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**AS CARTAS DE MISS MARY P. DASCOMB AO
DR. HORACE MANLEY LANE**

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Windham. Conn.

Three days at Brownie's.

Sat. Sept. 12/08.

Dear Dr. Lane,

It just happened, against my plans & asseverations that I wld. not tear my heart with a second Goodbye, that I went to Cambridge night before last & found your delightful letter, full, full, full as an egg of meat. Before long I am going to Phila. to stir up the Ladies, if it be possible about giving me teachers. If they do not wish to send men to add to the quarrelling about Masonry, at least send women to Schools. Just think of the partiality of the Board — 85 missies to Korea, 39 to the Philip. & now that poor Dr. Kyle is out of the running & if Pierce has to come home on acct. of his wife there will be only 25 to great Brazil. And some Sec. had the audacity to ask me in June to go to a Farewell Meeting for new missies. So, notwithstanding the debt of \$192000. as missies are being sent "algures". Geo. Lenington wrote me lately that he & Mr. Landes & Mr. Waddell were hobnobbing together about Brazil at Pocono, Penn. I have not heard that Laura has yet visited her Mother. Pierce's family went to see Mrs. Ch. after a very short visit to her people. I shall go there before very long. Have I told you that Miss Brown is said to be in Malden? Dr. Kyle desired to visit her, but I think he has not Dr. Alexander seems to have bad luck in selecting teachers. I do hope that you will see our Welleslyites before they leave. It is worth a journey down & Miss Kuhl wld. be overjoyed to see you & you cld. have the guest room (mine) that lately accommodated 9 Vogels! I was so glad to see your Margaret, sorry not to have known beforehand where to find her little cottage by the sea. I am so glad that you think well of Dr. Albertus's scheme. So did I. If he cld. effect all that he planned it wld. be a splendid thing for Paraná — if he failed Paraná wld. lose nothing — simply wld. not have to give him anything. Brazil is queer. They long for good effects of foreign money & labor & yet are so afraid of being outwitted or outrivalled that they hold out a hand & then draw it back. Mr. Brown is much impressed with Manáos. Mrs. Wright represents it in her book, & regrets that he did not go there. He might have died of the heart attacks so many visitors Between farming & supplying vacant pulpits & reading a world of fine papers & magazines & books, he is kept very busy. The place is delightful in Summer. I do not know about the rest of the year. I am so glad you are so successful. Don't forget to go to Curityba! Did Job get my postal about

his chum Vrooman. It was nice to find one who knew Job. Dr. Kyle is so mournful that he cannot return to Brazil. Jessie is a great comfort to them. Give my saudades to Fanny & Suzie, & Rufus & Job.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Y.W.C.A. New Haven. Ct. Sat. Sept. 26/08.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I always feel puffed up as well as pleased to rec. a letter fr. you. This last nice long one came on the Tennyson with Mrs. Marie R. Wright! The interviewer represents her as about to write on South America, I think he must be mistaken. She cld. not sell so large a subject. I wish you cld. see the house-keeper here, a Miss Bull, (ferocious mane!) She wd. like to go to Brazil for 5 yrs. as house-keeper. I know little of her except that she has been here 2 yrs. is about 25. tall & strong with a sunny face that warms the cookies of one's heart. I wish that Curityba cld. have her, but we haven't money enough. Miss Kuhl gave Mrs. Over 30\$000 & board, & found her on the spot. I have written to Mrs. Turner for my two teachers. She cld. easily give the money if she wishes — 2 passages & 1 salary this yr. — only 1 salary next yr. I wonder that you ask Dr. Alex. again to choose for you. If you can go twice to Botucatu you can surely go once to Curityba. I pine for you to see our superb Wellesley girls — & our Sch. generally — you have never seen it! Geo. Lenington gives me lots of news. He says that Mr. Waddell goes back in Nov. leaving Laura & the Ch^a in Florida. Orange. Co. N... for schooling. I do not know where Mrs. Landes will take hers. I am impressed with the swarms of Catholics everywhere — with their growing audacity as to processions etc. & with the base fear of offending them on the part of politicians, journalists & housekeepers! I must take O'Connor's paper to keep informed, Crowley's Parochial Schools was a warning as to their ulterior purposes to down the Public Sch. System; And he emphasizes what I think the crying sin of Cath^m, keeping bad priests in office — if the outcry is very great, removing them to another, often a better place. I have been trying to find a Blog. of Bishop Cox. He was one of the few Am^s I've met who seemed possessed with a sense of the Nation's danger fr. Cath^m Think of Boston being a very largely Cath. city! — — — What a wonderful, wonderful woman is Isabella Bird Bishop! I am reading her life in the Rocky Mts. Going every where alone unarmed! So small! Look at her & then at me — crossing a crowded street with "olhos esbugalhados" for fear of the demented "devil wagons". At times N. Haven seems like N.Y. rushing & crowded. Last night we had an Opening Reception brilliant with Autumn leaves & flowers, comic recitations & music of violin & piano. This Home wd. suit Mr. Waddell better than me — The girls are very free indeed & some of them noisy. There are no obligations relig. exer... & they spend Sunday as they like. Sheep without a Shepherd almost as much as in Brazil. Is it wonderful that in such happy-go-lucky ignorance all sorts of isms flourish! Give me the old basic education, less of crude choices, more of wise authority. I hear some of the older educators say the same thing. If the Michells.

have rooms we shall see Miss Lottie next week! Saudades to the 4 Lanes,

Mary P. Dascomb.

118. Montague St. Brooklyn. N.Y. Wed. Oct. 28/08.

Dear Dr Lane,

Miss Lottie is buying some things for Suzie & if Mr. Williams will meet or send to meet the Tennyson, I suppose that he can have them tho' my things do not go off till Paranaguá: My sobriquet (I think you first gave it) of Doubting Thomas is twice earned — once by the actual coming of the long promised Agua to Curityba, & second by the completed R.R. fr.

S. Paulo to Paraná. Now that it is finished are you actually going to let the splendid Wellesley girls go away without having seen them! You seem to have a lull in your non compos teachers & I rejoice in your prospect of peace & prosperity. Make haste slowly with your burdensome Report. It always results well. "The legs of a stork are long. The legs of a goose are short. You cannot make the storks' legs short, nor the goose's legs long. Why worry! (Chinese Proverb) I really believe that Curityba also is coming out "all right." Mr. Waddell is disposed to give us his Miss Mc Pherson, of whom Mrs. Howell speaks highly. And the dear Phila. Ladies are hunting for a Paragon to be ready by Dec. 5. And Ethelwyn Porter goes with me for Florianopolis. Woman's (is that the way it's divided?) Work says that Mr. Landes has resigned. Dr. Kyle's 1 all has decreased his chances of going back. I hear that Mr. Waddell goes Nov. 5. Do not know when Mr. Tucker goes. The Landes & Waddell families are in Florida, Orange Co. N.Y. & may visit them soon. Beloved Hattie Mag. is much confined by her feeble relatives. How strange that a woman of such profound power to influence shld. be so shut up! Helen is teaching in Brooklyn. Open yr. eyes! I am corresponding at a galloping pace with postals with Edmundo Trompowsky at Brown Hall. 5. Theol. Sem. Princeton — What of his fair-haired German spouse? Mrs. Tooker Hamilton promises me books to take out! Have you not yet.

met our Curityba Dr. José Ferenca? Election next week. Hurrah for Taft! Thanks for the invitation to S. Paulo. I must look after my baggage.

Won't Suzie miss you all! Love to Fanny.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Tues. Jan. 12/09.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your thrice welcome letter came today with my first Am. mail, wh. included 6 packages of books in ans. I judge, to some appeal. Some have names on the fly-leaf-Reutlinger & Bleuvelt wld. indicate a Dutch R. Ch. like Geo. Lenington's or my cousin Will Finny's in Moorestown or Arthur Remington's in Freehold. Annie writes me that one of Miss Lottie's old boarders had a seizure one night — lay on the floor 1 1/2 hours before discovered his one side paralyzed. You remember Mr. Hazard? Didn't I try my best to get you to invite our Wellesley Girls?! I didn't know they were going to S. Paulo but tho't they would if you asked them! Ethelwyn is likely to be admirable — pretty & dainty & withal. I think, a trained mind. Her one defect is something of her sweet Mother's deafness. Probably you know now that the steamers indulged in their semi-occasional vagaries & Fre L. had to go by land & race to Campinas — will no doubt stop on his return. He goes to Rio to get Ethelwyn. I wish you could get hold of Mr. Severance. He gave a handsome Laboratory to Oberlin & has building's bearing his name all over Asia. Dr. Gammon gained a lot of money for his Lavras buildings. Dr. Butler was successful in a dodge that you & we might try — sending home orchids & parasites. Miss Kuhl once had an offer from a Phil. florist & send home one box but did not have a responsible co-adjutor to push the thing. We have several offers of Normalistas for tho' we do not give so good pay it is regular. Ida Kolb is coming & Grace is doing finely with beginners in Music. Splendidly handsome Alice Withers takes charge of Music. She has inspired Effie to take up music again.

Cannot S. Paulo give Fanny the Manheim treatment?
I pity you for having the billing & coving (?) a whole year! M.P.D.

Miss Kuhl is looking well. Those docile happy Girls eases life wonderfully for her.

Our Am. engineers have left Ponta Grossa a bad impression of Americans. Some were rawly drunk.

I hear that Joe E. is offended at my letter about his drinking! I've met his wife & like her.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Feb. 3/09.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Our most interesting friend Mrs. Marie Robinson Wright is with us, and a most interesting Swedish journalist, Miss Beck-mann, who knows Tolstoi, has been in the war Russo-Japoneza, & the Boer, & in Paraguay, a small, plain-looking woman with the most charming soft hands. That she is fearless — cela va sans dire. Now for the reason, if this sudden letter — to make you jump and exclaim! Nice bright Sara H——. Mrs. W's secretary, whom we all enjoyed so much has married the beast Capt. M—— whom you — — —. His wife has not been dead a year. He has not a penny, his land is mortgaged, he eats like a pig, e drinks like a fish, swears like a trooper, is disgusting towards women & altho' he is 82 proposes to live 20 years longer! Was there ever such a crazy creature as Sara H.! Mrs. Wright proposes to go soon to S. Paulo, Uruguay, Buenos Ayres, & perhaps in Chile will find the Spanish lady who may join her in her trip round the world. Her little Exposition volume is very pretty. I suppose that soon João Lagos will go to see Mackenzie & the School & I hope that you and Rufus will be good to him. I have not seen him for some time.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Feb. 24/09.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Six you & half a dozen we as to "busy"! True in these holidays from Sat. to tonight, I read a little in Lever's Tom Burke of Ours, & play a little Finch in the eve, & write a few letters — but the bulk of my time goes in looking over piles of Exam. Papers & making out Boletins for over 40 in various studies. Mrs. Wright's devoted cavalier came here in a funk the other morning thinking that her books would never have been paid for had the Paraná Gov. known of the map in them giving the disputed territory to Santa Cat.! I said: I do not think that there is a map in the new book but I am entirely on the side of Santa Cat. in that business, Sr. Horacio. — Do not most Paulistas think so? know that maps all these years until lately have given the land to Santa Cat. Do U.S. people going by hundreds into Canada claim the land where they settle as belonging to Uncle Sam! When are you coming to see us! Our pretty Church now has electric light, thanks partly to two of my cousins. Ella Kuhl does not approve of your casting wishful eyes at Fred. Lenington. She suggests that you enter into treaty with Geo. Lenington, who has improved immensely of late years, is able, practical & spiritual. He wd. come to Brazil were it not for his wife's mother a very agreeable invalidish

society lady. But I think that as there are so many Am^s & Eng. in S. Paulo may be she would come too João Lagos is our ex-pupil who did such good work in the Normal School that he gained a premium with which to go abroad & study. He is waiting for two friends & meanwhile reviewing his studies. I think he now expects to go in March. I am glad that Suzie & her little people go back to you even if they have to leave their Land & Sea Scape I shld. think that Mr. Williams would melt in the Interior of Bahia. I am so sorry for Mr. Schneider. Is he with his wife's sister Rita? Ida & Grace Kolb are doing beautifully but Ida is frail. It's a magnificent thing that where one hasn't time for a visit, telephonic communication may be had with Heaven at any hour of the day or night!

This is Lottie's birthday & I send her a letter. Fred L. is no second fiddle — he travels nearly all the time.

Love to Fanny & Rufus.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curitiba. Paraná. Wed. Mar. 31/09.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I do not at all suppose that you are as eager to hear from me as I am to write to you. I grudge every day after hearing fr. you, that I do not answer. There has been a concatenation of circumstances to prevent my writing. Have you heard the good news that the Board sends us Mr. Speer, (whom I affectionately dub our Great Heart) — to start May 5th & to reach us about Aug. 1st, coming to us fr. you. He is anxious to see McKenzie, & to see you whom he highly prizes. How delightful! Before he reaches us we shall have Miss McPherson, who sails about May 20th. My sister Annie is suffering again & has gone to her Waterbury doctor, & is put on a milk diet. I am especially sorry as she has just enough money to live on without adding medical fees wh. hang upon her for months like an Old Man of the Sea. But since going she is somewhat better & writes long letters. In one she told of Mr. Hazard's death, of the coming of his white haired brother 70 years old, of dear Lottie's being one of 4 to attend the funeral (Plymouth pastor) — of her helping the brother pack & while they were at work of there being brought in her cremated boarder (of 14 years) & how the brother asked her to put it in the trunk as it wld. not go in his valise, & how, with her Spartan spirit she made herself do it! Poor dear! School is very full & still they come. Our beloved & most capable ex-teacher, D. Matilda Riekens, is in S. Paulo, & at last will come to us, but just now we have about all we can carry. One Normalist comes & fills any niche for the practice & the hope. We are using five rooms in the next house, besides the great building at the foot of the yards. We are more than rejoiced at the possibility of your coming to see our doings. If you could come gratis in the retinue of Affonso Penna! Some one said that a trip to S. Paulo wld. cost about 200\$, stoppages & all. If so the R.R. will scarcely support itself — rather take the old death — trap steamers. Have you heard that Affonso Penna is a member of the Trust Co. in Rio that pays a Match Firm in Paranaguá 12 contos a month to do nothing? A nice President! So Roosevelt is in London! I am eagerly waiting for him to go to Africa. I take Scribner just to get his letters. I tried in the States ever so many times to get a fine map of Africa but did. not find one. I suppose that it will be published when he starts out. Miss Kuhl lately heard of the

death of her gentle, beloved deaf sister, Hannah. There was scarcely any illness & she lay down to rest & was found with a smile on her lips, but the spirit had gone. The other sisters miss her very much. The Wellesley girls had just arrived at last accounts & Angie helped Mr. Speer with his itinerary, wh. he will modify out here. They still see Brazil thro' rose-colored "osculos" as Mr. Smith put it. My João Lagos came in tonight saying that he is too late for the Byron & the Tennyson does not go till May 3rd. so he must go on the Prince Line. We howled & told him of the big steamers on the 20 of each month. He will, I hope look you up soon & see Rufus who was at Case — wasn't he? I told him to look up some Y.M.C.A. place in N.Y. — that he may not be fleeced.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curitiba. Paraná. Tues. May 25/09.

Dear Dr. Lane,

It is almost 9 P.M. but it is now or never this Boletim Week, & as the dining-room is warm, one can write comfortably. We have a little duck of a stove that burns pine-knots & can open cheerfully in front with a jolly glow. Your item about the H—— comes too late. We are bitten. The girl is on our hands. Needs almost everything necessary for Winter. She has few letters fr. her Father. It takes, I believe some 17 days at best to hear fr. him. Ella declares that the proof of the pudding is the eating of it & that her aconite & belladonna break up colds. I am so glad that Chiquita Clark is better. I tho't her more afraid of cancer than tuber.^{sis} I think I will write her to please meet Miss McPherson who was to sail May 20. Do you hear anything of Geo. Chamberlain? When I came with him he suffered fr. those horrid & sometimes dangerous carbuncles on the neck. Great firing tonight. Wonder what it's about! Have you heard that Rosa's brother, Tenente Luiz V. Ferreira Sobr^o is quite crazy? He was breaking up, tho' quite young, when he lost his second wife & 3 children at one fell swoop by small-pox, — & went wild. One of our handsomest teachers is sought in marriage by her special admiration & her Positivist Papa won't let her marry a widower!

Why should they care if there is no future: — Eat, drink & be merry, for tomorrow we die! What Pres. do you wish? M.P.D.

Love to Fanny & Suzie & the children. I have such a desire to see Rufus.

Curitiba. Paraná. Thurs. May 20/09.

Dear Dr. Lane,

The preposterousness of said attitude will strike Mr. Speer as it does us. I am amazed at his clear comprehension of character out here. The most valuable asset for a missionary after piety & ability & diligence is — a sense of humor! How many blows that has saved Hattie Magalhães! A chuckle is better than a sigh, or an — expletive! Such dense complacency is comforting to the owner & amusing to by-standers. I am reading a tremendous book. It ranks with Charles Reade's books on prisons & insane asylums for stunning blows at abuses. It is perhaps finer than *The Pit*, & not acutely distressing as that horror about Vivisection. It is the *Grain-Carriers* by Edward (publish 1908!) Noble a tremendous indictment

of English Shipowners & behind them the people, Parliament, Authority (the King?) crazed for cheap carrying of Am. grain to Eng. & thus condoning ill-made & ill-provisioned ships so often death-traps to the British sailor. It is a good thing that the Cook people who came out with me on the Tennyson, did not find that book or they wd. have been horribly afraid to go around the Cape. Have you heard that Bahia Johnson feels ill & proposes to resign? What ails Bahia? Ella is reading the C.E. paper, 5 shillings & a penny quarrelled. The former boasted that he was worth 60 times as much as the penny — That's nothing! I go to Church a great deal oftener than you! Love to the family. M.P.D.

I hear that our habilissimo surgeon Dr. Ferencz is going to S. Paulo to live. I am so sorry. There will be no first class doctor left.

We have Fred. Emerson in Sch. & Mrs. Emerson is very chatty & nice when she comes to borrow books but Dr. Joe is much offended with my letter about drinking & never calls.

Curityba. Paraná. Tues. June 15th 1909.

