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## The Certainty of This Movement—No. 1

WE ALL dislike uncertainty for it creates in us a feeling of unrest. It "gets on our nerves" and makes us feel uneasy. Were we waiting for the "midnight train" at some wayside station, where no information could be secured, the waiting time would seem long. The train is late, it does not come, and we know not why. We dare not leave, for it may come any time, and so the hours drag by. The very uncertainty increases our anxiety and unrest.

But it is not so when we are certain about a thing. Then we may know what to do and can plan accordingly. This is also true with spiritual things. Certainty brings contentment and rest to the soul. It helps us in the hour of temptation and trial. True, there are many things in this world that are uncertain, and unstable; but yet there are some things about which we may be sure. There are some things we may be so certain about that nothing can alter our conviction. We may know that we are the children of God. We may know that our sins are forgiven for we base our faith upon the sure promise of God. With Paul we may say, "I know whom I have believed," knowing that all His promises are "in Him yea, and in Him Amen." 2 Cor. 1:20.

We need to have this same certainty regarding our message. We must know for a certainty that this movement is of God and that it is not a cunningly devised movement invented by man. And we may know. We may have this assurance, thank God, for this movement is based upon the fulfillment of the prophetic word. Hundreds of years ago the Lord foretold that such a movement would arise, that such a message would be given, and His words will be fulfilled. There can be no doubt about it. The three-fold message of Revelation fourteen must be given before Jesus comes,

and the One who gave the prophecy is able to fulfill it on time.

We are living in the last days. The word of God clearly indicates that this is so. Jesus is soon coming. He is even

### Where Are You Looking

If you're wanting to be wretched,  
Look within;  
There you'll see so much that's lacking,  
So much sin,  
That you'll grow discouraged, weary,  
With the outlook, dark and dreary;  
If you're wanting to be wretched,  
Look within;

If you wish to be distracted,  
Look around;  
See your neighbor's faults and failings,  
Which abound.  
In the world's mad race for pleasure  
Take your part in goodly measure;  
If destruction is your treasure,  
Look around;

If for peace and joy you're yearning,  
Look above;  
Calm you'll find and blest assurance,  
Yea, and love  
So unchanging, so untiring,  
As will fill your heart's desiring;  
If to gladness you're aspiring,  
Look above;

—Author Unknown.

at the door, and God has a special message which must be proclaimed in all the world to prepare a people for that grand event. God did not destroy the world in the days of Noah without first warning the people of their impending doom and entreating them to come into the ark and be saved. Neither will He destroy the world in the last generation without a special warning message, call-

ing upon all to turn to Him. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." Luke 17:26.

The first coming of Christ was announced by a special herald. John the Baptist was sent of God "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1:17.) He came in fulfillment of prophecy. When the priests and Levites came from Jerusalem to question him regarding his work and who he was, he could quietly turn to the prophetic word, and with his finger upon the text could say, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet *Isaiah*." (John 1:23.) He knew that he had a message for his time, and he knew that he fulfilled the prophecy given by *Isaiah* hundreds of years before. (Isa. 40:3.) This certainty and assurance gave power to his message.

So it must also be before the second coming of Christ. The message must be given to warn the world, and to prepare a people for the great day of God. On this there can be no doubt in the minds of any one who will really study and believe the word of God. The prophecy says: "Behold, I will send you *Elijah* the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." (Mal. 4:5, 6.) This prophecy will surely be fulfilled, and hence a special message must go to the world in the spirit and power of *Elijah* before the end. This must be so in order to fulfill the Scriptures.

Such a message will not be the work of man; but it will be a living message from the living God, based upon His unchanging word. The message which *Noah* proclaimed was not a man-made theory, but a heavenly-sent warning to a perishing world. The work of *John*

the Baptist did not originate with him; but came in fulfillment of prophecy. Thus it is with God's last message of mercy. It is not an invention of man; but it is God's last great effort to arouse the world from its lethargy and to prepare a people for the coming of the Son of man.

In the articles to follow it is our purpose to point out some of the special marks given in the Bible by which we may recognize God's prophetic message for our time, also the work and purpose of this movement. We do this with the hope of increasing the confidence of our readers in the movement of God. There must be a tremendous certainty in our souls that this movement is founded by God and directed by Him, if we are to preach our message with success.

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### Puiggari

RECENTLY several brethren from the Division office and the Austral Union enjoyed the privilege of spending a few days at Puiggari. We made this trip to hold the annual meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Legal Corporation of Argentina, an organization formed about two years ago for the purpose of holding church properties and other properties in our conferences and missions in Argentina. While we were in Puiggari we also had meetings of the college and sanitarium Boards.

It is always a privilege and inspiration to visit one of our training schools. It did us all good to meet the active, enthusiastic, energetic and devoted companies of young people in the college and sanitarium. Professor J. S. Marshall reports an enrolment of nearly 250 students thus far this year.

