure, by God's help, reach the goal of 25,000 *suces* that has been placed by the mission. Every colporteur is anxious to do his part and we are going to see results. I shall truly be glad if I can reach the goal set. I shall be the happiest man in South America for I will know that many books have been placed in the homes of the people and that this message has once more had a chance to shine in the dark corners. . . .

"I want to get a couple more boys started in Quito and Ambato. I surely do want to give the President of the Republic a chance along with his cabinet and other persons of importance in Quito. I believe many books can be sold if the list is started in the right way. Much depends on the kind of list one starts out with."

We thank the Lord for strong leadership in Ecuador and we are convinced that the leaders must take the lead. May God continue to bless Brother Schwerin and his colporteurs. We also believe that a spiritual colporteur institute brings wonderful results. Ecuador has proven the blessing that comes from leadership and institutes.

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Notes from the Field

IN BRAZIL we are facing at the present time perhaps the severest economical situation that we have faced in many years. Our present government is working hard to find its way out. Business men, however, are perplexed. Our money has depreciated greatly in value during the last few months. Business men, to cope with the situation, have had to increase prices accordingly. On the other hand, hundreds of men have been dismissed from factories and large business concerns. Salaries have been lowered in general; however, notwithstanding all this, the work of God is on the increase.

Word comes from Rio Grande do Sul stating that Brother J. H. Boehm, working with Brother Roth in the district of Ijuhy, has baptized nearly forty persons since the first of the year. This is largely the result of a series of meetings which these two brethren held in the village of Ijuhy. He tells of one man who accepted the truth and asked the man he worked for to give him the Sabbath off. The manager replied that if he wanted the Sabbath off he could quit altogether. This new convert felt very sad, for to lose his position would mean much to him in this time of crisis. He returned to his home and prayed over the matter. A few days later he went to the manager again and told him that he could no longer work on the Sabbath and that he was not satisfied with his wages either, but desired an increase. The Lord touched the manager's heart and not only gave him the Sabbath free, but also raised his wages. The manager is now studying the truth. How often we fail because we are unfaithful and have so little faith! May God increase our faith.

Brother Moore, of the Sao Paulo Conference, writes that on a recent trip into the interior he found fifty people preparing to be baptized. He writes that he never saw people so eager for the truth. In little villages where he stopped great crowds gathered around him to hear the gospel story. He mentions a number of places where people are keeping the Sabbath and as yet no minister has ever visited them. The same story comes from Santa Catharina, Parana, Matto Grosso, and Goyaz. We know

with his family in some new place as a resident colporteur where a new work can be developed. This is fully in harmony with the gospel plan; that as soon as the work is firmly established in a place some of the older members should go to places where nothing has been done and prepare the soil and sow the seed that a quick work may be accomplished there when an evangelist arrives. Also it keeps the older church members from stagnation when the missionary spirit of the members impels them to carry the blessings of the gospel to other places. The Lord is richly blessing the efforts of the brethren of the Chepen church and a large increase will be seen in this part of the field. The harvest is ripe and very abundant and the few laborers are coming forth valiantly for service. We have everything to cheer us on in our efforts.

J. T. THOMPSON.

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Ecuador's Boom

IN A letter received from Ecuador, Elder G. A. Schwerin tells of progress in that mission. He makes special mention of the colporteur work. This branch of missionary endeavor had practically died out for lack of leadership in the department.

After telling of the success that a number of the boys have had since the institute was held for the colporteurs in Guayaquil, he says: "I am very much

not where to find the men to answer these many calls. Hundreds of people are waiting to hear more of the plan of **salvation**. How long shall we let them wait? Brethren may we not hear the call and redouble our efforts?

A colporteur director writes that he is perplexed. His men are writing him continually telling of new Sabbath keepers, but in his field there is no worker free to visit them. He tells of ten different places where groups have begun keeping the Sabbath from reading the books the colporteurs have sold. Among those keeping the Sabbath are men of influence and army officials. He relates the experience of one woman. This woman dreamed that she saw the world enshrouded in darkness and that in trying to walk she could not for it was so intensely dark. She dreamed that she awoke and was then surrounded by an intense light. In this light she saw a group of people walking in a narrow path, each with a book in his hand. This book was the Bible. In this group of people she recognized those who are known as Adventists. When our colporteur called on her and offered her a Bible, she was overjoyed and of course bought it with other books, and is now keeping the Sabbath.

If our eyes and ears could be opened so that we might see as angels see and hear as God hears, I am sure that we would be fired with a zeal and a faith that would remove mountains of obstacles, and our money and our energies and our time would be entirely devoted to the giving of this gospel message. May God open our eyes and help us to see as we ought to see and do as we ought to do.