Dear Dr. Lane,

We're all just like a hive of bees that somebody (Dr. P.) has stirred up. We all write to each other — when — when — when? We've all heard different stories & set them flying on the wings of the wind, & perhaps they have scraps in mid-air. Mr. Speer will probably see the imposing obsequies of Aff. Penna. I wrote him C/ Am. Consul on H.C. Tucker, saying that as he would of course wish to see Mackenzie in session he would have to reach S. Paulo on the 15th or 16th. We shall be ready at any time, most delighted to receive him & somewhat tempted to give him a Brazilian hug! We are somewhat anxious about our weather which is sometimes as raw & forbidding as possible, & then glorious, clear & sunny. Have you at all noticed our patriotic (!) farcial rows here? S. Paulo led off with suggesting (in view of the phenomenal interest in the Presid. Campaign) that D. Luiz should be elected Pres. & Arcoverde Vice Pres. That inspired & German paper here to propose Abdul Hamid for Pres. & Cyp. Castro for Vice Pr. — thinking thus to make a joke! But the papers, & particularly the very disorderly student body that delights to break focos de luz electrica, & to heap insults on their teachers & to make pow wows in public resorts had an acute attack of "patriotic" fever, broke the windows of the typographia & made a bonfire of the paper in front of its windows, spotting meanwhile the greatest quantity of would be witty & sarcastic but wholly rude animadversions. Our handsome Alice Withers proves obdurate & our admired Dr. Ferencz has left Curityba, shutting up the hospital where he did so much good. I hear that he takes the Royal Mail to Eng. then goes to his father-land Austria & returns to work in S. Paulo. I wonder if you are obliged to give one day to Public Opinion as we are. We shall have our usual work tomorrow unless the papers tonight announce a **three days' rest to all Schools.** It would prevent Mr. Speer's properly seeing Mackenzie. We do hope to have Fred. come to Curityba when Sr. Henrique goes on the 1st. of Aug. Our church would fill rapidly if he were here permanently and visited among

the people. That is the key to their hearts.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. June 28/09.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your three envelopes arrived this morn. & your letter was so eminently interesting & satisfying that I did not even regret that they were not all mine — especially as the others were for our expected guests. I rose at 5.15 today & at 5.40 opened the lower part of the house to air. The sky was full of brilliant stars, the air was mild & balmy but there was such strong moist wind that, albeit I am a most unreliable prophet, I ventured to predict that soon after School opened we shld. have a blustering storm. The clouds darkened rolled up towards the zenith & — like the King of France & his 4000 men they Went off without fulfilling their mission — the sun came out joyously — But only for a time. Just before the close of Sch. there came a rushing rain & now, as I sit in the quiet Study Hour with three active pianos within hail (!) the rain is pouring steadily down. Its lucky that the Operetta Co. Papke to whose "nights" Effie has taken tickets does not begin until tomorrow. I wonder if our people are in the chuva. Preaching yest. at Imbituva (old Cupim! where there is only one poor hotel, worse food & horrid water — crenates too poor to have people at their house. Today, Mond. they go to Mandury! — if it rains thus—! — Tues. back to Imbituva — Why pray! Wed. to Ponta Grossa & Thurs. hither — coming at 7.30 P.M. Tues. Just here the supper bell rang. Then to celebrate the rainy day & give it a good send — off — incidentally to thank St. Peter & St. Paul who, all unwittingly give us a holiday tomorrow. I took every body into the Sala Grande where, with our eyes shut, we one by one made a pig on the blackboard, only lifting the hand to make an eye. There were shouts of laughter as one after another made a most extraordinary creature, usually without a head. Ida's was the best, quite respectable beast. Then we settled down to our evening avocations. Effie, who rather despises our homely fashion of sitting by the long dining-room table where the jolly pine-knot stove creates a comfortable atmosphere, went off to the cold parlor to play deliciously. Ella began her Report wh. Dr. Porter considerably invites her to concoct instanter. Ida takes her fancy-work for the babies, of Morro Alto "Grace reads the evening paper & I write you, when — in the midst of the rain comes nice young Anderson again. We called Effie, talked a deal, showed him photos, & took him off to the cold parlor to hear the girls play. It seems that he is fond of music. He praises the S. Paulo bands, thinks them better than those in N.Y. — gave a comical report of the origin of the name Souza of Band fame — said the man had a long name, people cld. not pronounce it, he called himself So. U.S.A. & soon was christened Souza! He has been out hunting with young Westerman — had three camaradas to carry tents etc. & to cook. He didn't try shooting "dislikes to kill creatures". He modestly asked for one novel & I gave him Henry Seton Merriman's Barlash of the Old Guard. Ella has just been in to read her Report dashed off in a hurry & therefore especially good. We have our largest matricula this term, 275! But the doctor's "Scarlatina" scare have cut us down to a little less than half. I will tell you of our guests & M. Meetg. later. With the most grateful thanks for your letters.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mons. July 27/09.

Dear Dr. Lane,

If you tho't it right to send the Report to Geo. L. I am glad you sent it. I was not quite sure, I tho't a man would know & you especially.

Isabel's temperature is still variant — from 37° to 39° +. when they hurry her into a bath. She takes milk every 2 hours & some orange juice, & very weak chicken broth sometimes. Her mouth is all swollen up with tumors inside, poor thing. They say she is fabulously patient. Fanny has the inside track of us. Our last from Messrs. Speer & Cook was from the Ceylon at Santos, promising more from B. Ayres. I am anxious about their passing the Andes. I hear that after May it is not safe. Grace Kolb has just returned from nearly 3 weeks in Florianopolis. Is perfectly delighted with Ethelwyn Porter tho' she is deafer every day! Says that sweet Addie has lost the lovely peach-bloom of her cheeks. Says that Fred. has not yet told the people of his call to Curitiba & that he will come alone first & look up a house. I should think that it would be easy to persuade sr. Carvalhosa that it is very nice to be Pastor Emeritus — considered a great honor in the U.S. I have heard that Jov. Camargo wishes to return to the ministry & will take a much smaller salary than he now gets. The truncated education of the two Cam. & Osias, is to be deplored, but youth & fervor y above all, pastoral visiting may in a measure, make up for it. Has the very useful Mattathias any more? Dr. Porter & Erasmo tolerate the present preparatory studies simply because they cannot help themselves. (*) But by writing to ministers etc. they are going to make

(*) This turma in the Sem. must pass as it can. every effort to have the preparation made before the candidate goes to the Seminary. But they will have a time with Dr. Smith. I remember that once there was talk of getting a legacy by moving Oberlin Theol. Sem. to another town. Pres. Finney opposed the plan with all his great ability. He said that the College needed the Theologues to work among the students & the Theologues needed to practise their theories of religious work among the students — not live shut away from other people as in many seminaries. But the Campinas situation is not analogou. I think that if the Igreja Unida were to like its young pastor it might be speedily built up. I wonder if Mr. Speer did take Eduardo too seriously. I hardly think so. He does not say all he thinks, but he is a very penetrating man. The wonder is how he keeps his glow of love for humanity along with his understanding of men. God bless him, & make us true lovers of our fellow men rather than unfriendly critics of them! It would have done you good to hear him & Mr. Cook speak of you & your work & to have seen Mr. Speers' gratification that I was so zealous a partizan of Dr. Lane & Mackenzie. And there was not a dissident voice or even tone in the Mission-Meeting at his urging full preparatory studies for Theol. students in Mackenzie & Lavras, & urging the ministers to be constantly on the lookout for promising youth. We have greatly enjoyed Henrique Vogel, personally of late & shall be sorry to lose his company twice a week at supper. He is a man, a gentleman & a Christian. Love to your daughters & Rufus.

Curitiba. Paraná. Freiday Night, 3/9/09

Dear Dr. Lane,

I could not help laughing at your Jeremiad while I do think that for years people who deem themselves doing God service have most unjustly and abominably antagonized you and McKenzie. While I am sorry, sorry, sorry that the Kingdom of God should suffer from such unworthy prejudices, I am not much astonished nor embittered for I see that things have always been so. St. Paulo himself persecuted horribly before the Vision! Dr. McLeod whose life I have nearly finished was outrageously talked about & stigmatized without mercy. By the way he much admired &

liked the widow of Warren Hastings of whose singular antecedents Macawlay tells us in his fine Essay on Warren Hastings. But Fanny is right about post-mortems. I really think that the feeling against McK. has greatly diminished, partly from Mr. Speer's frankly expressed admiring & close friendship for you, & partly from your having kept out of the Equiparação troubles of Lavras & Juiz de Fôra — you who might have played your Masonic card as Mr. Gammon did. I think that the worst is over. The worry will now come to Mr. Porter & Erasmo, for they, esp. Dr. Porter are ambitious to have a worthy high-class Seminary, & it will be impossible with Mr. Smith's choice of men & the little preparation he can give them there. Dear me! have I left until the 4th page, congratulations on the 19th, grandchild! I beg Suzie's pardon & am so glad all went well. I hope the measles have not spread & will not long keep Fanny a prisoner. Dr. Gad used to say that he hated measles & that Miss Kuhl need not call himshe knew as well as he what to do. Mrs. Emerson & Fred. were here last night. I am decidedly fond of her. Stories flew. She told of a niece in the States, 8 years old, pretty & healthy but with mysterious adenoids. She suffered from ear-ache. There have been two or three operations to take out rotten bone somewhere behind the ear. From the last 8 months ago there is still a wound. The specialist says it is all right — only slow in healing, but the friends are afraid of another operation & so on, ad infinitum. I really think you ought to have Fred. But we too need him. He is winning golden opinions by visiting (according to the Church list) his cordial laugh & his short spiritual sermons, every word clearly heard. He wants you to go home when de does, & then we must will, & shall have a sight of you, & you of our doings. I have rejoiced to see the praises of Vital in the papers. Is it true that his is the only Institution of the Kind in the two Americas? I had a card from Acacia today dated B. Aires — on their way to M. Grosso. I wonder if a card to Cuyabá would catch them. Fred has just read & I am reading a wonderful wonderful Romance by a German officer, picturing a Japanese Invasion of the States in 1909! The book is called Banzai, by Parabellum. I think that Mr. Gomm brought it from the Argentine. If it is general in the United States & among Americans elsewhere to call the Japs, "damned yellow monkeys" then I say: — They deserve to be invaded & tho'ly thrashed!!!! What will the Japs. say to this book! Put it into their heads the doing & the how?

Fred. is singing most deliciously. We expect a Mr. Sollenberger this evening. He brought a letter for Clara Hardeman from her Father. We are getting reconciled to keeping her. Love to your daughter & Rufus.

Mary P. Dascomb

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. Aug. 5/09

Dear Dr. Lane,

Our letters crossed! — if my Extracts can be called a letter! I am so delighted that you are at last coming — tho' not primarily to see us! Ella joins me in asking you to bring Fanny. She has not seen our noble Serra R.R. She will enjoy Effie & the Kolb sisters & our young teachers, & the dear Withers' family if they can leave their beloved patient. Isabel is doing very well indeed. I think the avoidance of "intestinal complications" is due to Mrs. Bickerstaph who purges that nest of typhoid microbes every day. She expected to tear herself away this week to go & brighten her lonely husband. But he, tired of being alone, suddenly starts out to make a miss y. tour & going & coming will preach for us maybe at the same time that we have Fred! Ethelwyn talks of keeping house with her

teachers. Miss Kuhl tells of a cousin of the Porters who wishes to come out as a missy. but not a teacher, & thinks maybe she has money enough to bring herself out & that she wld. be a treasure to Ethelwin. Miss Kuhl has suggested to a nice Kindergartener to come out to us thus, with Miss Macpherson. Curityba finds its charming Kindergarten too much of an expense & we may fall heir to it. I shall be so glad to have you see our teachers. You will be amazed if you look for Caipiras. Two more marry this year! Jov. Camargo — as I understand — told some one that he was open to a Church bid on much lower terms, than his 1:000\$ a month.

Curityba. Paulo!!!

Tues. Oct. 12th 09.

Dear Dr. Lane,

They've been telling me today that I'm Irish — saying sundry Mrs. Malaprop things at the table — & now, putting Curityba in Paulo! I am obliged to C.C. for giving us a holiday. I've a shoal of letters to write & a most interesting book to finish & it is Effie's birthday (as well as Mr. Chamberlain's) & there are great preparations for the celebration at dinner-time. After dinner Fred. Effie & the Kolbs have a carriage-drive to make a pastoral call. It is a glorious day of cool air & hot sun. We all think as you do that the Flor. teachers would better board with some nice family than attempt house-keeping. Then Addie could be released soon. I think Fred. is waiting for the last one of the S. Brazil Mission to give an opinion on the Flor. appeal — or perhaps for Mr. Landes to come & say if he will hold the fort in Flor. so as to release Fred. What dreadful news you give about Ada G——. It wld. seem as tho' there must be insanity in both father & daughter, extending even to the servant! I enclose a note for Ada & will you send me Rita's name & address. I am so sorry for dear Ada. I hope her friends are good to her. What of Eduarda & Mario? I am so curious to see the papers at home about the N. Pole. I think that Peary says & does —— mean things. Fred. is amused with the Estado of S. Paulo today, telling of Esquimaux taking out their pencils & marking Cook route. — I went to the Station last night with Mrs. Withers & her family & Effie to met Dr. Ferencz.

Mary P. Dascomb

Curityba. Paraná. Sat. Nov. 20th/09

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your splendid letter came this morning. You need not answer this. You are like a mettled horse — like the horses in Pharaoh's chariot — work best under the stress of difficulties. I was reading as apropos bit in Stewart's Life this morning. "The variety of his activities surprises us. Preacher, Missionary, Doctor, Educationalist, Master-builder, Champion of the Natives, Farmer, Captain of Industry, Collector of Money, Statesman, daily Providende of some hundress of Natives, Ruler of a small Kingdom, and that which came to him daily, the care of all his enterprises — so many labors & so great affairs — to read the bare list gives one a sense of fatigue. If ever a man was by thronging duties pressed and mobbed by details, the Principal of Lovedale was. With him to live was to serve, in the soldier's phrase. And he bounded to his work & did it joyfully, like Mercury, the celestial messenger, with wings on both feet. His work would have broken the back of an average man. Tireless energy like his was possible only to one who had great capacity for affairs, & was living the life for which he had been formed. S. was fitted for & fitted

into his work as the ball of bone fits into its socket! I suppose that the famous Dr. Josiah Strong will visit you. I hope not before the end of the term. I saw his name, very much misspelled as at Rio. Andersen ought to have some horrid "bad luck" to pay him for going off prematurely. Noblesse oblige. Palavra de Inglez. We have all a distinctivo of yellow & green ribbon, with a touch of red, white & blue. — So glad you've found a hopeful preacher. All the way thro' the Steward book. Ella tho't & talked of Dr. Lane.

Mary P. Dascomb

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. Dec. 9/09

Dear Dr. Lane,

It's the anniversary of Mr. Simonton's death! How long he was in the Glorious City before Mr. Monroe joined him! One of our little German girls has been reading Pilgrim's Progress with the liveliest interest, & I borrowed for her the story of Christiana & her family. Maria Ovidia showed some inherited qualities by enjoying it. Do you understand the Alsopp business? One paper here said the Alsopp firm advanced money to Bolivia & somehow Bolivia turned her liabilities over to Chile & now Chile won't pay them. Another paper didn't mention Bolivia but called the U.S. all sorts of names as brow beating a smaller State. The Outlook will clarify everything, but it is long to wait. We are all greatly enjoying the girls. The weather has been atrocious since they came. Only now is the sun coming out! But they have been out every day. America says she is getting rested, tho' we are always raking up the past & saying: — What do you know of this & that one? — Miss Hayden is altogether delightful & is persona grata to Effie wh. greatly contributes to our family comfort. She read us yest. that capital little Frace of Howell's — The Letter of Introduction. — with an admirable play of expression in face & voice. I managed to make them write a card to Andreлина & some other body on the first day but not since. I exhorted them, — you ought to be nice & grateful & stand by Dr. Lane—! — I do stand by Dr. Lane! — said A. And this morn. Miss H. smiling remarked: — You tell Dr. Lane that we are lazy girls, but you may give him a little bit of my love. — So I will —, quoth I. Percy Withers met them — on the train to Santos, I think. Yest. dear Mrs. Withers called & invited us to afternoon tea with her today. Yest. Ella was in bed all day with chills & diarrhea, but a wonderful licor de Bismuth seems to have put her on her feet. The first day in bed for her 18 years in Curityba I haven't lost even that. I hope you will see splendid Alice & hear & see her play. She is really superb. Miss Hayden told me of the Cleveland lady chartering a train for Mr. Sper in Chile. Fancy the amasement of the R.R. officials! You are now in Rio.

Mary P. Dascomb

When does Margaret arrive?

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Dec. 20/09.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your most interesting letter found me immersed in concocting papers on Alaska for the C. E. Soc. on Sund. (yest.) afternoon. I have worked for days over them hunting thro' Harpers' & Missy. Mag. for facts &

descriptions, with a climax of the thrice wonderful story in the last Missy. Review of the World of English W. Duncan. The result paid the work, tho' (I never could have done it in School-time. Our young ladies are enjoying the holidays, the leisure & each bother immensely. They come down to 80'cl. breakfast. After Prayers take a long walk. They already know The City far better than I! After lunch they often go to their rooms & read talk & sleep. Dinner at 4. Another walk, a little music & after tea play Flinch — my pet game. Miss Hayden has been once to Tennis & enjoyed it very much. Mrs. Emerson has taken them to drive once & after an Indep. wedding that Mr. Landes, Ella & I attended, we sent them to drive for an hour. They went with Effie one night to the Opera. I am inviting them to read my most interesting books. What a queer wish of "Jeems" — to have a photograph of our Mr. S.'s tombstone! How glad I am that dear Miss Lottie has a nest egg. Margaret has a Father but Lottie must depend on herself. I do so wish that among all the grand nephews & nieces, she could be made to feel that there is a nest especially for her. She is trully loving & clannish & would be invaluable to a young mother.

Yes. We hope Fred. will at last come this week!

Ella & I have been to an Indep. funeral & Wedding — the funeral of Mr. Higgins' youngest. Mr. Landes conducted the services & also went to the Wedding! Yes! I shake in my shoes! All Mr. Speer's criticisms will come back here & make it hot for us. Love to Fanny & Suzie.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curitiba. Paraná. Sat. Jan. 1st. 1910.

Dear Dr. Lane,

A Happy New Year to you & yours, dear Dr. Lane! The "girls" have gone in spite of much entreaty. As Miss Hayden was to stop off a few days at Santos she will not rec. yet her forwarded letters. I feel much as you do about keeping up with what I have to do. I average five hours' sleep & toil so that I can scarcely call it holidays for having very little time to read — yet I do not seem to get much done. This first day of the year is glorious, sunny but not too hot, & people are genially entering to wish us Boas Entradas — why not the whole year pray! I remember the verse of my Father when he was tired — O that I had wings like a dove & could fly away & be at rest! Miss McPherson has arrived & we like her very much. She is of an elegant height, slender, has greyish hair, a most pleasant voice & clear utterance. Miss Kuhl already finds her a great comfort. Fred. since last Tues. has been at Presbyterio in S. Francisco. They are expected back next Tues. A little while here, perhaps enough to settle in his house — then off to the Assembla at Rio — & at last — after we have begun Sch. (all fr. the inconsideration of the brethren) we have Mission Meeting here. How we can do it I do not know! The question of Ethelwyns' home is a very difficult one. I fear there is no one there of suffi — authority to maintain a visiting régime unimpeachable in Brazilian eyes. There was a man (engineer) there who took a tremendous fancy to her, haunted the Lenington house every eve, stayed till after 12 accompanied them to Church, (like somebody else!) had travelled widely & was most fascinating in conversation, was so far off the relig. track that to bring him back seemed worth while, he spoke tenderly of his Mother & F. was as she tho't impersonally hopeful, when one eve he came in so drunk as



to be silly & inconsequent. After that, she kept systematically out of his way. A hopeful & sympathetic temperament like that in so fair & petite a damsel is scarcely fitted to deal with a roué in Brazil without some one like her very decided Father by her side as a safeguard against malicious tongues. You are wrong about "articles" here or at home. They must do good. The only thing that ails "the Lanes" is their invincible habit (Indian, Puritan or whatnot) of keeping their softer emotions bottled up & surrounding themselves with porcupine prickles to shoot at unwary people I have heard you say lovely things about Lottie — if you would only say them to her. She is more sensitive than I. I can laugh off disagreeables. She broods over them. I wish you would all write often if only postals. When my heart is sore over such an unsatisfied heart, I can only be happy in thinking: — In Heaven it will be all right! Addie & the children are with us & Fred. expects to be here Tues. Jan. 4. Mr. Landes went to Florianopolis & then to S. Francisco to meet the rest. I've a great deal of mail for Ethelwyn. I too was frightened at Mr. Speer's pessimistic dictum about Brazil. Did you see his dear little notice about our Sch. in Dec. Woman's Work? Love to Fanny & Suzie.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Jan. 17/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