Good progress is being made in the class rooms and the industries are also prospering. Recently the college opened a branch of its bakery in the city of Paraná, in a very desirable location, about half a block from the main plaza of the city on one of the principal business streets. The building the brethren secured ordinarily rents for \$400 pesos a month, but the owner being a friend of the school let our brethren have it for just one half that sum. This branch has not been going long enough to tell what its success may be, but for the first month of its operation the sales

amounted to from \$80 to \$100 pesos per day. The college bakery is turning out some very fine bread and other products, which the people greatly appreciate. The chickens on the college farm are enjoying a fine new fowl house, of which the man in charge is very proud. While we were there we reveled, as usual, in the good milk and cream from the dairy, and the fine vegetables from the garden.

The sanitarium is also a busy place. The patronage at present is better than it has ever been before at this time of year. Autos with patients are continually coming and going. The doctor and nurses are kept busy. When we were at the sanitarium a few weeks ago the rooms seemed rather cold to us, but this time it was different, owing to a larger boiler which the management recently installed. This boiler has more than the necessary capacity for furnishing all the hot water and steam heat needed in the institution. The well heated rooms are greatly appreciated by the patients, the family and the visitors.

During the few days we were in Puiggari Brethren John and Henry Brown and Brother M. V. Tucker conducted a colporteurs' rally in the college, and organized a large colporteur band, "Ambassadors' Association," among the students. A lively interest was manifested in the colporteur work by them, and there are good prospects for student colporteurs during the next vacation period.

In a joint meeting of the college and sanitarium Boards the question of lighting and furnishing electric power to the two institutions and the neighborhood was considered. For some time each institution has been furnishing its own light and power, but at this meeting it was voted to have one electric power plant. This will be located at the school. Professor Marshall had secured from a friend of the school money to install a power plant for the college. While searching for a proper engine in Buenos Aires, he, with Brother Bauer, providentially found an engine with sufficient power to supply both institutions, which would cost only a few hundred pesos more than the smaller one they had been considering. So the prospects are good for having sufficient light and power for both institutions from one plant, which will be considerably cheaper than having the two.

Let us pray for the prosperity of these two institutions, and especially for the young people in our schools and sanitariums who are preparing for a place in the Lord's work.

N. Z. TOWN.

### My Goal for a Soul

COLPORTEUR headquarters for the Antofagasta district is located in the beautiful city of Antofagasta. While colporteur Pérez visits the mines back in the barren mountains, his good missionary wife spends her time selling *El Atalaya* and visiting the needy neighbors.

A year ago both husband and wife set a goal, among other goals, for at least a soul a piece. Time was wearing on. The *Atalayas* were sold in large numbers. Small books were sold, but Sister Pérez did not see any immediate results in soul winning. She began to pray about it and asked the Lord to help her find at least one soul for her year's work.

One Friday evening she again earnestly pleaded for guidance and help. She went to the Sabbath morning meeting but the burden seemed too great. She prayed again and again. Before preaching service she could stand the burden no longer, and something seemed to impress her to leave the hall.

On walking along the street she saw a lady who appeared to be one of the ladies who had bought an *Atalaya* from her in one of the near-by mines. With a smile and an enthusiastic Chilean embrace she addressed her friend. But the frightened lady said: "Who are you? I do not know you!" Our colporteur sister said: "Why, aren't you Mrs.—— from the mines?" "No," answered the surprised victim. "I never saw the mines." "Well," said the anxious soul-seeker, "please pardon me. I thought you were from the mines. But, it is all right. . . . You do not seem very well." The lady at once showed a friendly spirit and stated that she had been greatly troubled. Her family had been without work as thousands of others were in Northern Chile, and "right now," she said, "I am ill and was at this very moment on my way to a jewelry store to sell my gold ring." With the money she was going to go to the Catholic church to make a promise to some saint.

"Why," responded Sister Pérez, "I am going to church this morning. Won't you come with me? We will pray for you in the church. It will cost you nothing."

The good lady accompanied Sister Pérez to the church. She listened attentively to the sermon. After the service the lady was introduced to the pastor and prayer was offered in her behalf. She soon improved in health and continued to attend the meetings. Since then she has been baptized and is a

member of the Antofagasta church and takes an active part in all its missionary endeavors.

Sister Pérez received the answer to her prayers and reached her goal of at least one soul. Of course she has many others who are interested in the truth and she hopes to win some of them, but she thanked the Lord for the one.



Group of Literature Distributors in Uruguay.

"Prayer changes things" in our day even as in Apostolic times.

J. L. BROWN.

## The Message in Chile

IN VISITING Chile one is always impressed with the consecration, diligence and enthusiasm that the workers there put into their work. They are pressing into new cities and at the same time endeavoring to strengthen the work in the places already established. Under the able leadership of Pastor Walter Schubert, the president of the conference, who is also an efficient and active evangelist, the field is well organized for soul-winning evangelism. This year promises to be a splendid one for a rich harvest of souls.