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Over the East Brazil Field

RECENTLY I had the privilege of making a second visit to the Pernambuco and Bahia Missions. In Natal, the capital of the state of Rio Grande do Norte (which is included in the Pernambuco Mission) Brethren Ellis Maas, Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the union, and Oscar Castellani, one of the local workers of that mission, were conducting a series of evangelistic meetings. Their attendance, while not large, was encouraging in that the majority of those who attended were

very regular. Some of these people, if converted, would help to give character to our work in that city. While there I was privileged to baptize three new members, results of former work.

In Recife I found Pastor Storch preparing for an evangelistic campaign in an excellent hall in a central location in that Venice of northern Brazil. The first three meetings were held while I was there, and each night the hall was filled with people who manifested a marked interest in the subjects presented. The third night, by actual count, there were 215 non-Adventists present. Brother Theophilo Berger is helping in this effort.

In Bahia our workers are of good courage and are earnestly working to hasten on the message. Brother Guilherme Denz, one of the evangelists in that field, reports ten new believers awaiting baptism in Jequié, a city in the interior where he has been conducting a series of meetings, with others interested. In another place nearby there are fourteen more who are expecting to participate in the next baptism. Brother Denz recently visited them and gave further instruction. It is encouraging to see the active part that some of these new groups are taking in the advancement of the work. One of the great needs of this field is a strong evangelist to enter the large city of Sao Salvador, the capital of the state of Bahia. While in this mission I baptized two persons, which makes a total of 48 baptisms.

A meeting was held of the local committee during my stay in Bahia and plans were laid for Brother Denz to hold another series of meetings in the neighboring city. In this way he will be able to look after the work in Jequié and at the same time establish the truth in a new center.

We solicit the prayers of God's people in behalf of the work in these very needy fields. H. B. WESTCOTT.

East Brazil Notes

ELDER Westcott, who has spent some time with the workers of the Pernambuco Mission, reports that the work is progressing very encouragingly. Brethren Maas and Castellani meet with good interest in the efforts in Natal and have a nice group of people studying present truth, some of whom are already keeping the Sabbath. The brethren have great hopes that a goodly number can be taken into the church by the end of the year. Three persons who have been awaiting baptism for some time, were baptized by Elder Westcott in Natal.

IN RECIFE Elder G. S. Storch has started a new series of meetings. The attendance is very good; the hall is filled to the utmost and with the interest that was aroused in previous meetings in that fine city, we have good hopes that a fine addition in membership will be the result of this effort.

After leaving the brethren and workers in Recife, Elder Westcott is to spend about two weeks with the workers in the Bahia mission. Besides helping the workers there in their plans, he is also assisting them in the Harvest Ingathering in the city of Bahia.

BROTHER Theophilo Berger, who is working in and around Caruarú in the state of Pernambuco, writes that he has a fine baptismal class whose number already passes the sixty mark. Mrs. Berger, who has given some hydrotherapeutic treatments with good results, has her hands full answering the calls that are made for her services.

THE Rio-Espirito Santo Mission has started its Harvest Ingathering campaign. Elder Schneider, always willing to help the fields in this worthy campaign whose benefits are so many, has left the union office for Victoria and we are sure that Victoria, like other cities in our field, will go over the top with its goal.

NO ONE can estimate the influence of the colporteur work in bringing the message of a soon-coming Saviour before the attention of the public. Here and there reports reach us of people keeping the Sabbath who never heard of or saw a preacher. Our bookmen are convinced of the great influence for good of their work. Brother Benedicto Silveira is out again and this time in Espirito Santo with the secretary of that field to assist in encouraging and helping colporteurs as well as in extending the good work. Let us remember the colporteurs in our prayers.

THE superintendent of the Rio-Minas Mission has left his headquarters for a number of weeks and is assisting his laborers in the Harvest Ingathering in Minas Geraes. Juiz de Fora and Bello Horizonte have gone beyond their goal in less than two weeks. This is the experience we heard thus far from the work done in all the cities.

THE Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies will be glad to learn something about the new mission boat of the Lower Amazon Mission. Brother Halliwell writes that the motor has arrived after some delay, and that it promises to be all that was hoped of it. The engine is about mounted and the launch will

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soon be in the waters of the Amazon as a testimony of the progress the third angel's message is making in that region. We hope that in one of the next numbers we can show a picture of the mission boat.

ON ACCOUNT of the changes made in uniting the two missions, Brother Ernesto Ebinger, former secretary of the Minas Geraes Mission, will connect with the Rio-Minas Geraes Mission, while Brother José Baracat, secretary and treasurer of the former Rio Mission, was asked to take Brother Langenstrassen's place in the union office.