— How good you are to send me McK. things! Do you wish me to return the Report? Ella gets up our Report & hands it to me for suggestions. It is so hard to make it from year to year. Fred. rather expected you to come with the rest of the Mission! but I would far rather have you by yourself. The Leningtons are getting their new house ready today. Tonight Mr. Landes comes from the South & tomorrow night all the rest. Some of our older pupils leave, us but new ones are thronging. Ponta Grossa is rushing business. Many people that we know have gone there to live. Mr. Tucker has sent a little Bible man & wife to live here on 150\$. Rather a tight squeeze! I have heard that there are over a thousand cases of varicella here, but as you the people haven't taken fright. Your adaptation of the Miracle of Mission is capital! It is true however of other enterprises than Missions. One wonders how they are not drowned by the "ignorant & inept in connection with them. Really we are all poor critters! Now that we have Fred. for a permanency we hope to build up our Church. We have so few men. We need them greatly in the singing. Tancred preached for us Sunday morning. The sermon was more flowery than simple, direct or coherent. But he seems to me to have great gifts as a speaker. His voice is sympathetic like that of Ant. Gomes. Occasional pauses & inflection show that instinct teaches effects of highest art. His fine singing & his cordial manners will add immensely to his usefulness. I told him that if I had my way I would make every Theol. graduate serve humble churches, out-station; & travel for 3 years — to handle things without gloves to preach simply, directly as a lawyer pleads to win his cause. I was pleased with his affectionate loyalty to you. There must be many such. Courage! Rest, now that your Report is off your hands. I think it is very fine-except the little sneer at the Campinas Seminary. Has the Indep. Sem. in S. Paulo a higher character than the Campinas one? And I tho't that Ruy Barbosa, while a brilliant man was not at all a man for a Pres. — not all-round-not forceful. With love to Fanny & Suzie & Rufus.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Jan. 18/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I know a thing that you don't mirabile dictu! — In Mission Meeting today Dr. Porter told us all about it! It seems that Alvaro wanted to trump up money for the Evangelical Hospital & planned to ask all the churches one after another to let him plead in them presented by the Pastor. I think that every one consented. Among others he spoke in a little Indep. Ch. in Rio. Some of the members protested that Alvaro should speak in an Indep. Church. Then in what Dr. Porter calls their Janusfaced manner. Ernesto comes out with the first number of his Independente & says it is an insult. This, after Smith & Eduardo have had some friendly meetings & exchanged pulpits! Some one asks — Is it the beginning of a rift within the Independent lute? Before the second number was published he was furious because only the Estandarte noticed the new paper. Then he must have read somewhere of the trouncing that Mr. Speer gives Brazil on account of her corruption — I have seen as bad or worse things in the Christã. And he thinks Mr. Speer was influenced by you as the man of most peso among the norte-americanos. Besides — he found an old article of yours in the Missy. Review of the World criticising Brazil tremendously. Since that was written says Dr. P. I know that Dr. Lane has said very nice things of Brazil. See? Dr. Porter says that the Indep. Church of Campinas contains the only Christian Masons in the City! Smith seems dreadfully tired & will go home sometime this year. Porter, Alvaro & Herculano are a committee to talk up the Seminary & the necessary sound basis for beginning there. They have sent one of their favorite pupils to Lavras to prepare himself for entering the Sem. proper. They have now 11 pupils & 2 more are to come from Lavras. Some of the people who have sent students cannot understand why they do not get on faster. Alvaro is to be sent to Washington as a delegate to the World's SS. Convention, & will be present at several other Conferences. All the Missions combined are to pay his passage & from Brazilian sources he will be indemnified for other expenses. It will do him good. What will people there say to his shouting! We open School tomorrow with all these visitors here. At the top they are going out & at the bottom coming in. In the Presbytery of Rio more than 1000 adults & crianças were baptized this last year. Courage! Evil-speaking is nothing new in this world. One of Mr. Speer's old letters. I had the most interesting talk with Addie Lenington the other day about Effie. They say that she ought not to stay here another because of her abominable treatment of Miss Kuhl. Addie could cry her eyes out that one so gentle, so magnanimous so good should be day after day, month after month so flouted. I say — get a doctor to examine her & send her home for vacation! Fred. is dreadfully troubled & Addie cid. cry her yeyes out!

Do you wish to beat me when I cross a letter?

read today said he had the deepest personal interest in McKenzie & in Dr. Lane.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Feb. 16th 1910.

O my! "Faith Missionary"! Do you mean a man who won't need any salary, but lives like the little birds"? Or do you mean a man who never needs any medicine but imagines himself well? Surely not these. Then what is he? I would rather have Coriolano & pay something towards his preaching that wld. be only fair. He is likely to be pessôa grata to Brazilian

students as one of them. Now that the Opposition is partly melted by the breezy sweetness of Mr. Speer & the calm persistence of Mr. Lenington, I would play Sir Magnanimous. The big dog can afford to ignore the snarling of the little dogs. I have the same opinion of Mr. Shaw that you have — good but no scholar & no disciplinarian. But do not judge of the teaching by one pupil; My boy who is going to Lavras is utterly unlike his most energetic Grandmamma. His Father is a most lethargic man but a great reader & a very well-informed man, tho' I do not always hold to his opinions as his condemning Gladstone, I never knew but one Eng. man in Brazil to like Gladstone, & that was Mr. Hammond. I am surprised that the Speers & their boys settle here. Is Eng so full that there is no place for those young fellows?! I will inquire if there is any one to teach Botany & Zoology. I fancy he would have to be a German & maybe an odd one like him of Wellesley, who when told that his young ladies anticipated his taking them in line indignantly exclaimed: — In future I shall always & begin at the other end! — The Bickerstaphs expect to reach S. Paulo Sat. night — spend Sunday in a hotel — then consult Dr. Job as to an oculist in S. Paulo or Rio (*)

Our Dr. Ferencz thinks her right eye will be stone blind if it is not operated upon in 2 months. She said something about an excavation in the optic nerve. What troubles she has had! Goitre that wld. have killed her in two years — 8 tumors, big ones inside & now this! It has been very hard to know what to do with Lino. I like to hear him but it runs from mouth to mouth that one does not understand him & they think they don't. I don't see why! And people here have not the pride of the Scotch poor in a learned ministry full of Latin & miles beyond them. But the great complaint is his arbitrariness as a pastor. He does the strangest things — as a boss is way ahead of Dr. Porter. That is why it is so hard to settle him. He is to have from the Board something as pastor of the little church & then to be happy preaching once a day for the big Rio Church while Alvaro is in the States. booming Brazil. Are David Santos' children in School? A letter fr. Camilla Bichels, of the Meth. Sch. in Petrop. says that Miss Watts died on New Year's Day & that Chiquita's boy has to give up study for health's sake. If Capt. Manton sold a mortgaged place he wld. have to skip off lively with the spoils. This Capt. Shian said that Americans in the Arg. said that M_____ & J_____ traded wives! Surely not the pretty Rose! I heard that she had been divorced before marrying James. Why didn't you tell me of the 100 Americans of the Cook's Force. Were there nice ones there? It's an ill wind etc. If you go to Flor. you will have to come here! Goody.

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. Feb. 24/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Excuse me! I was thinking of about 6 things when I began this letter. How good you are to send me photographs! We have fac-similes of two of the children as neighbors. I have just finished a book called Red Pottage in which there are some capital scenes with children, & admirable character acting — not painting. It is a low order of ability to say that a man is thus & so, — but to make him talk & act so that you know him intimately & like him well is a rare gift (or acquisition!) In spite of an odious intrigue & many gratuitous flings at the clergy & missionaries I enjoyed the book hugely. Stupid & wooden & narrow men are fairly alive. I cannot say that I like the Faith theory. It seems to me that the Lord made good

(*) If Job says in S.P. they wld. like to board with Mrs. Emerson: (or room — is it?)

sense & business faculty to be used. The Youngs lived in that fashion & told the cook she should have 60\$000 a month, — when they had it in the house! I do not think it dishonors God at all to prefer a small, certain sure salary to Great Expectations. Don't you remember those poor people up north who tried to do it & failed? I have known misses try it for years & at last fall back on a Society. I do not believe that God means us to get money any more than health in that fashion. This is Lottie's birthday. I shall write her. Our dear Brownie's address — Re.M^m Martin Brown, R.F.D. n. 2. Willimantic, Conn. I hope he will come out as well as Mrs. Bickerstapp who does not need an operation-only special glasses.

Congratulations to Suzie on her beautiful quiver-ful. Lotts of wild goings on at Juiz de Fóra!

We've had storms every day for-Just now the sun is out Hail! We're going to a Concert Sat. Night.

René Vanorden called & we had great visiting over things old & new. Job is greatly over working, says he, & the Bickerstaphs confirm it, He shld. stop, short off! There is nothing more obnoxious than a break-down! Do you see the funny little party squibs? Lex & pens on one side, a tação, whip sword on the other. Or Ruy's clerical aids & the other — Army & Navy,

Curityba. Paraná. Sat. Feb. 26/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Sometimes one fancies it easy to read the designs of Providence. For instance I imagine that La Grippe has descended upon you to prevent your worrying too much about Fanny. — "A Daniel come to judgement?" — This vaticination is on the principle of the needle-puncture & oil cures of the Germans stirring up inflammation in a sound place that some other place may have a chance to heal. Have you seen the most interesting article on the Sleeping-Sickness in the Outlook of Jan. 15th? I have always desired to know about it. And in the Missy. Review of the World (Feb. no.) racy James Gale, author of the Vanguard, tells of the splendid fight in Korea against cholera. Every place & everybody has to be inspected. One Korean complained: A man can't lie down in the day time to take a nap, without danger of being handled off to the crematory! Fred. Effie, the Kolbs & I are to a Concert tonight — of those Croatian instruments. The big 'cello is finely played by Waldemar Hauer. He has had enough "desgostos" to make a man without religion melancholy mad — the tragic death of his father & the unhappy marriage of a sister to an adventurer, whom she finally left. Lately I have heard horrid accounts of the wild doings t Juiz de Fóra. What would good people at home who think they are supporting a Seminary say to hear of the goings on there in the Escola Equiparada. We are fond of Eucalyptus pills 2 or 3 stop one's sneezes. Tell Suzie to be grateful that she has a doctor for Father. Tell Job & look out for Nervous Prostration, Prevention is easier than cure. What do the papers mean by a question between Venezuela & U.S. Isn't it Nicaragua?

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Apr. 4/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

The idea of your being caught unready is too preposterous! I shld. have answered: — know the people. They are very nice. I shld. think that the girl ought to do well there. You know that very few people have

much of a standard & wld. be content with a jog-trot. Knowing this I shld. have no hesitation in recommending it as a "nice" place. The truth about the girl is that she was one of our boarding pupils but was very slow in returning after a vacation — Tho't she cld not keep up with her class, did not wish to fall back & went home on a slight pretext. Her father is one of the chief men in the Polish colony of Prudentopolis. One or two of his daughters are properly married, one ran away with a ne'er do-well & this one seemed to like his brother, so the father packed up this young miss & sent her to his correspondent, Mr. Gomm. — a most extraordinary proceeding, as they have little room for guests. Moreover the father was in bed with varicella when he sent the girl away. They wish to be rid of her, but for her good. If she goes to Lavras I must write them a letter as I have about young Will & had a dear answer from Miss Kemper yest. Is it you or Job who recommended a book of the Baroness von Hutten to one of our new Bank people. It is called Pam & for conversation is most admirable. But nothing ever mirrored more perfectly the disastrous effects of a godless education — The strange perversions of rich, strong, vehement natures without God in the world. Some absolutely without conventional fence — guided by "Eu quero, por isso faço". Others from some knowledge of sociology, acknowledge limits to choice as necessary to maintain the fabric of society. I have known women who puzzled & provoked me by their reluctance to duty as duty — wanted freedom! Nonsense! I delight in Law. It makes life worth living. I agree with you that sensible people shld. take defeat (political) gracefully & let the opponent prove himself a good man & true — if he can! One is glad to hear of Roosevelt on his way home. I so like to read Bourrough's fine estimate of him. Mr. Jones & Fanny come to us the last of Apr.

Love to all remembering Lanes,

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Mar. 14/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

So you have fallen under the charm of Silver Bryan! And I shall have to take back my charge of Swelled Head (like the Big Bryan) & Cacete, making speeches everywhere to make good his remark about the facility with wh. he turned out innumerable Campaign speeches. Why oh why did not the A.C.M. of S. Paulo send for charming Myron Clark to do the interpreting, instead of dry slow Kennedy. That & the hour & a half of length of a religious dissertation must have daunted the S. Paulo élite assembled to hear a literary appreciation of the famous Favorite of Carlos IV of Spain. I bought 3 Sats de S. Paulo to accompany B. Fancy Mr. Kennedy's translating College every time by collegio! I was amazed & delighted with the glass of water at the Champagne function, & more especially that he did not flaunt his principles in a speech about it. You have not yet positively answered my questions about Ruy's Plataform, whether he ostentateously consorts with the Clerical Party. Fred. & Mr. Kolb & dear knows how many more Prot. followers of Sr. Eduardo, voted for Hermes because of these reports about Ruy. On the other hand five or six of the Public School teachers took their professional lives in their hands & voted for Ruy. One of them, a staunch Prot. wld. never have done it if he had tho't there was danger.

Who wants to be governed by heel & whip! Or to see the Country in such a mess as is the Army. Or to have war with Arg. thrust on us! Our "forces" that were scattered before Election to preserve order — or — to constrain the Election, are to stay until after May 13 when the Pres. takes

his Seat? — for fear — is it of the 12000 Police of S. Paulo trained admirably by French officers. Veremos! Miss McPherson is jubilant over ex. Vice-Pres. Fairbanks' episode in Rome. He had several engagements, to be presented at the Quirinal, at the Vatican, to speak at the Am. Cath. Coll. & at th Meth. E. Church. While he was at the Am. Cath. Coll. it was intimated to him that the Pope could not rec. him unless he cancelled the M.E.Ch. engagement. He refused to do so. Hurrah! —

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Mar. 21/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

You are so very, very kind! How could you find time for that long extract from Ruy Barbosa! I can scarcely believe that such a man is a Catholic — with out a deal of mental reservation. Maybe it is just that which admits him to the ranks of Caths. One assertion of his ought not to pass with out challenge, and I think you are the man to answer the assertion. — "Catholicism in the U.S. today the most numerous of all religious denominations" — That would be called in logic an undistributed middle". He should read Noites com os Romanistas. Catholicism should be compared to Protestantism. Sects with Orders. Presby. Anglican, Congre. Meth. Baptist etc. with Jesuits, Dominicans, Carmelites, Franciscans, Benedictines, etc. Then he implies that this state of things is natural increase, tho' in another part he refers to immigration, & the States as refuge from the intolerance of other countries. I have understood that Catholic papers mourn the speedy loss of many immig. to Catholicism (in a few I felt that the Cath. Ch. is dangerous from its centralization & its money power rather than from numbers. Don't you think that he ought to be made to publicly modify his statement? Thanks for the Prince of Peace. It is being lent about here at a great rate. One of our young teachers, a strong Catholic, brings me the Paiz — how wildly enthusiastic it is! I have the one with his picture Bryan's!!! The eyes are fine, but what a singular mouth! I tho't that a thin & straight lipped woman was credited with being a vixen, a virago! I hope that he will encourage the poor, old, lonely Ponds in Venezuela whom Mr. Speer passed by. They so want some young people to work with them & take their places, where they pass up higher. Cannot you skip down here in "Holy Week"? Fred L., Mr. Cornelsen & I all think that the Florianopolis gatuno business is a put-up-scare to frighten off the Prots. If I had a man with a revolver in the house, I'd defy the lot. He shld. shoot — not in the air, but at their legs! More excursionists! I hope they will behave themselves & not undo the good Root & Bryan have done. Did Josiah Strong go to S. Paulo — & the Columbia Univ. man? Love to the family.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Mar. 23/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

You'll need your fortune if we keep on writing at such a pace! Think of the stamps! But I enjoy it mightily — — A happy release to Mr. Schneider. Did you ever read the Sea-wolf by Jack London? I made great use of a bit of it in last Sunday's S.S. lessons about the Paralytic. This story was about a brutal sea-captain. After a cruel life he became paralytic, could only move his eyes, & was there on the ship among the men he had always abused! Think of it — think of it! Finally his eyes

closed & they buried him but I could not help wondering if it might not be like a trance & he — buried — conscious — but helpless to make any sign. Ugh! — I think you characterize Bryan very justly from all I have heard of him. I send you our Gov. paper with its diatribe against Ruy. Can it be that he neglects brother & sister as did Vicente Machado & made more money than other grabbists wd. like to do? Hermes cannot be as poor as a church mouse if he takes his family to Europa & lives there like a prospective Pres. His face in Mrs. Wright's book looks ignorant & obstinate. This article I send you wd. be scathing if true. But an honest man may, must change front sometimes. One special reason that Paraná goes in his train is that he is supposed to favor them in the scrap with Sta. Cat. while enlightened Ruy, like the rest of the world, thinks it of small importance. I am really surprised that our Sr. Lourenço who is mad against Santa Cat. still tolerates — nay — greatly admires Ruy as the master of — "estyllo" in Brazil. Our people came in yesterday saying that they saw the comet at 11-M—it seemed a faint star! I insisted that it is due, if not delayed by the powerful attraction of some planet, about the middle of next month — that if seen now, it would only be thro' a telescope. Madame Mongruel read something from Flammarion to the children, telling of the possibility that its tremendously long tail might contain some poisonous element that wd. put an end to us in a whiff! — Veremos! — I am so sorry about Brigida. How anxious the sisters will be! What a pity that you cannot eat your cake & have it too. I am glad you have had a refuge these years, but I quite agree with your boys in thinking that half a million would be a welcome addition, — if not to spending, at least to one's power of giving. How delightful not to tell any one of the lumpsum, but to have a free hand in giving right & left. How amazingly multi are the States. Did you see Polar Cook in S. Paulo? The last news I have seen he was in Paraguay. The Feb. Rev. of Revs. has a kindly article about him — thinks he is under a hallucination, says that no one who has met him can think him capable of so stupendous a fraud thinks he may have been very near the Pole only he cannot prove it.

But how is Mt. McKinley explained & what a wretch to keep silent first & in Cooks adversity bring that up ag. him!

Love to the young people.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Tues. Apr. 12/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Last night Ella, Ida & I joined the Withers party to meet Isabel at the Station. (I only go to the Station, weddings & funerals, as a rule) Isabel says she is perfectly well. Miss Hunter is very fine looking. They came to Sch. today to bring the Speer's handsome photographs and a book from Suzie. We are anxious about the Bomb. Mr. Speer's pamphlet about S. Am. is published but as yet the Board does not consent to its being widely scattered. Its 180 pages describe R. Cath. as it is in S. Am. There is already a great out-cry from Protestants who stem highly their Sister Church, & fr. Romish authorities who declare that the citations fr. Pope & Bishops are false, false! Irra! won't it make a todo! Fred the Landes' & Mrs. Houston are hot for such things to be known. Last Sunday night Fred. told what he had seen — most amazing things! After the morning Service Mrs. Withers introduced Mr. Bennett, the new Bank Manager. What a very fine looking man — a striking face, a distinguished

manner. I was telling Fred. of the good influence of many priests at home, in favor of temperance etc. Temperance — when the majority of the Saloon-Keepers are R.C.! In front of our Seminary at Chicago was the Saloon of one Christopher. In front was the sign.

Christ's Saloon.

But I am really half frightened at tho't of the hullabaloo there will be at home. In a letter from Miss Kemper she says that if all goes well, "Mr. Gammon will go home in a year from this time to see his little daughter & that Mr. Shaw is to take his place. We had a fright with Effie this morn. She sometimes is away fr. dinner & supper — at Fred's or Mrs. Withers. So we tho't last night that she had gone out. This morn. she went to Ida's room with her clothes still on — dreadful headache — didn't want to eat, Fred. says he'll take her to Dr. Ferencz. — — —

10.30. Capt. & Mrs. Sheehan here tonight. I sorto' convinced him that Sta. Cat. is right but he did not make me a Pro-Boer. What tales he tells of the Eng. officers in that war-drunk — & worse! I gave him Conan Doyle on the S. African War. Capt. S. is a man — not the commonist of beings Once navigated his barque for 8 days — 1500 miles — alone & all hands down with yellow fever — he doctor, wheelman, sailor, & all, Didn't sit down those 8 days! Lived on cracker & water. Lost only two & that because they got up in a storm when he cld. not have the wheel & traipsed about in the water. Told us a fascinating tale of a 6 foot odd Burgess, son of a R.A. Painter. His syndicate document is nearly ready — to be published for 3 days before handing over. He has seen the Comet with his ship-glasses — day-time — tail 17 long. I had declared it a planet!

I read 5 minutes every day to my children in the horse story-Black Beauty. They enjoy it.

Tell Rufus to get the Gulick Hygiene books. They are pick fine as Hattie's Miguel used one, If I had money I'd have all!