Not only are the Chile workers holding public efforts, but all are leading the churches in literature evangelism. Wherever there is a worker he has organized the church and enlisted its members in the systematic distribution of tracts. The worker himself takes a definite territory and distributes personally. The Recoleta church in Santiago, under the direction of Brother Bustos, is distributing more than 500 tracts each week, and results are being seen. In a city in the southern part of the conference a worker found apparently little interest when he first entered, and was perplexed to know what to do. The president of the conference suggested that he begin the systematic distribution of tracts, and soon he found many interested ones who are now attending his meetings.

Friday evening, May 22, on arriving in Los Andes, the end of the Trans-Andean Railway, and the first city one reaches in Chile after crossing the mountains, I was met by Brother Almonte, the Home Missionary secretary of the conference, who handed me a schedule of appointments for the week of my visit in Chile. I was glad for the sched-

ule, for when one is put in the field he is anxious to accomplish as much as possible. Brother Almonte remained at Los Andes to help the church during the week of prayer, and I went on to Santiago.

Sabbath morning was spent with the Porvenir church in Santiago, which is said to be our largest Spanish-speaking Adventist church. It has a membership of more than 300. Although the weather was unfavorable the church was well filled and God's presence was felt in the meeting. The afternoon was spent with the Recoleta church, which, although less than three years old, has a membership of 110. This church is in its first love, which we hope it will keep until Jesus comes. They now meet in rented quarters which are altogether too inadequate for their rapidly-growing membership. The hall is crowded at every meeting, but especially the ones held for the public, as I discovered when I spoke there Sunday night. Plans are on foot for the purchasing of a special central lot and the construction of a church building as soon as funds are available.

Santiago, Chile, now has two growing churches, and the prospects are that in the near future other churches will spring up in other sections of the city.

Monday I went to Los Andes and met with the church there that night. I was pleased to find them worshiping in larger and better quarters and also to see that the church had grown in membership and spiritual life. Tuesday, after spending a pleasant morning visiting the members together with Brother Almonte, I went on to San Felipe.

At this place we have for years had only a few believers, but last year under the diligent work of Brother Block the work took on new life. There is now a church of nineteen members and others are waiting for baptism, besides a good interest on the part of still others. Brother Adolfo Schlegel is now located

here and not only looks after the interest in the place but holds public meetings two nights a week both in Los Andes and Llay-Llay. The meetings are held in rented quarters which the brethren have attractively arranged so that it begets a worshipful atmosphere.

On arriving at the meeting place in Valparaiso I found it well filled. Brother Block is the evangelist located in this city and together with the church is endeavoring to give the truth to its many inhabitants. The hall in which the church meets here is absolutely inadequate for their needs. For years it has been too small, but recently the owner partitioned off three meters, so it is now just that much smaller. The church is longing for the time when they can have a house of worship of their own. As funds have been given for the purchase of a lot, they hope the time is not far distant when their desires may be realized.

R. R. BREITIGAM.

## Sabbath School Raised up by a Colporteur

FROM Mar del Plata the following notice has been received which shows that the seed sown by colporteurs brings forth fruit. Brother Prentel and other colporteurs found several interested people, and Sister Villafañe later went there to work. When Brother Sittner visited Mar del Plata in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering he organized a Sabbath school of fifteen members, who are now requesting that more help be sent to them and further instruction be given them in the ways of truth.

It pays to send our colporteurs into the field, for they are the best evangelists we have. They cost less, pay their own expenses, and often discover more interested persons than the pastors themselves.

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## Two Souls Gained in Jujuy

COLPORTEUR Miguel Nazar wrote that in Jujuy there is a brother interested in the message and he is sufficiently prepared for baptism. This brother has asked for baptism and also asked to be allowed to enter the colporteur work. He advises that his mother also would like to be baptized. She is meeting with much opposition from the Evangelicals with whom she is at present affiliated. However, she is faithful in her Sabbath attendance, and asks for admission to the church. So we can see that the colporteurs garner souls wherever they go.

HENRY F. BROWN.

## The Chile and Mendoza Colporteur Institutes

A MOST profitable and interesting institute was recently held in Santiago, Chile, for the colporteurs in that conference. The instruction was given under the able direction of Elder J. L. Brown, secretary of the Publishing Department of the South American Division. That which appealed to both the colporteurs and other workers who attended this institute was the spiritual mold given to all the instruction presented. The times through which we are passing constitute a challenge to the leaders of our work to put greater emphasis on spiritualizing the activities of our colporteurs in the field.

The morning devotional hours conducted by Elder Walter Schubert, president of the Chile Conference, were greatly enjoyed by all. There were in all nineteen colporteurs, permanent and prospective, who received the instruction. Something like fifteen of the colporteurs are now in the field circulating books and periodicals. It was the writer's privilege to present to the colporteurs the method of producing literature and circulating it in the field. The colporteurs and workers in the publishing house are members of the same family. The interests of one group of workers are the interests of the other group, and so our publishing work is united and we are all working to the same end.