THE brethren of Campo Bello, in the state of Minas Geraes, have completed a little church building which was dedicated the last Sabbath in May. Elders Westcott, Davis and Peixoto were present to take part in the dedicatory service.

SIXTY-EIGHT baptisms have been reported in the union for the first quarter of 1931. During the same period of last year twenty persons were baptized. For the first month in the second quarter more than twice as many have already been reported as were baptized during the second quarter of 1930. We thank the Lord for this increase.

BROTHER and Sister Feder, who have been living and working for almost a year in the town of Petropolis, have been called to unite their efforts with those of Elder Luis Braun in a series of meetings in the city of Juiz de Fora. The work of these brethren has been appreciated by the believers of Petropolis and they express their hope that Brethren Braun and Feder will some day return to their fair city and hold a series of meetings.

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Gleanings of Progress Throughout the Field

Conducted by N. P. Neilsen

WRITING under date of August 20, from Chulumani, Bolivia, where he is holding a public effort, Elder Francisco Brouchy, superintendent of the Bolivia Mission, gives us the following encouraging words: "We are now finishing the third week of our public effort in this city and we cannot complain about the good attendance nor the interest shown by many of the people. We are asked many questions, most of which come from the priest of the town."

OUR Indian training school in Bolivia has now been moved from Collana at an altitude of over 13,000 feet, to Cochabamba, which is a much lower altitude, about 8,500 feet. At present there are about fifty of our Indian young men in training for the Master's work. All seem to be very enthusiastic because of the better climate and much place for raising fruits and others products. We pray that the Lord may greatly bless this school in its new location.

It is really wonderful to see how people are accepting the truth in the different parts of this great field. Some weeks ago Elder H. B. Westcott wrote that Brother Daniel Feder "returned just now from a place where no worker has labored and he says that he left more than thirty persons keeping the Sabbath." The time has come when the message must go, and God is pouring out His Spirit upon those who are seeking for light.

OUR lay members can also do something to forward the message among their friends and neighbors as our people are doing in the Sao Paulo Conference according to the following statement by Elder Ennis V. Moore: "I have on my desk 64 unanswered letters and it is now seven o'clock. Many of these letters are calls for help and for some one to study with interested people, or with reference to the campaign we are carrying on to scatter from 40,000 to 50,000 tracts. I have never seen anything like the interest on the part of our people that is on at this time in the carrying of the message to their neighbors and friends. Every mail brings us answers to the letters we send out in the campaign 'Pro-Educação Religiosa.' We could indeed write a book on this subject." Yes, the time has come for us to scatter our literature and God will give us a harvest of souls.

UNDER date of July 19 Brother R. Bustos, who is working with the Recoleta church of Santiago, writes that, "on March 28 nine persons were baptized in our church, and on June 27 eight others, and now we have a baptismal class of forty persons." We rejoice to see the work progress in this large city.

ELDER J. H. Boehm was holding a series of meetings at Ijuhy, Rio Grande do Sul, during the first part of this year. Brother Ernest Roth was assisting him. Elder Wilcox writes that, "Brother Boehm has already baptized nearly forty people around Ijuhy. Brother Roth is carrying forward the work there now."

ELDER E. H. Wilcox, president of the South Brazil Union, is holding a series of meetings in a theater in the center of Pires do Rio, Goyaz. He is assisted by Brother Orestes Klein. On July 13 he wrote, "We have now been here two weeks, holding meetings every night. Some nights we have had the hall filled to overflowing. We have the whole town singing our songs and quite a good deal of excitement is aroused, some in favor and some against the truth. We now have a baptismal class of fourteen, however, most of these were interested before our arrival. Some have begun to keep the Sabbath since." Elder Wilcox expects to continue there until the second week in August, and Brother Orestes Klein is to remain to bind off the effort.

IT REJOICES our hearts when we see people accept the truth, and it brings joy to our souls to see the work move forward with rapidity. But it also brings with it some problems to know how to take care of the interests that are being developed. Elder Ennis V. Moore writes, "How shall we handle our work? That is my biggest problem, Elder Neilsen. . . . On my last trip I received the names of more than fifty persons who desired baptism—twenty in Rio Preto asking for baptism; eleven in Ibarra, where I recently organized a new Sabbath school with only interested people; five or six in Nova Alliança; another half dozen in Tanaby; Barra Dourada with another dozen in a little Sabbath school asking for baptism. There is Villa Salle with a small Sabbath school of eleven members, where two baptized members raised up the group with several requesting baptism." Then he tells of still other places where they are waiting and waiting for some one to come and baptize them, and finally adds, "I am the only one to visit the field now with Elder Braun gone." The other workers were tied up with their several efforts. Surely the Spirit of God is at work upon hearts!