Curitiba. Paraná: Sat. Apr. 30/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I got up this morn. at 4.20 to see the Comet! As yet it is pale, with a short tail. It is quite a way below & to the left of the glorious Morning Star, & is heading towards the horizon. I am in a hurry for it to grow splendid. Isabel Gomm & Miss Hunter are, e'er thus, in S. Paulo asking Dr. Job if Isabel may go to B. Ayres with her husband. I say — no —. She is very gay there, up till unheard — of hours — constantly "on the go". If Job thinks her not strong enough, she will meet her little son & take him to Florianopolis where she taught, some years ago, and is ardently beloved. She used her lovely manners in the School room as much as ever in the most elegant Reception. She will do Ethelwyn good, as they are mutual admirers. I have just finished Dr. Arthur Brown's Foreign Missionary, one of the finest & most interesting books I ever read. It ought to be at every Mission Station & to be sold at the great Meeting at Edinburg. I have always felt as you do about preaching the Gospel here — in general let Romanism alone. But a Miss Y. Sec. y. wishing to justify sending missionaries to a Romanist country must paint its character & effects there. He need not say, as we all think — Give it rope in the U.S. & it would be much the same! — But paint it as it is — the superstition encouraged the ignorance permitted, the bad life passed over with a shrug. I never shall forget the article in — I Think — O Christão, about

the Golden Youth of Brazil — Their rottenness! You quote scandals in our Churches. Yes, but they are howled about in the papers & the Revs. denied a church. Rome, her worst trick, covers up, moves a scamp from one place where his parish protest & give him a better — as Arcoverde did with that beast in a Rio Sch. It will make a great row in the States, but it is high time that something is done. Rome is getting a firm hold under false pretences. God bless the gallant soul, sensitive but heroic, who paints Rome in Brazil as she is. You know far more of these ugly tales than I. Tell the truth & shame the

Fred. says Porter's article is not so much against you as deploring attacks on the Independentes. He & Smith forsooth, think Eduardo is coming round!!! Fred. hoots at the idea!

Curityba. Paraná. Monday. May 9/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I have just composed a humorous epistle to the charming representative of our Conscript Fathers who once taught in our School. Our Primary building on the street below has seven panes of glass broken. Miss Kuhl wished to take off the inside "folhas" then on the outside. The carpenter says it is against the law! Must have venetian shutters that wld. cost 300\$! So I put it to the august if urbane gentleman afore said one of three devices! 1) To keep a police-man there day & night, 2) To enlarge the admirable School (Free) of Arts & Trades to include all the moleques or to shut up the sobra in jail or 3) Let us put our inside shutters on the outside. Let's see what he says! I wonder how the nations will get on without the wise firmness of Eduardo VII. How like the change in wild Prince Hal on coming to the kingdom, was this Edward's. I hope that son will know how to choose his ministers. I should hate to be in his shoes. There will be dally comparison. The other sons will begin to think of their chances as this one is feeble. Alexandra has been practically first for so many years that it will not be natural to give way. Nor will it seem natural to live without her husband! I wonder what will be done at the various consulates about pezames. Fred. made a noble reference to the event on Sunday morn., but the principal English were not there. What is the real difference between Romanism in the U.S. & here? There, an active powerful Protestantism forces it to be decent. To be sure there are cases there as here, according to Crowley, where a disreputable priest is merely transferred from one place to another, sometimes to a better one. Miss Kuhl has some books by a very good writer — The most important part of the picture is the united effort all along the line to get power financial, political, educational, social — in as subtle & unnoticed a fashion as possible. I think Rome is much to be feared in the U.S. & people ought to be informed as to what she does when has a free hand. I am charmed at Roosevelt's following the lead of the other Melican Man & refusing to submit to the dictation of that Good Old Woman, the Pope. Had H.H. no friend to tell him not to make a goose of himself & call the attention of the world to the very prosperous Meth. organization with its up-to-date ways. In lack of anything fresh to read, I took up an old brown book of my Father's & am enjoying it hugely. Writ's History of Patrick Henry. first published in 1817. It is diverting at this late day to read his invectives against the English treatment of the Colonies. I have never seen so much minutiae given. I rather wonder at the new King taking the unlucky name of George. He is at liberty to choose some other. Have I never told you of the extraordinary passion that our parrot has

for Fred. L. It is amusing but most pathetic to see how excited he is to hear Fred's voice or step — how he dances & shouts & sings & how still he is with pure bliss when Fred. strokes him. Don't tell me that these creatures that can love don't go to some happy place after this life! I think they do. Good-night,

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Monday. June 6/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I imagine your joy today in welcoming Fanny & her party, I hope the sky is not dour as yours but sunny so as to show splendid Rio to the best advantage. I hope that they will get in early so as to see something of Rio before night. Many thanks for the remarks about the Campinas lady. It is very enlightening! Less genius, say I, & more amenity. We are inconsolable about losing Miss McPherson. She is wise & sweet bright & solid, gentle & firm, acceptable to society ladies, rude boys & lively little girls. Sat eve she was showing photos of her Michigan home. A very superior family, wide fields, shady meadows, wide roads, spirited horses, immense sheep, lively pigs — a rural but social & educated community. I am puzzled by Mr. Speer's School Statistics of Southern Brazil — 4 schools. 354 pupils — what can he mean. I was amused & touched by his attempts to see things Eduardo's point — it must be hard work but it was a Christian thing to attempt. Don't forget to make some arrangement for Innocencia to take a look at us. Surely she will never dare to go back to the Phila. Ladies without seeing our home, You will not wish a long letter — only to look at Fanny!

Love to all.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. June 23/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I wish that you were as free as I! Tomorrow I must do the "Boletins" & my S.S. lesson. The rest of the time I may read or write letters. Hurrah! And if I am sleepy as I generally am, I can drop down on the sofa & take a nap. Hurrah! for the holidays! say! I. Fred. writes that you are very tired but vigorous as usual. I am sorry to see that you have prejudged the poor Ph. D. as as crank or a muff so to speak. My dear Sir, you must lower your proud crest & resolve to make the best of the new-comer. It is high time that you have a righthand man in training. Be willing to accept a man who may possibly come short of perfection. Miss McPh. is waiting for a cable-gram from the Board. I did not wait for that but took the permission of the Mission with me. She is very particularly nice — takes hot water as a digestive! My sister Annie writes that her liver & stomach are again misbehaving & her doctor keeps her on a diet of charcoal tablets & hot water, varied by a little milk! Brazil is in for sensations. Beri-beri, Galopants & a Sheeping Sickness that carries you of in two days are reported from Amazonas!!! Curityba that an Eng. paper counts as more healthful than N.Y., London, Paris, Berlin, etc., is over flowing with varicella! A neighbor went crazy last night because after losing 3 cha. in one week from escharlatina, the last & least now has varicella! People are shooting & stabbing all over town, sometimes one's self, sometimes another. Touching the religious question in Mr. Speer's

pamphlet no fair person can criticize. But Mr. Kyle & Fred. think that expressions like — they have no literature, no achieve achievements, no great sacrifices etc. — they are shiftless etc. would be deemed unjust by S.A.m's But I rather think the storm is going to blow over. The Romish Church is wise in its own generation & if fighting is going to call attention to their peccadilloes, they may themselves the luxury of a fight — as they have done here when a padre leaves the Church — conclude to ignore him! I wonder if Mr. Speer, denied public talk about R. Cath. Countries, contrived to have private conversations with tolerant ignorant Anglicans who do not wish to hurt the feelings of their Romish brethren. Misses Kuhl & McPh. are delighted at your interest in the "bad boy" & share it. Both are somewhat succesful in inspiring self-respect in such a one. Love to all your daughters & Innocencia. Is I's Rio sister the friend of Murtinho?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Trompowsky asked Board to be sent to Brazil — may go to Cameroon, Africa!

Curityba. Paraná. Tues. June 28/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

On Sunday came the news of the passing away of Ella's sister, Mrs. Hughes, & of Miss McPherson's Mother! The latter was great surprise, as a cablegram "Come" had arrived shortly before — I suppose to ensure her coming for the Father's sake. We were in hopes that she would stay, but she is shure! that her Father would rather live with her in his own house than go to live with a married son, always in the midst of the Hurleyburley? of little children. So she is still going on. We cannot be sure of a coast steamer even in time for the Tennyson on the 5th at Santos. Fred. has not returned yet but we suppose that Miss McPherson will start by train on Friday, with her trunks stunningly marked with white bands or a red cross or something — as trunks have a way of getting off the track & delaying people. Maybe you can see her in S. Paulo We are not likely to hear very soon from Gertrude as to her coming because she is in Texas at a big ranch where there is one basin & one towel for all the family faces & hands! Is it possible — & rich people! Ella is going to ask her sister Kate to come out here — at least for a visit as soon as she gets the business settled. What about Miss Lottie? Will she accept the plan that Fanny was arranging? I wonder if she will see Capt. Manton in N.Y. I wonder if they will have the face to visit Mrs. Wright at Chislehurst. Circuit Road, New Rochelle. N.Y. I believe that Miss Hartman was — a California editor before joining Mrs. Wright. I wonder if Mrs. Manton has repented of her ghasly bargain. A paper is going the rounds of the Southern Mission that Messrs. Porter & Lenington be appointed to make remarks on Mr. Speer's Report. Have you read the "Papacy Anti-American" that I asked Fred. to give you? Isn't it fine — the truth in a nutshell? Poor Mrs. Porter was ill while the Commission met at Campinas. Why should a woman be ill who leads a reasonable life! Mrs. Porter was examined before leaving N.Y. & pronounced well. Why shld. she have been so dreadfully ill on board & never well long at a time thereafter! Fred. says that dear Mrs. Van Orden is ill & some one said that René has a bad attack of rheumatism. Dr. Ferencz has cured rheumatism here with electricity. We were jogging on comfortably with Clara H—— when unexpectedly she presented herself one day & confessed a lot of impossible

things, going on for months—! — Clara, you'll have to go to your brothers! Underhandedness won't do. — So she went. And as Herbert has a good offer that will take him into the Interior at 250\$ a month & expenses, — he has found a good place for her to board. I like H. very much indeed. Not yet 20 but of varied experience at work since he was 17 he seems to me remarkably capable & open to friendly suggestions. I have lent him books during this time of waiting for his patrão to begin work, at the rate of 3 a week. He hopes to study more some day. The Father is employed in Paranaguá. There is a poor young brother, near-sighted & very unequally so, passionately fond of reading. He goes to the matto with the others, when they have work there & in the soft green twilight his eyes are stronger. We are having great times to get our water-works in. One says shocking things of people that promise & do not perform. I think Mme. Fiaux capable for any & all French classes, a

capital teacher! Too bad Innocencia cannot come. We shld. so rejoice & have her.

As soon as you get well-manned, you must "vacate" down here.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Monday. July 4th.10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

By an amazing concatenation of fortunate circumstances my letter skipped to you (instead of taking 5 or 10 days) & yours skipped back to me so that on Sunday morning I could think of Miss Mc Pherson as in your hospitable home instead of broiling in Santos. I am so very glad to have you meet each other, & so very impatient for your next letter telling much you like her. I am sure you will. A Mr. Roberts, engineer, who used to come often when Angie & Gertrude were here, appeared the other day with your gay young Celso Valle who liked Mackenzie so much that he was only sorry that the Course was not 12 years instead of 6. He said that the pupils had such liberty with their teachers — out-side the Rec. Room — inside there wasn't a "pio". He was a bright, merry little grig. We showed him the photos. of the last class, & he pointed out his. Yes, we had the Eng. Col. Hammond of the S.A. here two or three times & found him interesting. Mrs. Withers tho't well of him from his introductory card from Crashley. He was presented to the Pres. & Fed. Inspector by Percy Withers & taken to a Colony & Model Farm. by an Eng. who has been here many years & speaks 3 or 4 languages. I wish that I had had him talk with our Mr. Cornelsen who knows the history of all these colonies & the refractory nature of the land without fertilizers, & how necessary is financial help at first. The party from Ponta Grossa are expected today & we shall have 7 of them to dinner. The Water & Drainage business wh. should have been done long ago, is hurrying up to end today as School begins tomorrow.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Monday July 11/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Ah! You & Miss Mc. Pherson are very unsatisfactory people! I pined to have you form a Mutual Admiration Society & you were each so full of other things that you barely mentioned meeting each other. I thought

that Suzie's little crowd had had the measles — tho' it is true that I have heard that one may have it here three times. Last week Acacia Santos, her Engineer husband Carneiro, Eunice Santos & Vital's talented daughter called. Dr. Carneiro & pretty Acacia have been for a year in Matto Grosso, — the engineer at work on the R.R. & Acacia melting in hot Corumbá. — where the houses are poor & big caranguejo spiders walk about. They propose to rest awhile in S. Paulo. Isn't there some wise German that you can find for the higher studies? Sr. Flegare brought his family down last week from Ponta Grossa with the Offices of the R.R. Construction people. But he must leave immediately for the river Uruguay! His wife is very dainty & serious. I am sorry to hear that Rufus is not well — just at the beginning of the term, too! I fear that your Westerman has given me the slip. When he came down for holidays, he brought us a letter & present from our beloved America & offered to take anything back. I have had something waiting for him — but he cometh not. We are to have some new missionaries, a Mr. & Mrs. Salloy to come to Curityba to learn Portuguese & are all on the qui vive to see what they are like. What are the sons of the Ponta Grossa, Judge like? The little one is charming tho' often frisky.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Night. Study Hour. 18/7/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

O dear, O dear! You don't enthuse worth a little bit! "I did like Miss Mc. Pherson but tho' her rather frail". I wanted a string of well-chosen adjectives, such as you use so admirably when in the mood! I am so pleased with your prescription for Mons. Fiaux. I do not know what baleful effect his long disappointment about work has had on his mind but I consider him a very well-educated man & should think he might be very useful to you. You did not say whether Mme. Rose Fiaux is teaching for Rufus. We consider her a very admirable teacher but we could not send away without reason our teacher whom we had from the first. Yes, we see the Board Letters tho' we do not always read every word. One of Mr. Speer's crosses is having to do with people of inferior logical ability, who yet plan & assert with no doubt of themselves. And after a rebuff they return to the attack on the same lines. It reminds me of Mrs. Stowe's admirable book Little Foxes — full of home truths — one being — how of an intellectual man marries a pretty little nonentity thinking to form her — whereas she will never listen to reason but repeat over & over again. But I want it this way — never giving up! — One of our papers tonight told of the S. Paulo Foot-ball Game & that both sides were brutal & irregular in playing — one of the Paulistanos being put out by the Referee & all his companions poutingly declaring that they didn't play! It said that all the City was talking of the affair. A letter from Miss Mc. Pherson, dated at Bahia says that Rita Lindsay's husband Ostrom is on board the Tennyson. Going to hunt up a Schneider boy? If none is found to whom will the money go? I have not heard from Ada in a long time. I have entreated her to respect herself & let her grouchy husband alone. How is Antonio Teixeira getting on? Is he satisfactory as a teacher? Where is dear "little" Nair of Sr. Braga? Has he sold his wild oats? I hope that the measles are ended. The reports of varicella here are amazing. It is almost everywhere tho' usually very mild. Some doctor has said that next year we shall have variola preta! Fred. moved Sat. to a much better house. It is nearly opposite our Church & less than two blocks from our house on the same street — Commendador Araujo, n. 62. Some one

said that Sr. Alvaro was particularly pleased with the South where attentions were lavished upon him. The North seemed to have very great press of business & offer him less time. Tonight's paper reports that if Ruy Barbosa cannot get people to attend to his complaints about the Election Frauds he shall take his family to Europa, in August! I am eager to see what the iron heel of Hermes will do. Love to the daughters & Goodnight,

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Aug. 3/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

A week ago Tues, I stubbed my toe on an imaginary object & fell. I was carrying a hammer, a pail & a soupplate of milk for my cat, Vasco da Gama. So instead of letting myself go gracefully as do babies. I gave a quick upward & backward fling with my milk & experienced the terrific thing that people call a "mão geito" — I find that many people have had it. I have been in bed 8 days. My admired Dr. Ferencz came at call. Said it was all right but for the mão geito that wld. take days of patience. He frowned down our rubber bags & counselled bags of blistering sand. They are good that's a fact. He scoffed at of mentruz that every body advised, saying — Why shld. a remedy be made out of an evil-smelling thing! He ordered massage with demitilia? — either wintergreen or sassafras — a delicious thing to smell & feel. D. Sophia, a Polish masseuse? living near comes every day. I can turn somewhat in bed, get up without the cruciants dores of the first experiments, have 3 classes in my room, & am writing in a nest of comfortables at my table. Poor Ella! To lose Miss Mc.Pheron & then have me hors de combat is quite a concatenation of woes. I have always hated the Elective System. Every one shld. take a full Coll. Course & afterwards elect. Send yr. Eng. Student about his business & let the Member who chose him pay his expenses! What a bat of a man! Your letter was such a treasure — all round — I asked Fred. if some of these Engin, Graduates could not be obtained. He tho't not. He goes to Guarapuava tomor. gone I suppose 2 weeks.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Aug. 31st. 1910.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Dear — ora, ora! I seem to be getting effusive! I am presiding over a half-hour of study in the Sala Grande, & Miss Kuhl just came in with the joyful news that some old rooms just torn down are to be sup- planted by a garden, & two new large rooms are to be elsewhere. My delight somehow unconsciously struck out that supernumerary "dear". Please 'scuse it. Dr. Emerson is furious at Eduardo, who took off Will, note books, etc & opened the Will without the presence of the other parties. Dr. E's lawyer is our Teixeira da Silva who will not spare Eduardo! Dr. E. does not mind the third going to the Indep^{tes} but E. will not let Mrs. & E. touch any of the private property that he lugged off. Conde- scendingly says that Dr. Joe may have his Mother's big Bible & dictionary (that he gave her!) I hope that out Antonio will make the insouciant Boss smart for his lawless dolings. I hope that the nieces who were with Mrs. E. & cared for her will receive something. I hear that Nicolao Soares attended her (did he ever do anything as doctor?) & that at the last,

she asked for Dr. Barnely but that when they asked for his address, she fell back. It was too late! I tho't that like the Popes. Lidgerwood's niece and nephew were his children. I do not know whether Mr. Milford said so or not. What a generous allowance of measles for you! Are you sure it's measles and not varicella? Have your butchers been catching fits on account of the eptosa meat that they are charged with selling? We compromise — eat some meat & some bacalhau!!! I send you a jolly letter to read.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Sept. 7/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Talk about women's gossiping! You ought to hear the men making us a garden in this dry time! One of the men, a Scotchman is not dry — takes too much. And he, bro't up a Prot. is arguing for Sunday work against a straight, honest Polish Catholic, who tells him of a man who tried it & brought up in a hospital! This Scot has two grown daughters & 2 nearly grown sons who might be earning good money but been taught by their aspiring mother (a cracked factory lady) that work is derogatory! How a man is handicapped with such a wife! A letter from Mrs. Alex. Howell says that on Aug. 5th. Mr. & Mrs. Howell were in Nova Scotia for the month, then Mrs. H. goes to Nantucket for a few weeks with Miss Thomas, Emma with her husband & two babies are in Milwaukee — will spend Oct. in Phila. Isabelle & her husband are spending the Summer in the mountains. Lawrence is in Amherst, Mass at a Summer Sch. taking up fruit-growing as a speciality. He has finished his first year in Princeton. Alex. is doing well as a physician. His address is 1416 So. 58th St. Phila. Have you seen the Christian Herald of Aug. 17? It has an article by one Winter about S. Am. that splendidly backs up Mr. Speer's testimony. He mentions Mc.Kenzie first of all Schools. Won't Teixeira enjoy "Going for" Sr. Eduardo! I do not know how Dr. Joe & Fred. get on without Mrs. Emerson. She is one of the most eminently companionable woman I ever met. Your comments on W. & Bahia are fine. Your allusions to Angie bear Fred's stamp, & he, in his turn is influenced more than he knows by Effie's antipathetic attitude. I enjoyed the two immensely & Gertrude will miss her gay, sweet-tempered companion at every turn. Angie can hardly bear not to come. We are so grieved that our dear Withers' friends are not staunch in keeping all of Sunday, One or the other usually comes to Church on Sunday morn, but they are oft in the P.M. to go to tennis, or a picnic or a horse-race & sometimes in the eve to a ball. They are social conter to all transients & permanents & the last half of their example is copied rather than the first. What a responsibility for people who know better! I am so sorry for Suzie.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Sept. 19/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Gay — tho'tless sometimes — but not fast — that is a horrid expression & implies that one's taste is all wrong — is not womanly. What a time you are having with measles! Suzie must be very tired. What sort of a nurse does Job's wife make? I suppose that boys are much more difficult to keep quiet than girls. Ella has had three to treat for a week.