In spite of the difficult times through which Chile is passing the colporteurs proposed a goal of approximately \$2,500 gold a month in deliveries. We are very glad for the splendid goal and hope that the colporteurs will be successful in reaching it. Brother Arriagada, field missionary secretary of the Chile Conference, is doing his utmost to encourage the colporteurs in their work. We wish him every success in his future labors.

Following the institute held in Santiago for the Chile colporteurs, a second institute was held at Mendoza for the colporteurs of the Cuyo Mission. Elder L. A. Rojas has charge of the work in that mission, and contributed largely to the success of the institute. Eight colporteurs went from the institute in Mendoza full of enthusiasm, determined to be more active in the circulation of literature during the remaining months of the year.

The work is onward in the Austral Union. The colporteur sales are somewhat less than they were for the corresponding period of last year yet the colporteurs are of good courage, and we believe 1931 will be a profitable year in sales and souls won to the truth. The Lord is blessing Brother H. F. Brown

in his leadership of the evangelistic colporteurs in the Austral Union.

M. V. TUCKER.

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## Another Result of Colporteur Ministry

IN THE January, 1931, number of the SOUTH AMERICAN BULLETIN there appeared a group picture concerning which Pastor J. H. Meier, who sent it in, only said: "This picture shows a group of Sabbath-keepers raised up by a single colporteur."

This picture attracted the attention of H. H. Hall, secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department in Washington, D. C., and with a real bookman's instinct he saw back of that large group a good story. He clipped the picture from the paper and sent it to the writer asking for more details. The request was passed on to Pastor Meier, and following is the interesting and inspiring story he tells:

"Two colporteurs canvassed in the city of Concordia, and there found a man deeply interested in the truth. After leaving that field one of the colporteurs kept writing to him and sending him literature. This interested man and his wife began to keep the Sabbath, and immediately began to work for others. They had worked up a good interest when another colporteur entered this city. He found all these interested ones and united them and organized a Sabbath school of 45 members. As a result we have baptized eight already, and about ten are waiting for the next baptism.

But this is not all. One of these baptized ones started in the colporteur work. His wife became interested, so that both of them are doing splendid work. The Field Secretary just informed me that he is one of the finest men we have in the field. He and his wife began to work in the country and have another group of twenty interested people. We expect to send two ministers to follow that interest. Brother Weiss in Concordia hopes to have a church organized before this year closes. What the end will be we do not know yet. But we believe that the Lord is opening the way that those looking for the truth will find it.

"We have a splendid group of colporteurs. In spite of this terrible crisis we have not lost a single regular colporteur, and we have twenty-two of them. May the Lord bless these dear, self-sacrificing ministers of the printed page."

Let us remember, as Pastor A. G. Daniells says, that the literature ministry is "the most economical, the most ef-

ficient and the most rapid method" we can employ in bringing men and women to the truth. N. Z. TOWN.

## Harvest Ingathering and Soul Winning

PASTOR Buzugherian of the Florida church in Buenos Aires, tells of an experience. The church among the hills of Zamora needed some one to play the organ. During Harvest Ingathering time he met a very interested young lady who is now attending Sabbath school and playing the piano to help animate the school. Through the Harvest Ingathering a soul was won and at the same time help was secured for the Sabbath school.

In Santiago, Chile, Pastor Schubert visited a large building in the interest of Harvest Ingathering. He spoke to a stranger who wanted the paper. Brother Schubert had seen this man a few days before in a place much farther south. This stranger inquired into the beliefs of the Adventists and asked for more literature.

Through the Harvest Ingathering we are constantly interviewing the inhabitants of this world and looking for those in whose hearts has been awakened an interest in the message.

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## The Macedonian Call of Northern Brazil

IT WAS the writer's privilege to make a very interesting trip across the state of Bahia in company with Brother Juan Meier, superintendent of the Bahia Mission, in answer to an urgent Macedonian Call from parts of the interior, even beyond the great San Francisco river.

The first place to be visited was several leagues out from the village of Areias, where we found a wide-spread interest in the truth. Here we could see the fulfillment of the precious promise of Joel 2:28 in a very striking manner. The Spirit of God was at work and as a result there was a great hungering and thirsting after the truth, and a seeking of the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

This interest was the result of the untiring missionary activities of a faithful lay member, and afterwards the place was visited by the superintendent. Seven

of the interested people were found ready for baptism and a goodly number of them are still waiting to be baptized at a later visit.

Brother Claudiano, the lay brother mentioned above, filled with the spirit of the Saviour and feeling a burden for the lost, has already 60 people rejoicing in the present truth. Last year he won eight, and of those eight it was my privilege to baptize six, who are now also earnestly seeking to win their relatives and neighbors to the truth.

After two days of travel by boat and train, we mounted our mules for another three days of difficult travel. The trail we took was rocky and mountainous, leading across the great *certao* (semi-desert) where it had not rained for many months and the scorching sun had burned up all vegetation and dried up the sparsely scattered streams.