Sweet Ida Kolb who had something like pleurisy. Her sister Grace was a devoted auxiliary. Then saint Ernestina, whose hard, hard life from a little child has taught her how to do everything & her utter abnegation of self makes her a wonderful help either in regular duties or in filling gaps. Her noiseless step, soft voice, memory & absolute faithfulness make her a treasure. Her heart is weak & I think her lungs are not strong. The Dr. (not mine who seldom goes to a house) said she was very ill, but, thanks partly to her dislike to make trouble, she is about, as usual. The third was a slim quick-tempered maid, who, for the second time in her work here, treated us to a fit of hysterics at 6 A.M.! Such screams! She exhibited no "brio" about getting up quite the contrary — enjoyed her *dolce far niente* in bed as long as possible — leaving her two companions to their extra grind. — We just now had tea & Ernestina, tired of milk asked for tea. Ella said — No it was the worst thing she could take — Ernestina said the doctor said she might have it. And I cited the people I knew who had died of heart disease at 70 after a long life of tea drinking. So it was permitted. What do you say? We are all on the *qui vive* about our newcomers. If they do not stop to see Rio they may be here this week. Ella told Gertrude to buy a ticket to Paranaguá where our agent will go to the steamer, see her baggage thro' the Custom-house & put her on the train. Two people due to the millionaire Smith's family are coming by train. I suppose they do not care what they pay in the Custom-house. What do you call the new people? I say Salloy — Fred. sometimes thus & sometimes Salley. Ella thinks maybe they call it as tho' derived from French Sallée. Fred. talks of shouting up at the steamer — How do you call yourself, anyway? One evening Fred. & Addie & the two Kolbs told their "palpites" about Mr. & Mrs. S. & Fred. wrote it all down! & proposes to it read to them some night for a lark! We hear that Mr. S. sings & Fred. hopes it will be bass so that they can have duets together! How glad I am that Erasmus is *Lente de Inglez* — in Campinas? When I taught him Eng., I used to say that he had the heart of Little Lord Fauntleroy & the clear mind of Macaulay. Have you Macaulay's Life? or the Defense of Mafeking? Have you read the Outlook on Baden Powell's Boy Scouts. I shld. think they wd. revolutionize England! Have you seen how wild we are over our *Caçadores do Tiro Rio Branco*? Really they are fine! Europeans say that their precision in manoeuvres is admirable. And taking our horrid hubbly streets into consideration said manoeuvres seem miraculous. Love to the Girls.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Oct. 12/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

We are celebrating C. Columbus & it is only a holiday for me in a change of work. Odds & ends of letters, & papers for a C.E. Society on the present state of the Gospel in Asia — a most amazing tale. I thanked Vital for some vivid postals of cobras which make gentle Ida Kolb cower and shrink. Do your S. Paulo papers give, as does our *Diario*, the horrid details of the unveiling of convents in Lisbon? Why are our home papers such arrant cowards as not to publish such facts about their "Sister Church!" I have just told Mrs. Miller, Pres. of the Plainfield, N.Y. Missy Society, together with the same sort of stories about Blumenau, Sta. Cath. where things are so well covered up that many people think them models. I referred her to Crowley's Parochial Schools & Julia Mc. Nair Wright's books for proof that these things are not unknown in the States. The Salleys have moved into their 2nd. story home whence they have a beautiful

view all about. We like them very much indeed gentle & merry & good. Miss Luckens was much pleased with your approval, but says that whenever she comes to Brazil it will be to Miss Kuhl — the Saint of Curityba — as Mrs. Van Orden was of S. Paulo. Ella has had troublous times lately, with two or three children to nurse & changes in the kitchen. We have one perfect servant, but she is very delicate in health & Ella is always trying to spare her,

Now Mr. Bick is off on a preaching here spends Mond. & Tues. in Ponta Grossa. Sr. Modesto has many friends. I think his salary is sure.

Ada does not write me any more.

With love to the girls & Rufus.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Nov. 7/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

No one but you & Miss Kuhl could have performed the gracious act of tender remembrance of those gone before. We gave a great many flowers for those two days especially cream, & calla lilies. We gave a great bouquet to a lad of the Souza family to put on the grave of Sr. Modesto's Mother. Fred was in Ponta Grossa, Mond. & Tues. (as all this month). He is often preaching now like Mr. Chamberlain in his palmiest days, & his remarks in the C.E.Soc., & presumably to his S.S. class are models of pith & power. I work hard for my S.S. class of women & big girls, but everything is written down & then I fell perfectly free. Fred studies as yet & at these times when he is at his best, his logic is close & forceful, & the inflection of his voice, & his pauses, natural & eloquent. Yestreday morn. he talked of the Tribunal of Christ, — beginning with the opinion of others of us — to which we shld. pay due attention, but not too much. Then our own judgment of our character, wh. vacillates between conscience & last the clear unerring judgement of Christ, — & there, only He can save us. At night he spoke of Liberty in Christ. — beginning (after Pres. Finney's fashion) with Slavery, — physical, intellectual & moral. He alluded to the report that the Holy Office of the Inquisition is re-established in Rome, with Commissions in various countries to denounce Catholics who profess modern opinions! (Truly! give 'em rope & they'll hang themselves!) He also said that, two weeks ago, here in Curityba, in the Chapel of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, a priest was teaching some children the Catechism. One little girl asked him (from her Mother) to bless a Figueiredo Bible. He took the book, tore out leaves, tramped on them & shouted to the children that it would make them all "loucos"! Fred was happy to tell us that the woman has another book & is reading it! Ha-ha! I wonder if States' paper tell the interesting news of the Port. freiras! At last the lead of the Masons is followed by the Braz. Govt. & all the Govs. of States are commanded to prohibit the entrance of frades & freiras. I believe that the Argentine clergy favor this prohibition for their Country. Naturally having so many to share the loaves & fishes, would diminish their part! Wouldn't Margaret & Fanny like to have Mr. Piers live with them while you are away — it is lonely, not to say fearsome without a man in the house. He can be studying Port. I stay all alone down stairs with a great dinner bell at hand. I don't like it, but no one else has a room down stairs. School closes Nov. 25th. Presbytery meets Nov. 30th. We are having

a rush of hot weather most unexpected & various premonitions of a thunderstorm. When it does come, I fear it will be a terror. Cannot you visit down here before you go to the States & see us & these delectable Salleys? They are going with a rush into Portuguese. She is certainly a very pretty woman. I am always grateful for any information about politics. I am sort o' blindly with you & am glad to have

you give me a reason for the faith that is in me. Saudades to the girls & Rufus.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Mr. Salley has tonselitis — throat's all white. What shall he do? I said put a series of hot flaxseed bags out side the throat.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. P.M. Nov. 16/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! What good news! That Mr. Piers promises well. Mr. Clark in view to whoop up money & a chaplain chosen to live with the boys. Then you won't have to go home now? I gave Fred. the good news to read, & his first observation was: — Then Dr. Lane can come & see us! — I do not think that the Board would withdraw Sr. Modesto's salary, tho' they might reduce it if your chaplain takes hold. Do get people to boom Sr. Modesto's Book, keeping pamphlet! That ought to bring him in money! How nice if it should go on multiplying in "rendimento" as it becomes better known! I am sorry that Fanny has had an ill turn. It can hardly be the height of S. Paulo because that is the same always. Mr. Salley had tonsilitis, & then a something horrid in his ear — & then, that something burst & made a hole in the tympanum. Fred. & I both supposed that such an accident is irreparable — meant life-long deafness. But I understand Mrs. Salley to say that certain applications would create a little skin over the hole. Is that so? Mr. & Mrs. Kolb are sending me funny scraps, as Mr. McLaren used to do. Mr. K's was a conversation between a sober-looking wag & a gushing girl. — Do you like Sir Walter Scott — his Lady of the Lake? — Perfectly lovely? & his Marmion? — Perfectly grand! — & Scott's Peveril of the Peak & Bride of Lammermoor? — I dote on them! — Scott's Emulsion? — Perhaps I've read that more than any of them! — Mrs. Kolb sent some rhymes about a small boy who wanted to sell some little new kittens. — Of what religion are they? — inquired a facetious bystander. — Romanists — ans^d. the boy. — I don't want 'em — quoth the inquiring, & off he goes. A month later they met again & the man repeated his question. — Protestant — replied the boy. — Why, how is that before you said Romanist! — Now they've got their eyes open!!! — Yesterday there was a really noble Parade of Infantry, Cavalry & Artillery — there were hundreds of soldiers. As always, the Caçadores or Atradores do Rio Branco were far the best. It is a marvel how they could march so evenly on our abominable pavements. Some of the horses were most beautiful. But it put one in a rage to see some of the officers cruelly "yank" their horses about to show off, forsooth! — Our little circle has been much stirred up over the most serious illness of Percy Withers' baby boy the only son among 3 or 4 girls. The small house is always full of sympathisers. Dr. Ferencz says it will die. Less learned people say that the longer baby hangs the more likely it is to win thro'? Have you heard yet whether young Cook who here with "Dr." Speer has married & gone to Persia? I was reading lately about medical difficulties there. You

may not see a high-class woman patient. She is covered with a rubber sheet — a hole is cut over the place of the operation & thus you must work in a dirty miserable place. Hospital work must be Paradise beside it. I think Mamma Speers dotes on her baby Charley. She had 2 sons in the Boer War.

Are we to tell of your Eng. Chaplain at Mission Meeting?

& Ch.

Do you ever see the Atlantic Monthly?

I pine to have letters from Geo & Ch.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Tues. Nov. 29/10.

Dear Dr. Lane,

If I had only tho't to beg you to put off writing your Report & to come to us as soon as School closed you might have seen our Espalhafato, & our crowds & our pretty teachers & our marching children. It would have done you good to get away before the Tug of wave, & we shld. have been felicissimas to welcome you here. Miss Kuhl & I devote ourselves to lessons order, etc. Our young teachers in French & Port. made some varied & interesting selections for recitations, dialogues etc. that delighted the crowds of doting parents & relations. Some of my examinations were not so good as in Sept. & Oct. but my older ones made a desperate effort & gained 10 in Comportamento & which they shld. have done all along. Now nearly every one has gone. Last night Mr. Landes & an elder arrived at Mr. Lenington's & called here in the eve. It was good to see Mr. L. again & show him our improvements. Percy Withers' little son died after all & our Mrs. Withers' English heart is infinitely scandalized by the heathenish hullabaloo that prevailed in that home during the sickness & death — shoals of loud — talking, demonstrative friends there day & night & a blaze of electric light! On Wd. we expect Messrs. Kolb & Beckerstaph & on Sat. hope to see dear Mrs. Porter with her husband — the first time she has been here since their nasty voyage home. We had hoped for Ethelwyn, but hear that she passes us this time. I think you may count on Frd. Ella & myself to be staunch to sr. Carvalhosa. At the same time I would urge trying to put his little book into the hands of ambitious clerks & under-educated merchants. The tables are valuable to all. I am delighted to hear that Ada is again with her husband & I cannot help pleasure — vidictive is it? — that the daughter for whose sake he was so long hard-hearted towards his wife proved herself a snake in the grass — "married a year without telling of it" — rather like a third-rate novel. Poor Casey! He had hard lines with his half-cracked wife. Miss Tooker said that her brother, the clergyman cld. speak hieroglyphics! By the way I have a cousin spending some months in Asheville. N.C. & have asked her to find & visit Miss Kirke for me. One of our papers spoke of Bryce as a great "norte-americano!" — How I shld. like to hear you talk of the crisis in Rio this last week. When I was at the Monroes I heard a naval officer talk of a substitute for the cat-o'-nine-tails. A thing on board, like the guarda here for a sentinel. Once standing inside there was no light & only tiny pepper-box holes for air. Two hours inside & the most outrageous fellow came out pale & trembling, sure never to rebel again! That wouldn't break his health for life, would it? There must be something to hold such swarms of rough men in check on the high seas-especially after a successful

out-break like this. No, I've not seen Trajano's Luz Messianica. I wish that Mr. Simonton's Sermons were published. There are many places where Sermons are read. The Baptists are coming to Paraná. Ai-ai! I heard that Miss Lottie is going to take a smaller house. Miss Kate Kuhl had a nice visit with her lately, Mrs. Landes, Mrs. Chamberlain & Miss Lottie met at Hattie Magalhães & had a fine pow-wow over Brazil!

The Salley's talented young teacher translates bits of the Luziadas, as: — Death, having lost her sickle, believed her power finished.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Jan. 11/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I am so glad that you had so satisfactory a visit with Gertrude. With a gay pleasure-loving temperament, she shows the beautiful effect of careful home training—not only religiously but in the refinement of a woman's thinking & acting. She has keen perceptions but beautiful self-control. You shld. see the piles of home letters that she gets! I understod that Carriel wishes to come to S. Brazil. Geo L. told me that he cld. not come to Brazil while his mother in-law lives. She is a semi-invalid & his wife is her only daughter. Hermes is responsible before the world for breaking the promise of amnesty. Is the editor of the Estado de S. Paulo so well backed up that their is no danger of Pinheiro M's vengeance reaching him? Some one came from Santos on the steamer with a lot of Rio people & seemed to think it not safe even here to criticize Gov. doings. I am going to send some of our papers home. I was indignant to hear that one of the Cinemas represents John Candido as flogging the men when he ruled the Minas G. & saying — after all, one cannot govern a ship without. I do not believe it! I heard that he was one to be asphyxiado, but that he came out alive & "escapuliu". But since, I saw that he had lockjaw from ill-treatment & probably would not get well. I am afraid that the majority of young Am. engineers now out drink like fish & curse like fishwives. One of them told Mr. Salley that his companion (an older man) hated missionaries! They (& a lot more) came out on the same ship (later) as Mr. & Mrs. Salley with Capt. Davis, an Englishman always running down Americans. The Salleys & Gertrude took it pleasantly, but this set came almost to fisticuffs — finally 2 tables, — Eng. at one Am. at the other! — The last set used to carouse in Ponta Grossa like Cowboys painting the town red! I am so glad you took Eugenia under your wing. It would go far to make her well to make her feel that somebody cared. The Salleys came home last night. Had an interesting experience but glad to be in a clean house.

Mary P. Dascomb.

I've rec'd 10 Eng. books!!! Get some one to send you Jessup Autobiog. Wonderful!

Fred. does not go to Synod — Home on Friday —

Curityba. Paraná. Friday. Feb. 24/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Have you holidays? Beginning today we have vacation until after Ash. Wed. If you cld. only have been here Thurs. at the Marcha Grande to see the crowds of mostly young children, & then stay on a few days! Things, were not moving and so I "Tied the bell on the cat". I was

inquiring about the headaches and E. said they were splitting & very constant. I said: — "E. you ought to go home, for a vacation now & get Mr. Speer to secure you a place in beautiful Clifton. A School is the last place for horrid headaches. She smiled & made no answer. So one night when Fred. & Addie were here, I said before Effie: — "Fred! have you any idea what dreadful headaches Effie has nearly all the time! I tell her she ought to have a vacation as soon as possible, — & you write immed. to Mr. Speer to get her a Board place in beautiful Clifton where there are such delicious things to eat — You can take E. to Rio & give her into the Captain's care." Fred did not ans./& E. made no remarks. but at least the wedge is driven a little way in. Veremos! — Then I called for Anne of Green Gables which we finished that night with some tears on my part & some tremulous in Fred's fine voice. You must send for that delicious book. It will make you ten years younger! You don't think of sending Fanny on a trip home for the voyage and a breath of cool air? Maybe E. would jump at the chance of such agreeable company. The little oddities are multiplying. If there is not a change soon — they may not remain little. She says that before, the Calif doctors told her that if she had not come for the operation when she did that she wd. have died in two years, and died mad. She was then nervous but not so full of crochets as now. (Please write a note as before, in your letter) I fear that there is no doubt about Trompowsky's death. How could the report start, if not true! Poor Mr. Slater! what torture! Our grenadier cook has gone to the hospital with symptoms of typhus. It may not develope. We have a queer assortment in the kitchen with occasional outside help. Dumont Clarke will put his shoulder to the wheel. I'm so glad.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Tues. Mar. 28/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Te Deum Laudamus! How delightful! I think I have some fire-crackers somewhere to shoot off! If I tell you to bring your over-coats, — it may be melting hot! If I say: — Leave them at home it may be freezing cold or rain torrents, as it so often does. We are on the qui vive. Last night Mr. Ellis called, — a companion of your "Santos Dumont" on the steamer. Gertrude Luckens knows a charming lady by the name of Mr. Clarke's fiancée.

I wonder if with a long pull, & a strong pull, & a pull all together, we can get Effie off on April 16th. Miss Kemper is not going. A Miss Marchant is, and Mr. Clarke, — and I heard something about Mr. Ellis.

Até á vista!

How gay!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. April 12/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Letters from yourself & our Santos Dumont were hailed with pleasure this morning. Gertrude went down to Antonina to spend a few days with Isabel Gomm & her handsome sister-in-law, Julieta. A family over the way was to start this morn. for New York! Effie made a farewell call yesterday on Isabel, & said she rather expected to go. I think they are waiting to hear if a ticket & berth are to be had. Sewing is being done & the washing is to come home tonight. I wonder if she can catch the Vasari at Rio by going Friday. It would be so agreeable to travel with the

Clarks, "Santos Dumont" & Miss Marchant of Lavras. Did you have time to read the Little Green God that Mr. Clark... along. You remember the teacher who called on you about adopting a Geography? We are horrified to hear that yesterday he fell upon a fellow professor in the palace & tore his clothes! How's that for pedagogical dignity! Rather more in the style of an argumentum ad hominem — Too bad! His Father has long been more or less insane. Ella & I have been to our three most advanced girls about going at the end for the year to Rufus and then to Mackenzie. They are enthusiastic. Two fathers have money. The other with the help of well-to-do brothers & sons. Would there be room in the Internato S. João? It has been glorious weather since you went — blazing suns & shining moons. Fred's family is better. D. Bertha thinks you such a tranquil man! & her masterful little son Edmundo was so captivated with you that he nearly cried at your departure. We all noticed a charming gentleness, mellowness, under the old sparkle & raciness. Is it the result of God's blessing on your Sunday School work?

I think it is. No words of prayer touch me as yours do. We shall sing 394 to wait the Vasari across the sea.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Afternoon. Fred. has been down & says that passage on the Vasari is impossible. I am reluctant to think that one woman or one man could not find a berth. They often say they are full and afterwards find a niche. It wd. be so nice to go with Chiquita.

Curitiba. Paraná. Sat. May 6/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

This is not an extra for you to answer, but to tell you of a Mrs. Douglas who expects to go to S. Paulo on Mond. to wait for the Voltaire. She knows no Port. and would have a stupid time all day alone at the hotel. Now, who are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas! Mr. Egan gets out Mr. Douglas a fine specialist in bridge construction to examine bridges out here. He has just finished the tunnel from Detroit to Canada? He has 165 acres and a handsome house on an island in the Detroit river. They have a son & daughter in Mich. Univ. (Ann Arbor?) & some smaller fry. Mrs. Douglas goes back to her children now, & he follows as soon as he finishes his inspection. She was invited with the gentlemen to a dinner at Mr. Egan's where she met Mrs. Arthur Krug who also goes to the States on the Voltaire. Can you and your ladies be nice to her? We give her a standing invitation to stay here all day till time to meet her husband at the 6,30 train, & then for the two with Mr. Burlon Mr. Douglas' aide, to come in the evening. Gertrude as more foot-loose than the rest of us, has been about with her somewhat. Mrs. Douglas is sprightly & pleasant. The husband quiet & able-looking. They had a horrid time on the Tennyson Doctor drunk all the way & brought in a bill against the passengers whom he attended! The purser keeps the one good bookcase locked & only opens it for money! Ugh! Rough weather for 14 days. Ship over-loaded at the bow, & seas sweeping the decks.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Wasn't there a row between Mr. Sieger & G. Chamberlain Jr.? Mr. S. came out on the Tennyson, very topological!