We finally reached the village of Furna where a very pleasant surprise awaited us. Just two leagues from this little village at the foot of a beautiful mountain with its numerous little streams, we found a group of eighteen people who had been faithfully keeping the Sabbath for ten years. They had never seen an Adventist minister, for they were the "first fruits" of the colporteur work in that section.

This flourishing little green spot, with its abundant vegetation, in this vast, dry *certao* was an oasis in more ways than one. It is needless to say that there was mutual joy. Not a great deal of imagination is necessary to realize the joy of these isolated brethren when they heard the gospel message for which they had been longing for ten years. The days spent there in studying the word of God, in song and prayer, were most blessed days and thoroughly enjoyed by all, for the blessed Saviour was real and came very near to bless in a special way.

While these people were not organized or meeting on the Sabbath, yet it was a surprise to find them faithfully practicing all points of our faith in their daily lives, even in regard to health reform. Not one was using pork or lard, not even coffee! It would appear that this could be at least in part a fulfillment of: "The first shall be last and the last first."

After organizing a Sabbath school, baptizing seventeen of these dear people, and organizing them into a group of Seventh-day Adventist believers, members of the mission church, we went on our way rejoicing, thanking God for what we had seen and heard and for the special blessings received. When the parting hour came and we had to say good bye, gladness was turned to sadness and

even the most courageous were unable to keep the tears back.

One more day of travel by mule-back over a rocky mountain path, and two by auto, brought us to the well-known village of Bom Jesus da Lapa, on the great San Francisco river. Here in the natural cave of a mountain is a little image called *Bom Jesus* (Good Jesus) for which special healing power is claimed. We were informed by those in charge that this little image has power to do miracles and that it has healed hundreds of sick and suffering.

Thousands of poor, well-meaning but deluded people come from all parts of the state of Bahia, also from the adjoining states, to do homage to this false god. They do not come empty-handed, for they must pay their promises, and thus remain in favor with little "Bom Jesus da Lapa." One poor sick man informed us that he had traveled afoot for three hundred days to come to this place to be healed, but so far was still patiently waiting to be cured from his infirmities.

We were soon informed here to our dismay that we had just come to this section during the fever season (malaria) and it took no argument to convince us of the fact, for we soon felt the mosquitoes and saw the results on the fever-stricken and suffering inhabitants.

It was on a beautiful moonlight evening that we started on our trip up the Corrente river on a canoe in search of an isolated group of believers beyond the Sao Francisco river, who had not been visited by a worker for over three years. It was an entirely new experience and we should have enjoyed the first hours of this novel trip had not the

treacherous mosquito spoiled it all for us.

After spending two nights and a day on this narrow and most uncomfortable canoe we reached Porto Novo. Here we found several of our people sick with the fever, nevertheless we had several good meetings with them. Sabbath evening we again took a canoe to go up the river for another two nights and a day, where we spent several days with our brethren in Santa Maria. Here the work was first started about twenty years ago by Brother Sacharias and later Brother Manoel Kuempel.

The last place to visit was Santa Ana. A ride by mule-back of twelve hours brought us to this place. Here also we found some of our members sick. Upon arriving we were greeted by a representation of the believers, who had come two leagues to meet and escort us to their village. Several of our people had walked a distance of about twenty-five miles to attend the meetings at Santa Ana. One of the sisters making this trip was sick with fever while another was nearly seventy years old. They were there even before we arrived. The Lord came very near as we sought to encourage the brethren. At this place it was our privilege to baptize seventeen dear people.

Our believers in this vicinity have been pleading for a teacher for twenty long years and still this call is unanswered. "How much longer must we wait?" was their eager query. What shall the answer be? Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more reapers.

On this trip four new Sabbath schools were organized and three were reorganized, while literature groups were also formed in the different places. The



Church building recently dedicated at Bom Retiro, Herval, Santa Catharina, Brazil.

group in Furna is the direct result of the literature work some faithful colporteur has done. This should encourage us all to be more faithful in the literature ministry, distribution of tracts, etc.

We passed many villages with thousands of inhabitants where, as we were informed, not one Protestant exists. Here the light of the truth has never entered, where "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people." To warn these thousands, the Bahia Mission has just *one* worker. Imperative is the need for more workers in North Brazil and great is the need of more means.

In Santa Ana I had to say good bye to my faithful companion, Brother Meier, who turned northward to go down the river, while I went on in the opposite direction and up the San Francisco river for five days on a little river steamer. I was pleased to find "Our Day" by Elder Spicer in the small library of this boat. Thus the light of the gospel is going up and down the great river. The captain promised to carefully read this good book. He also became a subscriber for *O Atalaia*.

While on the train from Pirapora, Minas, to the city of Rio de Janeiro I had the privilege of giving the conductor a Bible study, who had become deeply interested in the truth as a result of reading *O Atalaia*. The faithful *Atalaia* is doing a splendid work in Brazil and souls are accepting the truth it so ably presents.