Dr. Vital Brazil will be in town tonight. He will surely visit us!

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. May 18/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your information about the Trappists is wonderful. If it were not that Catholic countries generally do not excel in energy & new methods of agriculture one might think that erroneous religion contributed to perfection in work — as Trappists & Mormons. Ugh! that getting up at 2 A.M. to pray in the cold! Just now the nights & mornings are very cold while the days blaze. On Tues. Ella induced me to embark on the bond to visit an old friend slowly dying of a tumor. But we saw fair Isabel Gomm with husband & child coming our way & I remembered that I had begged Isabel to bring her little Blasito to see the dolls on my sofa. They are so large & handsome that the girls prefer to leave them with my tranquil D. Augusta. We got directly out, paying our fare & returned to find them at home. But Blasito was quiet & serious as small people often are away from home & didn't enthuse worth a cent. We have been quite gay lately. Sat. night we Misses. & Mrs. Withers with her two daughters were invited to the Landes' Chacara to celebrate the 15th. anniversary of the Lenington's Wedding. On Mond. we went to the Salley's to celebrate Mrs. S's birthday which only came off yest. (Wed.) after Church we had our usual Gathering only more beautiful because it was Mrs. S's real birthday. Four handsome bouquets, some very pretty paper napkins biscuit, cake, little chocolate rabbits, gold & silver, 20 dollar pieces (of chocolate) etc. Mrs. Douglas wrote that she was so grateful for the kindness you all showed her & I am grateful to Fanny for honoring my petition. Effie wrote (see 1st. page: of looking at Victoria (Esp. S.) & her letter was mailed there. Few passengers. A great big woman in her cabin. Fred. has cabled George.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Monday, May 29/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your news about Squire Sampson only ante-dated by a few hours, the same from sister Annie which she had just heard from Miss Lottie who was going to the funeral. She had received a letter from him the day before. How kind & how merry he was! Yet, like our dear Miguel Torres, the prevailing expression of his face was melancholy. It was well for his family that he himself saw to the disposing of his property here. As I told you the Paraná missionaries signed a request that Gertrude would stay another year. She declines, largely because as long as she stays, the Board will do nothing to send ladies to take place of Miss Kuhl & myself which she thinks of the first importance. At least two should be here learning Port. Miss Mc. Pherson writes that her Father is increasingly feeble. She resigned — I suppose to content her home people. But she promised us to return, if — Miss Luckens speaks Portuguese admirably & would serve you as noble figure-head, but I do not think that she has had any Normal training. So she does not feel that she would do at all for S. Paulo. Besides she is very anxious about a little niece at home. frightfully ill, for many months, of exaemia (is that the spelling? I cannot not find the word in Webster) — is almost unrecognisable poor child, but very sweet & patient. I have a distinguished surgeon-cousin at Johns-Hopkins. His name is John Finney. I have never seen him, but am a very great admirer of his preacher brother, Will Finney — after a pastorate of some 20 years, now Professor of English in Lincoln Univ. (for black students.) When I was at home last, I met him for the second time. He

had some time before lost his second wife & tho' cordial & sympathetic had the saddest eyes in the world. You will think me most frivolous but I could hardly meet those eyes without a smile, for I remembered his mournful letters after losing his first wife — yet after waiting 3 or 4 years he married her sister who had been taking care of his little son in the home of her Father & had long years of a delightful home with her & then — After three or four more years he married his eldest daughter Eleanor & is as happy as a kitten in a cosy basket. Some men are made for Benedicts! He sent me \$20,00 for our new organ. Yes, I rec'd the paper & I hunted all over to know why you sent the paper & I wondered if the Freire was a brother of Andreina's husband. What a cad of an engaged man! Dear me! I must stop for we are sociably sitting around the dining-room table at 8,30 & young Bagby is here & vére all telling tales. We have a fire in the little stove & plenty of light & are as gay as grigs. Love to every body,

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. June, 4th, 1911.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Before now you will have received Peach-blossom Lenington's letter sent last Freiday with Ida's list of the family names & ages including Isabel Bichel's 24. I hope that the train carrying that letter will not execute any of it's nine-day tricks. Fred. is down at S. Francisco whither he was due before Effie went away. Fred. has a letter from George saying that the Presbyterian Hospital is ready to receive & operate on Effie, up to July 1st. And that then she is to go to Clifton. But no one knows whether she will be disposed to go. She said here over & over again that there was nothing the matter with her. But to one girl she said that nobody knew how much she suffered or they would have more patience with her. She complained very little of ill-health but frequently took strong medicines, mentioned casually her constant severe head-aches, & the swelling of feet & legs. I am wondering if there will be room for her in George's house. I fear not if the mother in-law comes as was intended. The Fenns once planned to have her come to them & keep chickens (up in Oregon. I believe). But they are now in S. Francisco, 125 Sixth Avenue. You have a regular storm of marriages & changes, & hope deferred! I hope that this is the darkest just — before — day period. I should think that Miss Hayden would stay on until her substitute comes. But she may think with Gertrude that it is just encouraging the dilatory People at the other end in their dilatoriousness. I have just finished a powerful book by E.F. Benson. Paul. It has many excellent points. Fine descriptions of Nature, wonderful painting of the craving for liquor & the strong resolutions that are as straw. He gives the beauty of a perfect marriage & surprises the reader with a thrilling religious experience. Now I am reading The Work of our Hands a social-religious tale of the sufferings of poor & the obligations of the rich. There is a young man here who has frightful attacks. It sometimes takes three men to hold him. His brother committed suicide. Gertrude said some one called the attacks the result of beri-beri wh. the man got up north. — Oh no! — I cry. Beri-beri makes your legs swell up, & be of no use; but coming to the colder climate Of Paraná, Beriberi is soon cured by the change. I never heard of attacks in beri-beri. Who is right? Have you seen nice Mr. Fisher? Have you met the Powrie & Bell couples who disappeared so suddenly & mysteriously hence?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Did you have the company of the pretty Santa Barbarian & baby when you went home?

Miss Lukens goes in Dec. visiting about first, Ella always gets help in School & Kitchen but not always of the best quality, Ida is a fine Primary teacher.

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. June 15/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

How sad that you, we all, lose Mr. Clark. I wish that some one would look inside him with X rays & see just what is the trouble & how deep-seated. Gertrude thinks that perhaps the glare of India demoralized his eyes. But you remember that you fairly lost your sight once but are none the worse now. As for the sub-tropical business — I wish that the physicians in the U.S. paid more attention to Geography. Those charming Eells were kept at home on the supposition that all Brazil is like Bahia. Mrs. Pierce Chamberlain the same. I could wish that those ignorant doctors were all exposed to the cold mornings & nights in S. Paulo & Curityba these days. Sub-tropical indeed. We have already had two or three frosts, & some people asset that snow mingled once or twice with the heavy mists. Ugh! How cold mist is! I tho't the Eells delightful, but they could not have had much back bone to give up so readily. They were not missionaries. They had something to do with business. I wonder if Miss Scott's Miss Baxter cannot return. One hates to inquire if her Father is still living. Miss Mc. Pherson always writes of her Father being feeble — but he often drives out with her. Innocencia will take our Isabel Bichels to speak Portuguese with her & German with her daughters. The Polish masseuse, D. Sophia, who went from us to Miss Kate (who fished her out of the Immigration Office) has gone to Chicago where there are more distinguished Poles, altho' a place was waiting for her at the Presby. Hospital in 6 weeks, after studying English at the Y.W.C.A. What is Mr. Clark's address. Won't he be well enough to drum up teachers & money for you? I am so rejoiced at your popularity & prosperity. It is surely a sign that teachers will not long be lacking. We have two girls in deep mourning as teachers. Both are poles — one of a deathly palor. I wonder what is the matter. Can it be leprosy or tuberculosis? Her face is plumb. The Sta. Barbarian's tall sister has been teaching for us but is now engaged to a prosperous young business German. We close next week but when we open again shall lack the two merry Kolbs & Isabel. To the latter we consign the bad boys. Our table will miss the K's very much. On either side of handsome Gertrude, the three keep up such pretty lively chatter, & gay laughter — that — tho' we may not know what it is all about, we are the happier for it. I had a long talk with Gertrude last night & find her the most surprising combination of qualities imaginable. Rather like Cowper. What the world sees is a beautiful girl of poise, naturalness, intelligence & joy — brimful of pleasant thoughts & constant consideration for others — withal conscientious. What she is within is a super, hyper-sensitive person who torments herself a tóa for constantly falling below her ideal. She receives more letters than any girl I ever saw. Is popular with everyone. I told her last night that I tho't this morbid disposition might be God's way of keeping ner from having a swelled head. But she really suffers. Isn't it odd? I should be afraid for her reason under some circumstances. We shall sing for Estephania on Sat. morn. Do excuse this shabbylooking letter. It is not yet noon & I am so sleepy

Have you any new photo of Mackenzie Girls to show my girls?

The Storks have been tremendously busy in Curityba. Isabell Gomm has a Consuelo Margaret! Her elder sister & Percy also are favored. It is always darkest just before day!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Sat. July 29, 1911.

Dear Dr. Lane,

May your birthday bring pleasant thoughts of the goodness of God in giving you these many years, difficult but fruitful work to do for Him and with Him. The cantakerousness of man has often made the work abnormally difficult, but Christ Himself had to meet just such misunderstandings and knows how to help, sustain and give victory. His "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do" has often been imitated by sincere true-hearted men who attain to charity for all, malice toward none. God bless you and all yours.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Sat., no Frid. Ag. 18/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

We are on the qui vive about the Midkiff's — They are on the coast somewhere & they have a baby & they are coming here — & may get here soon. — before the Salleys go (They go Mond. 28!) As for the Carriels — they must be swamped in expenses. The Salleys have several rooms & pay 80\$ a month. — but any of these other people taking the rooms pay 100\$ — such charming rooms. They pay 40\$ a month for lessons 3 times a week. & are doing finely. Gertrude had a letter today fr. Miss Hayden. She wrote from Switzerland still under the weather. I am so sorry that the Trustees are such pokes. I certainly shld. do as you say — raise money on Mc. K. property. You surely cannot, & should not hold back when Mc. K. is on such a wave of popularity. I shld. think that Dumont Clarke's fine wife might do what he meant to do, write about to his rich friends & plead the cause that he has so much at heart. And as for making it better, let them bestir themselves & send out first-class masters in the different subjects — then they talk! How fine is the last Geog. Magazine — of British Am. etc. Did you ever read Pepys' Diary of Public & Private Events in 1660 & thereabouts. Get it out of the British Library one little vol. at a time. It is just the thing for night reading. You will lie & chuckle over it. I pine for Mrs. Spears to share it with me. She is very appreciative, all the more so that she does not read a great deal. I heard something nice about thunder-storms the other day, Mrs. Salley bumped her head on the corner of a chair & gave herself a bad headache. She next morning she woke, with it, but an early thunder-storm made the pain pass! And Mr. S. getting up that morn. feeling molle, was by the electricity filled with life & vigor. But poor Mrs. Withers is made ill as on a steamer. I rec'd. two nice letters from Ida Kolb from Lisbon where she strained the tendons muscles? of her foot tumbling into a boat to see the city. She kept right on, perforce, but expected there after 4 or 5 days on a sofa. She says her Father is pale, tired, excited & they have not yet ventured to tell him of Grace's offer of some of Miss Angle's pupils & a boarding-place in a minister's family. +

+ & lessons with a famous master in N.Y.

After his experience of Nannie's craze to marry an infidel of Botucatu he may not dare to let his daughters out of his sight. He does not think he can return to Guarapuava but rather to Campos, or some warm climate. I have always heard that Campos, a river town is a very unhealthy place. Fred's boy is out of danger (green fruits) It seems that with city water in the house, the children drank of almost stagnant water. Arthur was disappointed that the fever did not go up the 39° so that he could sit in a great tub!

Fred has one enigmatical child, Kennett, the embodiment of the unexpected.

Curityba. Paraná. Tues. Aug. 29/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Ha! Ha! Ho! ho! O Bom Jesus de Iguape of Paranaguá está devorado por cupins!!! Vat you thinks? Two letters from Effie today, from East Hampton where George's whole family spent some weeks in the house of a parishioner. Geo. has changed his address — to 33 Sherman Ave. I send you my answer to Mr. Speer's letter asking our opinion of Effie. Miss Kuhl hardly knows what to do with Mrs. Fremayne, since we had to have a music-teacher in Grace's place. Guess who helped Mr. Cornelsen do our accounts while Mr. Cornelsen was confined to the house (he is still in a critical condition) — Mr. Higgins! And then he said it was so much trouble to tote the big books to & fro — shouldn't he come here & write? Ella did not know how to say No, so she said Yes. And Fred comes in, jolly, & tells stories & reads the papers. He always liked Mr. Higgins, in spite of his retailing tall lies about the Separation at the Anniversary lately. May I show Fred. your extracts to Dr. Alexander before I obey you & burn them up? On Sat. night, a cold, muddy night Fred. bro't up the Midkiffs. He is about Fred's height & make with a fine eagle face with the stamp of a powerful mind yet a ready broad smile is worth almost as much as Fred's "million-dollar laugh." The lady is very pretty & sweet tall & slender. Carl the two months' baby is a model of beautiful behavior. At the C.E. meeting Sund. P.M. Mr. Midkiff made his first speech rejecting Fred's offer of interpreting! (Landed a work before!) Here & there a word, a tho'tful pause, a bright smile, another word — may laugh — parrot — happy — etc Now I shall relieve myself by telling you what I have told no one else. My right eye is falling me. If I close the left, I have little but a blur, I hope if it must go it will not interfere with the left eye. The "famed" Rio oculist was rather a fraud. Now for the Speer Letter

The Saleys went Morn. to be gone 2 months. Happy Mr. Landes! The Midiffs have their house & nice servant.

Curityba. Paraná. Frid. Sept. 8th. 1911.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Yours just rec'd. High jinks indeed! I am glad you conquered, but rather sorry that you allowed the recalcitrants to enter another class. Even if the master was injudicious there would be no trouble if the youth behaved themselves properly. We had a very small edition of that against our tall fine Port. teacher — & all because she is not a Normalist. It came

to a making of lists for & against in a class where she rules half a day. We suspect that the feeling was fomented by a Normalist who cannot govern a room but who brings up backward pupils very well. A little talking here & there with ring-leaders, & the influence of the highest class who greatly admire D. Isabel & profit greatly by her teaching seems to have put an end to agitation. How surprised you must have been by Fred's telegram! Gertrude's year from N.Y. was out Sept. 3 from Curityba Sept. 26, but she had tho't to stay for Mission Meeting Nov. — Dec. & for visits after in Dec. Now comes an invitation from her Bell cousins whom you know & we do not, to join them in Rio on the 12th. to visit Montevideo, B. Ayres, over the Andes to Valparaiso, Perú, Panamá, & Home. After the first shock at thought of losing her so soon, we all agreed that the opportunity was too fine to be lost for minor considerations. Mrs. Tremayne may be here yet this week, surely by Tues. Mrs. Withers tells of an Eng. lady with a Polish name who teaches Eng. admirably & knows no Port. — so we hope that Mrs. Tremayne may effectively teach the Berlitz book immediately. We have heard from the Kolbs after landing, Mr. K. who had seemed sad & feeble, became bright & youthful as he neared his boys. They were to have a week together before going South. Do you know the address of the Gamas that G. visited?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Sept. 13/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I am very sorry for you all about Mrs. Shneider — but for her it is as easy going to a beautiful Home. Would Ada Gericke's sister Rita be a nice one for the place. Maybe she would like a change from teaching. Or perhaps your "Australian woman" whose name you have never told me! I have had it in my heart several times to reproach you for talking about our "grass widow" — as if it is not bad enough to have a horrid husband but one must be unviduously spoken about. Well now! you may call her as many names as you like! Draw upon your Fred's California repertory! Would you believe it the creature, at the last minute, backed out! Couldn't. — Maybe she would next year! — Poor Miss Kate Kuhl had to ask the Board to refund the passage money. Spirited Miss Kate gave her a piece of her mind (which a cousin once told me I could ill spare!) Here we are, stranded-as it were! Ella rallies as always. We all "buckle to" & things — the ship, to go on with my figure — get over the bar & on we go! — The Midwiffs are more for study than Society-only come here Sund. & Wed. I find that quite a number of people have a little eye trouble. Ella tells me that you once recommended bathing the eyes in salt & water — 2 spoonsful in a fat tea-cup. As often as I like? Such weather — rain & mud up to your eyes for many who come to School. I am surprised at the regularity of our teachers thro' everything. My invaluable Christian Herald has a fine article on Kitty Berger the zither player par excellence — plays for Millais when he is painting to inspire him — plays at ten hospitals in N.Y. & a surgeon says "does more good than the doctors". "Kitty" says she is never blue, for if that sentiment looms up she "does something for somebody directly!" Plucky soul.

Our congregations on fine Sundays are large.

School is on!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Frid. Night, 15/9/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Mrs. Schneider was spared all pain. That is so much for which to be grateful! Dear Mr. Cornelsen who looks so much like our Mr. Chamberlain, has been for weeks at Deaths door with pneumonia & heart trouble, suffering a great deal — every body very anxious. To our astonishment he is better even in this frightful weather, dark, cold, rainy & mud enough to frighten witches. Had Mrs. S. no relatives anywhere? How odd about the new lady appearing at the School without knowing any one! A card came today from Miss Bell still dated Eng. (to Gertrude) saying that their sailing might be delayed because of the dock strikes. But they may have come by the very steamer that brought the card. We wait to hear whither to send Gertrude's heavy packets of letters. A long family letter has come from Isabel Bichels — do you remember her — a tall girl at the lunch table with bronze hair? It is dated from Innocencia's where she is delighted to be. They did not go to N.Y. but to Phila. On the boat were some young ladies who said they were going to Merchantville, so, rather reluctantly, careful Mr. Kolb let I. go with them. They took her to Camden their home where they rested in the great heat & in the moonlight a youth took them all over in an "auto". How surprised were the family — no letter — no telegram! Mr. Sleater & Charles were at the sea-shore. Innocencia & one of the daughters went later. There is a great deal of gayety. Isabel greatly admires Innocencia & her daughters. I have asked Mrs. Chamberlain to ask her there sometime. Miss Kate Kuhl will, & Mrs. Luckens, & so may Helena Costard Thon a Curitybana in N.Y., with a nice little family. What do you know of George Chamberlain who may be at home about this time? Have you seen any of his articles besides the flowery one about Brazil at the Rio Exposition? Isabel said that a young Brazilian from S. Paulo was coming to spend three weeks in Merchantville — I do not know if in Innocencia's family. It is a pity that she did not mention his name — you may know him. I hope he won't bring any of Innocencia's nice daughters to live in Brazil! It is all right for missionaries & teachers but not an ideal place for a family. Mr. Midkiff came in today while we were at dinner. It is the first time not Sund, or Wed, that he has visited us. (Sund. every body comes to our half hour sing & C.E. meeting. before the evening Service.) He looked jaunty with his trowsers tucked in his boots. As he looked at our olive plants around the long table he said gallantly — *moças bonitas* — which effort at Port. much pleased the smiling damsels & their proud "parents". We talked of books & papers, immigration & missions. His pretty wife is daunted by the sea of mud to traverse if she goes anywhere. Fred. is in Ponta Grossa but I am afraid there will be only a few out if it rains there as here. I am amazed at the number of persevering children & at the faithful teachers who appear. May God help you in your many serious questions.

Mary P. Dascomb.