Let us remember our isolated brethren in these distant places where it is so difficult to reach them and let us pray for our faithful workers and needy work in the great North of Brazil.

C. C. SCHNEIDER.

## New School in the Amazon

MUCAJÁ is the name of an Indian village in the state of Amazonas, where, thanks to the efforts of the Missionary Volunteers, a school is to be established. It is a high place and well populated. Civilization has been of no benefit to its inhabitants; it only brought them its vices. The people live in ignorance and superstition which takes its toll of victims every year. Impertinent and many are their needs. It gives me, however, a special satisfaction to know that soon we are to establish a lighthouse there to shine in the midst of the darkness, showing the path which leads to eternal rest.

It was a nice morning when I stopped my launch in Mucajá. I noticed a certain restlessness among the people and upon investigation soon learned that a woman was about to die. I was grieved

to think that for lack of means so many lives have to be forever lost. I asked to be led to the hut where the woman was. Many people were there to express their sympathy. "What is going on?" I inquired of those who were standing outside. I was led into a stuffy, odorous room, where I found a dirty hammock in which the dying woman was wrapped. A pair of eyes stared at me, and there was something in those dying eyes which begged me to help.

I was told that the woman fell and broke a rib while stepping into a boat with a child in her arm. The people did the best they knew, mingling with it all kinds of good counsel, not forgetting to make a promise to "Santo Antonio," yet all was in vain.

Such cases make me feel the disastrous effects of superstition and sorcery, with which they are treated.

After having spoken to the people of the Great Physician and explaining that no "saint," but only the great God Himself could help and cure, I started to do the best I could. The woman was burning with fever. When I began to treat her with water, all were surprised. The most courageous protested while bolder ones threatened. Since the day of the accident water had only been applied to the face. Dirt was the first thing to be removed. One breast was horribly swollen. Under it I noticed a orifice closed up with cotton. I removed it and wanted to know the reason for it having been closed. The reply was that no insects or bad spirits could come out. A pair of small scissors helped me to enlarge the opening and I was surprised to see the quantity of pus that ran out. After a few hours of treatment the fever diminished. I thanked God for the success He had given me although the woman was yet in an unconscious state.

Upon leaving I was asked how they could keep the evil spirits away. Again I directed them to Him who protects His children and instructed them to wash the entire body of the woman so that I could continue my treatments. After much hesitancy they promised to do so.

Upon my return the following day the woman was much better. She spoke a few words and there was a different expression in her eyes. Day after day I entered the small cabin giving treatments and studying the word of God. I showed them how in the right time the Lord had sent me to them in order to bring physical and spiritual help, and explained that without the help of God the treatments would have little value. The woman gained strength very rapidly. Time passed. Again I found myself in Mucajá, directing the exercises on a "nice" Sabbath day. Suddenly the sound of drums fell on my ears coming

from the shore. My congregation became a little nervous but I continued with my study. Along the shore a procession wended its way to the farthest point of the village. Soon the bells echoed. We heard the crowd coming closer as we closed the meeting. They passed in front of us. Imagine my surprise when I saw the woman I had treated with such care and given so many studies from the holy Book, with a "Saint" in her arms, going from house to house, saying that this saint had saved her life and in his honor she was to give a feast that night to which the neighbors were invited.

There is no doubt, that the best way to bring such people out from their heathen darkness is through efficient schools. The school educates and molds the children and they in turn educate their parents, who gain confidence in the teaching administered to their children and at the same time learn of the truth.

HANS MAYR.

## East Brazil Notes

BROTHER Manoel Pereira, who is working in the Maues district of the state of Amazonas, writes of a Sabbath school where money is so scarce that the people bring *farinha* and *guaraná* instead of money as an offering. However, they decided to have a goal. At the close of the quarter the gifts were sold and Brother Manoel was able to report that the school had reached its goal.

IN A small town in the southern part of Bahia two colporteurs called on the mayor of the town. After having given their canvass the mayor turned to his secretary and said: "Here are two heroes of faith who in such a time as this and in the midst of a heretical people circulate such books." Thinking and observing minds appreciate the work of the colporteur, and cheering are such testimonies in a time of crisis.

BROTHER Ellis Maas and his wife left during the month of June for Natal, where they will be joined by Brother Oscar Castellani in a series of public meetings. The brethren of that place are looking forward with much expectancy to these meetings and trust that others will soon join them in their faith.

ELDER Gustavo Storch is also planning to hold a strong effort this year in the city of Recife. The work in this city is progressing very encouragingly and a goodly number has been added to our constituency there. The two churches of Recife, Central and Cordeiro, have a good attendance and people are interested in both places.

WE AT the union office had the privilege of a visit from Elder Neilsen and Brother Bauer from the Division. With their counsel it was decided to unite the two missions, Rio de Janeiro and Minas Geraes, into one mission which will be known as the Rio-Minas Geraes Mission. Joining these two fields under one administration allows the employ of more evangelists, a need we greatly feel in the large city of Rio de Janeiro. Elder E. M. Davis was elected superintendent of the new mission, with Brother E. Langenstrassen as secretary and treasurer. The office of the mission will continue in the Rio de Janeiro office location.