We are so grateful to you & Fanny for meeting Gertrude.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Sept. 25/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

We are "fraid cats"! An impecunious lady of 40 would be more of a white elephant than a "grass widow." Mrs. Withers thinks that either in

S. Paulo or here she could make her way teaching English & (if she be really a first-class musician) music. Alice goes to Eng. about the middle of Oct. (She is now in bed-too much baile!) Gertrude admires Alice's playing more than that of Paderewsky: But how is she to live til she gets a clientele! We want some young people, — well — educated, with Normal training, who intend to stay always. Meanwhile the untoward fates seem after us as after you. One of our best teachers can only give two hours. She has been taking stuff for her headaches & now ought to stop everything. Yest. morn. the strong nice Mother of one of our teachers dropped with congestion of the brain. That will take out another teacher! But she is German, & teaches Port. embroidery etc. She will probably get some one either to take her place here or at home. Isabel has met two young men from Cornell, one Taylor of phenomenal linguistic accomplishments & the other, the Brazilian, Carlos de Paula Souza de S. Paulo-both to come to Brazil as civil engineers. I believe. They say Cornell has 15000 students & 500 Y. women. I heard when at home that Harvard had 15000. They took Isabel to Wanamaker's Phila. store, to the Fur Vaults where 50000 rich people left their furs during the Summer. Cost 4 1/2 millions of dollars! Geo. Lenington has written neither Fred. nor myself since Effie landed!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Oct. 2nd. 1911.

Dear Dr. Lane,

What a gorgeous present! Nothing could have been more acceptable! I have shown the Mackenzie girls to my girls & they are much stirred up therby. I am particularly taken with the little Cordelia at the right hand corner as you face the picture. As Cordelia would not pose as an extravagant lover of her Father because her false sisters avoided the matter, this one in her simplicity seems to say: — Just look at so many bizarre coiffures to be taken — I shall not be a bit different from every day — so here goes! — There are ever so many nice faces there. Why are the photos. of Will's & Suzy's children so much better than the others? Of what year is the nice class of young men? I am glad to have so good a one of yourself I have nothing alone but that capital little newspaper cut. One of my advanced class is dropping behind for a two months' trip with her doting Father to the Foz da Iguassú. I said to the other two day: — I am afraid you are too fond of bailes to go to Mackenzie. — I am not — said the one whose charming Father's official position gives her especial temptation & opportunities. Well — said I — if you have not enough will-power to resist talking in School time, you have not enough to conquer difficulties in advanced study — O but we are going to leave off! — Veremos!!! Has S. Paulo enough water yet? We are being drowned out! When I have read of the inundations elsewhere, I have congratulated myself that we are up on a planalto. Now it seems that a part of Curityba is low. There is a river, scarcely visible thro' a microscope — as it were — usually. Now the part of town where it goes, stands or runs, according to circumstances, is under water — houses surrounded, as formerly in the Braz. — water coming into kitchens etc. We've heard a horrid story of a Mother with a little new baby, a Father looking after her, & Two little children going to get something, drowning — one trying to help the other. Surely death, sudden death, is not the worst thing to befall men, or there would not be so much of it! Yesterday the Serra train to Paranaguá returned, after going part way. A tunnel, some say two of 'em had fallen in.

A teacher told at the lunch table of a Swedish engineer who is horribly afraid of this Serra R.R. — says these rocks are friable-bound to decompose & produce a frightful accident. I have read that here there is much granite in the making — all the way from loose sand to real granite. Eight days ago, one of our teachers lost her Mother much as Mrs. Schneider went — a stroke in the morning — gone at night! Did I tell you Ella's message, how all these years she has been much helped, in caring for her girls, by the many things she learned from you in S. Paulo. You certainly are free from prescribing "para Inglez ver". Many of your colleagues are not. Sunday was a tremendously rainy day, yet we had good congregations. Did a sr. Rufus from Castro visit you some months ago to see your stock. He is such an enjoyable fellow, French-English, straighter, says Fred. than most young men in Brazil — has roughed it in our West, is bright & witty. Wanted Alice Withers desperately at last became engaged to a pretty Am. in Castro. She has gone home to get ready. Alice is very thin, & for months has had a bad cold. In about two weeks Mrs. W. & Alice go Eng. Nice Mr. Bennett follows & they will be married there.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Fred & I had letters from George. Effie wrote Ella a note in my letter! telling of a friend of E's that she met.

Paraná. Curitiba. Thurs. Oct. 5th. 1911.

Dear Dr. Lane,

What a deal of trouble you took for us to understand the photos! We are so very much obliged to you. This morn. Fred. took a good time studying them. Really how much that youth knows. I quite envy his memory. I started today to ask Mr. Higgins about his wife and I did. not remember which of the many appellidos of Maria, belonged to her & I had to leave the sentence unfinished! It is Maninha. Her very nice step-son Paulo calls is suffering from lack of water? Fancy! Our telegraphic lines do not reach far — nor the railways — interruptions everywhere. We have a nice German lady from Blumenau. She has telegraphed & can get no answer. We hear that the river has risen 21 meters! covers houses of one story & in one case is up to the second story. I suppose that the people have scattered in all directions to find a dry place for their feet, so that if the telegram did get there, perhaps the people could not find her relatives. Of course such a thing will cause great loss but I should not be afraid for their lives. Ella has just received a photo of pretty Elmira Carvalhosa with an announcement of her coming marriage in Nov. She does not say who "he" is but Fred. says he is not a "crent"! Dear me! what ails the daughters of ministers to marry men who are not Christians. I object to it as you do to women who do not marry their husbands "for keeps". I do not believe in remarriage while the previous one is alive, but the world would be a great deal more miserable than it is, if ill-assorted couples could not separate. (What a division! Ella is talking to young Bagby about the travels and dangers of our missionaries — the Bicker — staphs off to Guarapuava, going up all the time tho' they have to cross rivers — & the Salleys with Mr. Landes going from Lages to Curitibaanos — I suppose down hill & into danger.) I do not see any — thing fresh about the War — I suppose because the telegrams did not get through. But an article tonight says that Germany receives France's proposals & there will be no more war there. So far, so good! Let the others follow suit! I

should think that Italy would have enough to do to mend herself up after the "estragos" of volcanoes, floods, earthquakes etc without adding the expenses of war. I am interested in Young Turkey and wish 'em well. When in the States I met such capable missionaries from Turkey, They were so jubilant at the news of the successful Revolution — Dear me! I was so befuddled with trying to talk in the midst of letter — writing that I tho't I had covered the last side & permitted myself to do what you abhor — crossed This is Sat. & last night paper said that our Mail Chief had for once planned something fine — paid men to fill up gaps in the R.R. connections so that our mails can go, if not quickly, at least safely. This morning has opened with a dry side — walk. May be we shall have welcome sunshine for today & tomorrow. We are afraid of prices going way up. Sugar is already 39\$000 a sack, a wood 8\$000 a meter, I think we would better buy up a lot of things as for a siege. Have you rain yet?

Mary P. Dascomb.

You see we did at last get letters from George. But to Fred. he wrote reproachfully about expecting Effie to go to Church, with such abscesses that she couldn't wear "roupa dominguera". Yet she 'd say she "was perfectly well" & could go to the Opera.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Night, 16/10/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your enclosure, the mourning card for Capt. Manton, made a great impression on me & later on Bishop Kinsolving shared our sentiments. I was greatly struck by Thy Will be Done, — so easy to say in this case! — Yes, we have had the pleasure of a visit from the Bishop, whom I had never seen! Isn't he agreeable? He does not much like Mrs. Marie Robinson Wright, declares that she smokes, (he wants to keep the privilege for himself & his confrères!). But I find in him much the same charm of manner than opened all doors to her. But what a Boanerges in the pulpit! Rather like Alvaro em bradar. The matter was fine, but the manner was very oratorical. He visited much among Eng. & Am. & found quite a number of crentes from his Southern field. Do you know what he proposes to do later? Send a man to start Pispalkan "Services here! Fred. reminded him of the compact long ago that they were to stay in Rio G. But he says that they now occupy all the more important towns of Rio Grande & must expand. They have a man in Rio. But I believe that as yet he has no man to send here. He preached Sunday morn. for Mr. Higgins & Sunday night for us. We had advertised him well & our Church was packed. The subject was: — Dae a Cæsar o que é de Cæsar e a Deus o que é de Deus! For the sake of argument, I suppose, he said that all were scrupulous to keep the first part of the order — but few kept the second. He inveighed against Sabbath — breaking, gaming, & lack of enthusiastic fidelity in serving God & the Church. Before I forget it Ella bids me to ask you to reserve a place as soon as possible for Gastão Espindola

to sing with him. Mr. Midkiff does not sing. Hope it will stop raining before they come or they will think Curityba horrid. The Salleys & Mr. Landes are headed for Florianopolis.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. Nov. 2/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

We are in a great hurry for the Carriels now that the Salleys are back, that Mrs. C. may play the difficult accompaniments of Mr. S's glorious songs. Lovely Peach-Blossom plays for her husband, but neither she nor I are happy in attempting the other, tho' we do when we must. We have such enjoyable gatherings on Wed. night after Service — first our Emilia's hot biscuit — then Fred's reading & last delightful songs. I had three short letters from Effie by this mail in wh. she speaks of returning soon! She is greatly enjoying the tower to George's new house whence you can see blue waters, busy steamers, & several of the beautiful suburbs of Greater, N.Y. I do not at all believe that in Heaven there will be no sea. I suppose that that passage is figurative & means no tribulation — for in another place we are told of a crystal, sea, wh. I hope is a "really truly" sea. I am reading away at the Life of Müller the wonderful Friend of Orphans. Up to 20 he was bad — told lies etc. — turned over a new leaf, studied 12 hours a day, gave himself to doing good in numberless ways of wh. the most unusual was maintaining 2000 orphans at the Lord's expense. At 70 he began his journeys to urge upon men the simple Christian life as he understood it — & till he was 87 he journeyed (with his wife) almost constantly — going what would equal 8 journeys round the world, visiting 42 countries & many of them over & over again. He lived to be 92. So let us work away. The people here agree that you are looking ten years younger than when you were at Florianopolis before! The Salleys have come bravely out of their conflicts with rain, mud, wind, rushing rivers, weak horses & rabid priests. Growds to listen even in places called fanatical. But the Midwiffs have the trump card — the baby. I'll send you some little photos. — to return, please. — Isn't Mrs. Midkiffs' smile the livest thing you ever saw in a photo? I think her lovely. We are to have a Patriotic Service on the 15th. of Nov. & Messrs. Salley & Midkiff have promised to take part. Fred. & I think just as you do about location but you see Ella & I shall be in School most of the time. Fred's little Beatrice is toddling about with a sharp blue eye for business. Ominous silence one morning led the parents to look her up. They found her, clothes & all setting in a big basin of water, uttering little gasps at its coldness. Peach-blossom took her out, tore off her wet things scrubbed her dry & went to get other clothes. She returned to find Miss Beatrice, clad only in pinky white skin, with a basket on her arm, starting out to buy bread! Can Suzie match that?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Nov. 15th 1911.

Dear Dr. Lane,

On Sat. night at 6.30 we had a telegram from Mr. Bickerstaph that the Carriels would be at the Station on the 8.10 train! They were expected on Tues. & it had not yet been settled with whom they should stay. We have made every effort to get the Midkiffs in a house of their own so that they & the Salleys cld. take in some of the Mission people. But they are in no hurry to move. He is making furniture, & well done too! But Miss Kuhls' family is always capable of a spurt. Our most dependable older people fell to arranging the room saved for Dr. Porter. I sent a "propria" to warn Fred, & another to tell Addie not to worry as Ella wld. take them. Ella & Fred. went to the Station. A capital dinner awaited them, & all

went merry as a marriage bell. How astonished next day at Church were the S's & M's! The C's have a bedroom up stairs & use the Saleta de Musica, aliás Hospital — aliás Sala de Reunião Missionaria — as their private parlor. Their music is most delightful. He is a rare violinist. Her playing is charming but her mannerism of jerky movements so different from Alice's majestic calm. I hope that we can keep them thr'o Nov. A nice house & nice people will be ready for them Dec. 1st. The Salley's are here taking examination wh. they seem to think hard. Ella & I think it very comfortable. At 12 there is to be a Grande Military Parade in the little Praça near us. Fred's Baby Beatrice is very ill — measles with complications. Dr. Espindola tells them to look out for her chest. Tonight there is to be a Patriotic Religious Meeting at Church & the 4 preachers are to take part. The two new ones are in quite a "wax" over it. Surely, as you see this sudden death of fine Mr. Douglas seems very sad — more particularly because away from home. But I hope that Mrs. Douglas will take comfort in the compensation — no long illness to dread, to suffer. Did he die immediately? Thanks for the Letter to Parents, I am very proud of McKenzie. I too had a letter from Miss Hayden. She will join us in hammering at the Board for McKenzie.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Night, Nov. 27/11.

Doc-tor Lane!

Letters yest. from Effie to Fred. & his son Dale, ask what they will have from the States, as she is coming soon!!! She has already bought her steamer trunk. Some time ago I heard that Fred. had an ugly letter from George. By the mail before this Geo. wrote a very long letter. It began & ended affectionately. But he evidently sympathises with her desire, nay, determination to return. If no more ulcers come. If Dr. Bouvard the alienist, declares that she is all right, will not the short-handed Curityba School be glad to welcome her. If not, surely Dr. Lane who speaks so highly of her abilities, give her a place. He has read, at Mr. Speer's request, the letters of Miss Dascomb & Dr. Lane. Why did they not talk frankly with her about the things they criticised & give her a chance to amend them! Why did no one say a word about her going home to stay. — Really it would seem that Geo. is besotted! What questions! He says she has always been self-centered & lacking in initiative — (words capitally chosen!) Surely, after our decided letters that E. shld. not live or teach in a School, Mr. Speer will surely not send her in the face of my letter. Will Geo. advance the money? If she arrives will she consent to go to Fred's? Will she wait for private pupils in Eng. of whom there might be a good many? The Salleys are to go to Florianopolis in Jan. & from there as a center work. The other two are to stay here & study for the present the Carriels, later, to be stationed in S. Paulo: Fred, says that he wishes to stay for one year here to consolidate the work now so promising & then go to Rio as a center, working up small stations around. I urged him to go to S. Paulo thinking him just the man personally fit in every where. But he has long looked towards Rio. Mr. Landes is much disappointed not to hear from you at this Mission Meeting. On Wed. the gentlemen all go to Castro for Presbytery & we have an Army Lieut. to read sermons to us. Fred. propitiated Dr. Porter into staying 3 years more at Campinas (probably Dr. Smith will not return very soon.) & to wait for Mr Kolb to go to his beloved Campos. The new missionaries were much entertained at his continous speech. After discoursing widely he wild. say: — Now I will stop & let some of you gentlemen speak. — One would commence &

Dr. would soon say: — Excuse me, one minute, to make a point clear — & on he would go! — We all have Dr. E's Life. Mrs. Carriel wrote & thanked Fanny immed on arriving. The baggage came & horrified them with the bill. Mr. C. says Peccavi, about writing you. Now is so busy

looking over books, & then Presbytery.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Mr. Cornelsen went to Heaven at 8 P.M. Mr. Landes is asked to take the Services! Hatchet buried!

Curitiba. Paraná. Friday, Morn, Dec. 1/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Thanks for the letter & Catalogues. Especially for the news that Effie is going to Botucatu or S. Carlos. Her letters to Fred. & Dale merely said: — I'm coming out soon — & gave us a fright. I fear that you will have some experiences. I believe that there are no boarders at Botucatu or S. Carlos, so that Effie can rest after School. Veremos! The gentlemen will only return from Castro on Tues. I suppose, Wed. last we had Service in our Sala Grande on account of the heary rains & heavier muds. A small dark Lieut. with tiny hands & a fine voice & enunciation read a sermon & will take charge on Sunday. Did I tell you how very well Mr. Midkiff succeeded in giving his studied but not read talk? He was quiet but sometimes quite enthusiastic. If he made a mistake, with all the self-possession possible he went back & put it right. Fred. tho't his coolness most unusual & enviable. By the way how is Effie going to get her multitudinous & valuable effects moved to her new home? It would break her heart to leave any of the accumulations of these years in Paraná. Don't you enjoy the Nov. Rev. of Revs. (U.S.)? That map of the Tripoli region is fine. And some of the Cartoons — Miss Canada returning Uncle Sam his ring but promising to be a sister to him! — And solemn dignified Woodrow Wilson sprawled out while playing a fiddle with her hands to her ears exclaiming: — Sakes alive. Woodrow! have you lost your hearing — And the Sultan, in most apologetic attitude asking a Berlin policemen — Where the Protector of Islam' lives! There's a frightful article in an outlook by Oscar Straus on The Moslem Menace. Fred. says he is a Jew who hates Christians but I have seen his view of the power, persisting & ferocity of the Moslems, biding their time & uniting to overwhelm of the activity of those Secret Societies of their determination to drive the Europeans from Africa — I have seen this view advanced in other quarters, & I tremble. There is too, an article by Jacob Riis on the way to educate boys — give them handiwork especially something like gardening, which I think of copying for our nice Dr. Claudino dos Santos. One man here has done so well with his Eschola de Aprendizes, made of street-boys that this might work. Addie is somewhat worried over Fred's fall the other day when he fainted at sight of blood, Once he had a dreadful foot-ball knock on top of his head. I do not know whether his occasional frightful headaches come from that. And now he fell, pum, on the back of his head. Percy Withers is having more bad attacks. What did Job mean by calling

them nerves! It seems more like epilepsy tho' I do not know that he froths at the mouth.

Love to the girls & Rufus. I somehow think of Job as too busy & absorbed for such amenities.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Tues. Dec. 12/11.

Dear Dr. Lane,

The States' Mail keeps stringing along in driblets. Here is a letter from Geo. Lenington saying that his wife's Mother died quite suddenly. He used to think that he might come out as a missionary 'if his wife were free from loving duty to her Mother — tho' in this hurried note he does not speak of it. Miss Kuhl has a letter from Miss Kate, her one sister saying that she is much out of health, is ordered out of the City, has broken up her home and is living with some cousins near Copper Hill. N.J. I have a letter telling that the daughter of the late patriarch of the Syrian Mission cousin Wm. Bird, has been burned to death — kindling a little fire of leaves in the yard! Her husband was an incapable. The children are scattered far & wide. Dr. Halsey writes that Dr. White thinks he has secured us two ladies! A son of a friend of Ella's would like to travel, would like to come to Curityba for a year — all expenses to & fro & here paid! Fresh! Grace Kolb decides for the North as against the South & for Brazil rather than either — all are eager to return — and gives more taffy to Ella and me than even beautiful Dr. Speer. I like taffy! I'm all ready to give you some. Have it?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Gertrude jubilant. Hosts of friends! Piles of letters!

Curityba. Paraná. Friday. Jan. 5/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your Reports always interest me extremely, especially your generalizing in the beginning. Do women ever do it unaided, I wonder! I suppose that Hermes is too stupid to do all these State broils by himself. Pinheiro Machado is the monkey that make's the cat's paw snatch the chestnut. Last night our dear Carriels returned bringing Miss Baxter. I too think she will keep up the traditions of the name. She is portentously quiet and observant. Makes me think of Mrs. Howell's impatient remark about Hattie Magalheãs' Golden Silence — One would make a banal remark & Mrs. M. would say Yes or No, probably thinking — It is not worth while talking if one cannot do better than that — Talk has to begin somewhere, said Mrs. H. & Mrs. M. never brings out her wise speeches until some one else has sacrificed herself! — I fancy that Miss Baxter, who is said to be gay & frisky, will show power like George Chamberlain. But it is a lonely position for so young a girl! Ella & I have the true way — two & two like the Disciples. I believe that Miss B. came from a large family. Our German Teacher from Blumenau, Alicia Schwartz, has telegraphed that she will not return & then wrote Ethelwyn to know if she might teach at Flor. as nearer home. E. asks Ella about her. Good teacher — tall & strong. Elvira says that Eth. is worn to a thread — just what Mr. Gomm has said for months. By the way Dr. Espindola has changed Mrs. Salley's medicine and says she cannot move to Flor. at present. Ella defends her esteemed doctor. says that just after the two months hard jaunt it is more than like that Mrs. Salley's liver was upset. What does Fred. say of the C's going back to S. Paulo? Our School begins next week. We shall soon have our full number of girls. Have found no place for them to board, nor house for them to rent. If there is to be a fitting to S. Paulo it would be well to make two bites of one cherry. We should like them always here. George Len. wrote to ask me for notes about José Bonis de Andrade &

said that Effie had gone to see her Mother in St. Louis. Nothing more! Love to the girls, I do not see any grumble in your Report. Straight facts.