ELDER C. C. Schneider has returned to the union office after an extended trip through the Pernambuco and Bahia Missions. His visit in the Pernambuco Mission was in the interest of home missionary activities. He was accompanied on this trip by Elder Breitigam of the Division. In Bahia Brother Schneider gave most of his ministry to those who have for some time been waiting for baptism. It was his privilege to baptize 46 candidates at this time.

U. WISSNER.

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## Looking for the Waymarks

AS WE look upon the history of the past and the records of the last few months, there is quite a contrast. We are so busy with the work of every day and are inclined to go at such rapid speed in these days that we seldom stop to think about the actual condition of the world or what will be the end of the conflicting influences that we see on every hand.

Beginning with the last part of 1929 conditions began to appear which have arrested the attention of thinking men everywhere. In November of 1929 the stock market of the world broke. Thousands of investors lost everything. Great fortunes amassed by gambling in the stock markets were lost and men who had become vicious in gambling on a large scale had to go to work.

Business began to decline and business men everywhere have been challenged for a solution of the problems. What has happened? What can be done to restore things to their normal condition?

Suddenly an epidemic of revolutions began to sweep over South America.

Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Panama and Venezuela all succeeded in overthrowing the constitutional governments and in setting up revolutionary governments.

In Peru the government was overturned four times. It seems hard to find any solid ground on which to begin the great work of reconstruction which needs to be done.

In both Chile and Ecuador they tried to join the revolutionary circle but the revolutions did not succeed.

The spirit of rebellion was not confined to South America alone, but Central America as well as Europe was seriously disturbed by revolutions. The communistic propaganda has become a serious problem almost everywhere.

The number of places in the world that have been visited by earthquakes and other disturbing and destroying agents is in excess of anything registered in the past.

A great flood in the Mississippi basin a couple of years ago was followed in 1930 by a drouth which covered the greater part of the United States and caused hundreds of millions of dollars worth of loss and an untold amount of suffering.

The protection of the destitute in a land of great wealth and plenty became a serious national question. Appeals were made everywhere for patriotic and benevolent giving to relieve suffering. Large appropriations were made from national funds for the same purpose.

The world has recently become conscious of the fact that we are living in a mechanical and industrial age, in which the desire for wealth and progress takes precedence over everything else. Mass production has advanced to the point where the world's needs can be supplied with the minimum of human labor and as a result society everywhere has been disturbed by a continually increasing army of unemployed who depend upon their daily wages for life's necessities.

The overproduction in the world of cotton, sugar, coffee and wheat has placed the agricultural world into a situation that is very hard to adjust. The mining industry of the world has also found that as a result of the great efficiency in the mining business and increased production of minerals, the world markets have been overstocked and prices have gone down until the mining industry must of necessity halt and take inventory.

As business has fallen off in every department, the small governments, which depend largely upon business for their income, have been faced with the serious problem of large deficits in their administration budgets. And many have

not been able to meet the interest on their heavy loans. The money of many countries has decreased in value in the commercial markets of the world until governments almost everywhere have been embarrassed.

We certainly must be living in the time of the fulfillment of the prophecies which have pointed out just the things that have been taking place in the world.

It seems there never was a more propitious time for the preaching of the message than just now. The Spirit of God seems to be moving upon the hearts of men in a very definite way. Only a few weeks ago here in Peru a young man who was under conviction left his job in a bank in order to keep the Sabbath and obey the truth. His brother was greatly alarmed and tried to persuade him in every way to stay by the Catholic faith and keep his job etc., but was not able to convince him. After many hours of discussion the brothers both went to one of the centers of our work to talk with the workers. The brother who was so strongly against the truth was converted also and went back to his place resolved to be the real Christian he meant to be before. He said to one of our workers before leaving that he was sure his acquaintances would forsake him now that he was no longer a Catholic. Shortly after he wrote a letter back and said, "The thing I feared has happened to me. The persecution has begun."

If this were an isolated experience it would not mean so much, but it is not. In many places people are becoming agitated as never before and many who have been indifferent are inquiring about the truth.

"One calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The Watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night." Isa. 21:11, 12. (R. V.)

God has placed his people as watchmen to warn the people of earth's coming doom. Voices are coming from unexpected places asking "What of the night?" Our answer is that the morning of the eternal day is just about to break. The night of eternal doom is soon to fall upon those who do not heed God's last message.

It is time for a spirit of greater earnestness and devotion to take hold of the advent people and swell the message to the Loud Cry. Sister White tells us that the last movements in the history of this world will be rapid ones. May the Lord help us to appreciate the times in which we are living and make the best of the opportunities He is giving us.

L. D. MINNER.



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## "One Step Forward"

COROCORO is a small town a few hours by train from La Paz. Colporteur González of the Bolivia Mission stopped off to canvass the town and country. He went to the only hotel to leave his baggage until he could find less expensive quarters. The hotel keeper said: "Are you a salesman? Well, I wish to inform you that every salesman fails up here. I would like to have you remain in my hotel, for that is my business, but I feel sorry for you, so I advise you to leave for La Paz on the very next train. Everything is in the crisis here." "Oh," said the colporteur, "I do not fear. I am selling good books that explain the meaning of the crisis. Anyway the work is not mine."

Brother González went to his room, prayed earnestly for God's help to meet the situation and then started his work. Before night he had taken four combination orders for the set of small books and three for the "Golden Age." Again he returned to his room and upon his knees thanked God for helping him make such a splendid beginning. His success continued during the week. "I finally reached a soldiers' barracks just outside of town," he reported. "I first visited the general of the army, took his order and then asked for his permission to canvass the officials inside the compound. But he said, 'they will not buy books now. They are too poor. Anyway I will see!' Off he went with my prospectus to show it to the officers. On returning he said, 'I knew they would not buy.' 'But,' said I, 'please let me visit them.' To this he acceded whereupon I made the rounds and then returned again to ask another favor of the general. Upon seeing me he asked, 'How did it go?' I showed him a list of names, five orders for 'Golden Age,' five orders for the set of three small books, two orders

for Bibles. Every one was taken in combination with *El Atalaya*. [Since arriving home I have received a letter stating that Brother González made a very successful delivery in Corocoro and in the barracks.] When the general saw this list he exclaimed: 'Every man for his business! You for book selling and I for the cannon.'

"Then I asked for permission to speak a few words to the Adventist soldiers. Again he said that it would be of no use because they were scattered. After several appeals he consented to let me have my way. I stepped out with orders to have all the regiment called in from their duties. An official had the bugle call given, and in less than five minutes the whole yard was filled with soldiers in marching formation. Every soldier was tense awaiting orders, not knowing what the unusual call could mean.

"The captain shouted: 'Attention! All who are Adventists, take one step forward!' No one moved. The surprise was too great. Again the captain shouted: 'Adventists: one step forward!' A few stepped forward. Again with more emphasis he shouted: 'All Adventists, one step forward!' This time, fourteen soldiers and several officers found themselves one step forward with the army in back. The captain said: 'Everyone returns to his duty. The Adventists will speak with the Adventist missionary book seller.' I had a pleasant visit with these boys and encouraged them to remain faithful and to use literature as a means of doing missionary work in the army."

Brother González said: "I want to tell you that there is no crisis for the faithful colporteurs. God helps the humble and valiant."

Jesus, our mighty Captain, would have us all *take one step forward* at this time of world financial, social, political and religious troubles. Satan would have us board the first train back, not to "La Paz" (Peace), but to dispondency and abandonment, but with us it must be "one step forward" to "increasing success."  
J. L. BROWN.

## Inca Union Notes

BROTHER Juan Plenc of the Lake Titicaca Mission, has been transferred to the city of Arequipa where he will work for the Spanish-speaking people of that district. Until now practically all our work in this mission has been directed to the Indians who speak the Aymará and Quechua languages.

THE Bolivia Mission has purchased property in Cochabamba for the establishment of a training school for work-

ers. Formerly this school was located at Coliana. The new school will be known as, "Instituto Industrial Boliviano."

BRETHREN J. L. BROWN and P. R. Tabuena of the Publishing Department made a tour of the entire union, assisting in colporteur institutes. The colporteur work is being strengthened in all parts of the field.

THE Lima training school opened its school year April 1 with a good enrollment. The school is making plans to install other new industries. It will have to begin on a small scale, but a sure one.

A GOOD house to be used as office, and living quarters for one family, has been purchased in Puno, Peru. Plans are also under way for constructing other homes for the directors of the work in the Lake Titicaca Mission.

AN ELECTRIC lighting system has been installed in the Juliaca clinic. During the two months previous to the installation the light service was very poor and there was very little hope of its improving. The clinic receives a very good patronage constantly.

ELDERS Minner and Lundquist visited the Lake Titicaca Mission during the months of May and June, helping in a series of revival meetings at the different mission stations. They spent a part of June in the Bolivia Mission in the same kind of work.

ELDER F. E. Bresee, who has been on furlough in the States, was expected to reach his field of labor in June. Pastor R. J. Roy of the Lake Titicaca Mission and Professor Lundquist of the Inca Union Educational Department took their furloughs in July.

L. D. MINNER.

## Division Notes

ELDER N. P. Neilsen left Buenos Aires July 9 for the Central Argentine Conference, where he joined Elder J. H. Meier, president of the conference, in a two and one-half week's tour of the field at which time revival meetings were held in the various churches.

ELDER Neilsen and Brother Bauer visited the Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catharina-Parana Conference offices in August via Sao Paulo to attend the College and Publishing House Board meetings. They plan to return to the office the last of September.