Mary P. Dascomb.

We want to keep Miss Baxter with the Carriels as long as we can.

Curityba. Paraná. Frid. Jan. 12th/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

A lot of States' mail & your letter & you shall come first. Are you glad or sorry? Does it bother you to keep up such a pace? Miss Baxter's heart is melted & she will start soon next week. I want her to go by sea — she has not yet seen the Serra. I tell her there is no immediate hurry — it is 11 days to the 23rd. she will be lonely= ! — But she gives a quizzical little smile & says she is comfortably cheerful sort of person = is not afraid. I suppose that she will telegraph when she is sure. I am delighted to hear that the Carriels are to dine with us every day & concoct the morning & evening meal out of restos or store things. Then they must have a supply of the latter for rainy days for there is quite a little stretch without even bad pavement. Every letter I send to the Board I appeal for you — tell them they must send money! Is there not great pressure there (in S. Paulo) for private lessons in Eng.? There is here. We have a letter from the sister of the Mr. Bennett who married Alice Withers. She wishes to live with us and teach Portuguese & English, so as to be near her beloved little nieces (if both are girls.) Alice comes in March. One of our old pupils who has been a very successful teacher in Campinas till she married a brute, will perhaps come to us. Ella wishes we had Gertrude's salary for her. One of my nice ex-boys, Plinio Carlberg, wishes to go to you to learn Pharmacy. Do you, by chance, include that? Then yest. a bright ex-girl of mine, now with 3 little children, brought an acquaintance who hopes to attend the Am. Sch. Today appeared some Poles, the youth sharp as a razor who wish to establish a Polish School & asked Ella all sorts of questions about your work as supplementing ours. They said the padres were after them as anti-clericaes. Ella told them not to mind. They did so to us. (But the Poles are the more fanatical!) A note fr. Effie of Dec. 3rd. but says nothing of coming! C's getting ready to flit. A Baptist preacher, Pettigren

is looking over the ground here! Finds Paranaguá hot. Glad to hear of Midkiff baggage. No packages for the Carriels? Week of Prayer very good. Mr. Salley directs Mrs. S. a little better.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Jan. 17/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Really the Indeps. are ahead this time in their Semi-Centen. notes. But they had, apparently to ask them at the hands of young creatures who knew little except by hearsay. That reminds me, did Fred. ever ask you to write out a spicy sketch of your life. At one Mission Meeting we were all requested to do so & we embarked on the enterprise rather in a spirit of fun. — I was pleased to hear your Great Caesar again. We have great discussions over the value & the danger of giving latitude in public exercises to the laity. There is Korea. One hears now & then of the necessity of an educated native ministry but the wonderful spread of the gospel there, its regeneration of character & substituting truth for super-

stition is 'due to God's blessing on the labors of men who knew only the least bit. Yet we read often in the History of the Church of ardent & very illdirected efforts of apparently sincere Christians that have done great harm. I told you of our quiet voiced Tenente Belizio preaching very well on Scenes in the Life of Christ. Last Sunday night he accepted an invitation to preach, having given himself only from 6 to 7.30 to prepare! He spoke I think on the Way of Life, some found it in Riches, some in Fame, some women in Clothes. When he came to the point — the Way is Christ, he said he had not studied it enough — & sat down after about 15 minutes of school-boy composition talk. We were all amazed! Last Wed. — no, Tues. — last night. — Mrs. Salley following Fred's custom of attending a Cottage Meeting lest, as once, they should get to telling tales of spooks, etc, was present at one and asked to speak. Perhaps by chance, he talked on The Way of Life & Monsieur the Lieut. who had stopped so short on Sunday, rose & said that the young foreigner had been scarcely intelligible — "I will explain matters!" — What do you think of that for "cheek"! I am a little troubled about Mr. Midkiff — As I understand it his studies for honors that gave him a year in Germany injured his head, sometimes he has studied lang. but latterly only 4 hours in the morning — makes furniture in the P.M. When asked to preach last Sunday he worked hard. He goes without a written sermon. I did not see even notes. He spoke often slowly but quite frequently the voice and face were very animated, more like a bright lecture than a preacher. The children liked him immensely. But afterwards he had a horrible headache. Mr. Carriel worked over him with hot & cold water & rubbing. He waved his hands about curiously. It made me fear that some time he might have brain fever. I am anxious, as you are, about Mr. Waddell. Look at the Year Book & see how nearly every city (in China) occupied has from one to four doctors and one or more Hospitals. And look at us!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Frid. Jan. 19/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

What a fuss the P.O. gentry are making over the Carriel things! I sent your letter over to them & they countermand Shoes & Dictionary — may stay in S. Paulo. What shld. they want of a big Eng. Dict. when they are supposed to be up to their eyes in Portuguese! Mr. C. is immensely disgusted with Custom House & Mail business in Brazil. Something that came to him before cost more from S. Paulo here than from Jacksonville to S. Paulo. Mrs. Salley has been here two evenings this week. Is much encouraged. Today our priceless Emilia fell ill — dreadful pains (probably from the intestines.) Ella telephoned for the doctor. He promised to come at dusk & it is now after 9. She tried mustard, not oil rubbing. No relief. Then sent to the drug-store near for laudanum to put in the poultice. The wise youth told the girls that it is prohibited to sell laudanum without a physician's certificate, but that he supposed that Miss Kuhl knew what she was about! So it's on — warranted to cure the pain in a short time. Is there any prospect of Hermes' attacking S. Paulo? The police is splendidly drilled but some one says that they have no artillery & cannot meet it. Will you tell me why S. Paulo enthuses over that preposterous Rodrigues Alves — the priest-led man. Today came a telegram from a very nice girl we had as pupil & teacher, who married a horrid brute. Ella heard that she meant to leave him (you see our penchant for grass widows is not dead) & wrote asking her & her Mother to come to us. She telegraphs:

— Impossible! — Letter later. — We already know that she has made arrangements to go to Europe for a year or two. I wish for you the Sorte Grande in your new teachers. Isabel Gomm says that Mr. Bennetts sister who has asked to come here, is a very fine woman. I hope we shall have her. Do tell me all about the people who

come. (I ran off "onto" sister Annie's letter. Tell me of your opaque eye.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Monday. Jan. 29/12.

Monday, Jan. 29/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

After 7 weeks at last we have Fred again! It is good. It almost makes us feel that we do not want to let him go any more. But that would be shamefully selfish! I have been so sorry for Addie this time. Their turbulent servant (whose one good quality is to care faithfully for the children) went home for a vacation & has not yet returned — S. that Addie has been almost a prisoner at home. Elvira from Florianopolis has been a comfort to her in the day time, helping with the work & the children. But she is such a coward that she will not stay with the children in the evening so Addie could not come to our Wed. eve rally! Elvira returned this morn. looking much better than when she came, not so yellow & quite plump. Gertrude Luckens writes us that two Wooster O. Ladies promise to come to us for five years & perhaps more — Anna C. Palmer & Dorothy Martin. Stanley White is corresponding with them to get them to come soon. But I have some doubts as to how his head is fixed on. The Kolbes wrote to him for some addresses. For a Landes address he gave that of Paulina in 1906! We have been greatly delighted with a visit from Percy Tripp teacher in a Gov. School in Tientsin where my very accomplished & popular young cousin went from Wellesley. He approves the Republic more than does the Outlook, & seems to think that it will succeed. He both admires & loves the Chinese, & hardly thinks he will wait until the Revolution is over to get back. The cheapness of life there is amazing. Two or three rooms, electric light, hot & cold water, dinner, a stable for his horse & all for a dollar a half! — almost miraculous! Her pretty sister, diz Mrs. Carriel sings beautifully. The C's are very constantly occupied with their fireless cooker. They liked it very much at first, then began to find that it ate up a quantity of time. Mr. C. preached yesterday — very well indeed, In the evening Fred. gave us a account of the Semi-Centennial. Just 50 years ago (after three years of preaching). Mr. Simonton rec.d two members to form a Church. Now there are 12000! 5 congregations without a preacher in Acre. How are all your new teachers? Fred. said that the one with Effie was very young. He may like Geo. Chamberlain be all the better for that. Mr. Midkiff has quite a class of S.S. boys. He has invited them to his house on Sat. They will like that. Today I heard our French Madame giving a capital lesson Boy Scouts. The children listened with eager pleasure. Do you remember what a pleasing woman she is? Very graceful in her Motion Songs. But she is like Mrs. Porter in being at Death's door one week & gay & well the next. I find that I was premature in thinking that our Rio men did not give a proper history of the Fathers — They did & it is to be published as a folheto. The Anglicans of Rio Grande attribute their coming to Brazil to Helen Simonton, I had always heard that Mr. Chamberlain not obtaining men from his own Board appealed to the

Episcopalians, & obtained Messrs, Kinsolving & Morris. I tho't Zizica was in Faxina. Fred. tells me that dear Erasmo, my combined photograph of Lottie Lord Fauntleroy & Lord Macaulay is becoming known in Europa: His Father had a decided leaning towards literature. Is his wife congenial? How did his brothers' marriage venture turn out? If you haven't time to gossip over all these things, turn 'em down, I am only waiting to hear how Effie is settled, to send her a nice book to read. Love to your nice daughters, & Rufus.

Mary P. Dascomb.

I want a ground glass eye!

We had a visit to see the School from Messrs. Saddler & Glanviel of the S. Paulo Anglo Brazilian School. A Dr. Porter of our Sup. Tribunal accompanied them. No feet!

Curityba. Paraná. Tues. Feb. 6th 1912.

The combat deepens — On ye brave!

Mc.Kenzie surely has seven-leagued boots? I wrote Gertrude last night, & this morn. after reading your letter I put the crush on the back of it & exhorted her to urge Great Heart & to hunt up some ricasso who wd. immediately help. We are hurrying after you. In these first three weeks we have passed 300. And still they come! Some of the Rooms are uncomfortably crowded. There is great pressure for more English. Let our three hurry up. Meanwhile we've another marriage mania. A few days ago Ella & I attended the wedding of the pleasant Santa Barbarian Josephina W. to a fair short bridegroom who looks thoroly good. A rosy cheeked Brazilian teacher is engaged to a tall German, & yest. our ugly duckling who insists on powdering & making herself more ghastly announced her engagement to an Italian. But these two will help for the present. I was reading this morn. in Dr. Hamlin's book of the sudden scruples of the Am. & Baptist Boards many years ago against taking Mission money for education — closing all advanced Schools — allowing teaching only in the vernacular, & only primary subjects besides the Bible, Pres. Seelye? of Amherst contending that no one but converted children shld. be admitted to Mission Schools! Tempora mutantur. Fancy how hard it must have been to close good Schools & have only primary teaching, so to speak. Dr. Hamlin was a magnificent Jack at-all-trades & I never forgave the Am. Board for not sending him back, nor his son-in-law for ousting him from his place as Pres. of the Robert College that he had created, nor the Board & rich people for not providing him with a suitable maintenance in the States. A man who had accomplished such wonderful things should have had great men at his feet. I have been anxiously waiting for your verdict about Effie. I too wonder if it is possible for her to be contented in so utterly different surroundings. She has plenty of will-power. If she resolves to stay three years she can do it. I shall send her books to read from time to time, & write of things that are going on. Miss Lottie, Mrs. Magalhães, Mrs. Landes came to the Steamer to bid her Goodbye. This afternoon in the bond Ella met Ernesto d'Oliveira & D. Cecilia who were very effusive indeed. I shall be glad to meet her if she calls, but I do not forget that he made a savage, lying attack on you. I suppose that she has found out before now that he tells lies & does not pay his debts in spite of the famous mathematical talent. Fancy how horrid it must be to know that of your husband. The Services on Sunday

were most edifying — Church full all day & six joined. In Oberlin we sometimes had 50 in one aisle & 50 in another to join. What a vivid Church life under Pres. Finney! I have been greatly privileged. I hope that you will find comfort in your new people. How is Job's health?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Will you send us samples of your Arith. problems aft...5?
Ernesto says he is ill.

Curityba. Paraná. Friday Night. Feb. 9/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Rio Branco dead! What will Brazil do now! Fly into several pieces? All older people look sober & anxious. What strong hand with justice will keep order! Mrs. Withers writes of a great Syndicate, American and Canadian, to buy land here, raise cattle etc. & send the poor things away in cold storage. I wonder if this news will delay the plan! I wonder if their coming would injure the gains of Will Withers Ham etc. business or whether he would consolidate with them. You do not appreciate the 300 excursionists! I wish I had the chance of gazing upon them. I have just finished a second book by the able Frenchwoman who calls herself Pierre de Coulain. This book is about the Unknown Isle — i.E.England. She says that the French think the English are whited sepulchers, & the English think the French all as rotten as their worst novels. She visits England, is entertained by nice and agreeable people who become attached to her. She becomes very fond of them. Admires Eng. hygiene as seen in the care of babies, in the conveniences of the servants' quarters, in the splendid hospitals, but did not like the palatial Almshouse with its uncomfortable order & restraint. She declares that religion is a matter of temperament. I suspect that the Howells got their money from the old Aunts to whom they were so devoted. I am glad that Mrs. Howell can at last after her life of contrivances and sacrifices and that Lawrence will have an easier College life than Alec. Splendid Laura! I wonder if Mr. Waddell did not beg her to keep on with the work he thought so important. Do you think that pluck can save Mr. Waddell? He was 50 this week, and Geo. Lenington 41 I think. The mother-in-law of the latter has gone so that now he is free to come to Brazil. Fred. actually talks of urging him to take Mr. Waddell's place. I wonder if Pierce in the States has any more signs of his Father's facial disease. There is some talk of Mrs. Landes & Philip coming this year. I cannot believe that Alfredo Colle has come to you — no student & as prodigal as ever bound.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Sunday, Feb. 18/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Now we can see why the McKenzie responsibilities—the rush of new students — the awkwardness of new teachers — all concatenated just now — It is to prevent you from eating your heart out while waiting to see how Fanny's "case" develops. We all really to you in prayer tho' we are not near enough to help. Remember how dear Miss Kemper recovered. I wonder what will be tried — electricity massage, rubbing with honey and something else, that cured Miss Potwin — or pure rest. Why doesn't Job peer in with X rays and see what to do. Can Fanny read or knit or write?

She might write your letters as Margaret does Jobs. Or is all the force of her will-power to go into a rest-cure! Our invaluable Ernestina went to visit her mother at Ponta Grossa, took a walk in the woods, & what she calls a cobra, only a palm long, sprang at her, passed over her hands, & they soon begin to turn black and swell. Finally she had to go to the Hospital. For a long time her hands seemed without feeling. But now she can get off a letter with her right hand. She said the creature's skin seemed full of eyes. That seems more like the horrid bichos, poisonous caterpillar like. Did Will take the place in the North? God fill your heart with hope and trust.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Our two ladies sail on the 20th.

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. Feb. 22nd. 1912.

Laus Deo! How thankful we are that dear Fanny is better! She is a trumph to persevere in trying to walk. Fred. has just told us that Mr. Landes has been very ill indeed — that he is very much changed indeed. Who can forgive Mrs. Landes for letting him stay out here alone and not even sending him an affectionate daughter to take care of him! Perhaps owing to Mr. Landes' illness is the fact that the Salleys have not yet found a house, but are staying at the hotel. They will run up big bills. The Church in Florianopolis has been very troublesome too. They ought to feel very much ashamed now that he is ill. However he is now somewhat better. I rejoice at your style of handling flabby students. How surprised they will be that their irregular presence is not painfully sought by McKenzie! I am happy that your new people are taking hold well. How was the servant question solved? I was astonished that S. Paulo & Rio are less respectful towards the memory of Rio Branco than Curityba. Perhaps because our authorities promised Carnival so soon — 3,4,5 of March I believe that we are to have some symbolical doings this year — infinitely better than the stupid water-throwing. Today a boy who was a trouble in School & as a neighbor — who has been... the Military "Collegio" & does not pass examinations says he is going next year to the States to study Electrical Engineering, because the States is the focus of all that is newest & best in Electricity. Whereat I tried to scare him by tales of disaster! Today on short notice, we had quite a show of flags & hatchets & postals to celebrate Washington's birthday, & I made a little speech on Honesty is the best Policy Pol... Pol... etc.

I had a little fancy card of Washington welcoming Lafayette. Many thanks for the Arith. tablets. Are those just for Examination I have had the most comical difficulty in inventing problems, as I know so little of the prices of things, and have to inquire right & left. But with the English books I am using, I am supplied with the most interesting problems, full of information. A paragraph in the Christian Herald made me fear war with Russia. — Unless indeed Russia would bow her neck to the Arbitration yoke. Alice Withers Bennett was out of health for some time before her marriage, & her state of health may delay their return. They are to bring us a small pipe organ. We may have a new pavement & electric cars in Aug!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Friday. Feb. 23/12.

What does the States! mail mean by coming now instead of the 27th! At any rate I have a new book from my sister Annie & Fred. has a letter from George telling of Mr. Waddell's arrival. Mr. W. sent a wireless & George & I believe Pierce met him. He was brought up from his berth in a sheet & taken to Roosevelt Hospital. There they tried all possible tests, took dorjens (?) of X ray pictures, etc and finally cut right down into the leg to find out what was the matter. Found no pus but a lot of "destroyed" flesh which they cut out and now expect Waddell to get well. George says he is very weak but ready for work. Bixler went with Waddell & also had a minor operation at the hospital, so they have, metaphorically speaking, killed two birds with one stone. Isn't that good news! I suppose that the splendid great Brooklyn Church that supports Mr. W. will pay all expenses. I enjoyed my Bible Exam. very much this month. We write Scripture texts about the Heavens, the Sun, the Moon etc. & then I ask questions thus. How is God clothed? With glory & beauty. What do the Heavens resemble? A pavilion. What are the celestial bodies like? A well ordered army What is to become of the Heavens? They will be rolled up like a scroll and burn in a great conflagration. And the army of stars? They will fall like leaves in a vineyard. And the earth? It will be burned up. When? On the Day of the Lord. When is that? At the End of the World. When is that? Nobody knows not even the Angels. And afterwards? There will be New Heavens & a New Earth wherein only just shall live. Since these things are so what is our duty? To be ready — to be good & to do good. What does the sun resemble? A joyful bridegroom & a hero ready to run a race. What 4 things does Jesus Christ resemble. The Coming of the dawn the beautiful Moon, the resplendent Sun & a terrible Army with banners. And the good at the End of the World. Shall shine as the sun. What should one do as the sun is setting? Put away all danger. Is there a sun in Heaven? No. God is the Light of Heaven. Why is there a moon? To mark time. What time? Night & the Month. What three things seem to move in circuits? The sun, the winds & the rivers. How is wind like God? Invisible & strong. At the call of His people how does God come? As if on the wings of the wind. What do the clouds seem like? Celestial dust rolling after the chariot of God. How did Jesus leave this world & how will He return? He rose from the midst of His disciples & a cloud received Him. He will return in clouds surrounded by the Angelos. Do you forgive me! I hope never again to send you such squeezed up writing. It is easier to "write big" & far easier to read. My eyes are troubling me somewhat. The one behind the opaque glass resents the slant side rays it gets & the other hates to do all the work. They are reddish. Maybe I should use salt & water again. We hear nought from our "encomendas" at Rio & the Midkiffs are pining for their things. People say we are to have paralleloipedons e electric cars by Aug.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Can the clouds hide us from God in Heaven? What weight can the clouds sustain? Often a very great weight & tons & tons of water!

Curityba. Paraná. Tues. Feb. 27/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Did you ever meet any a family of Tamplins that came out to Serro Azul many years ago? The mother was a pupil of Thalberg. A son has been for many years station-master at Lapa in this State. Two daughters,

Mildred and Alberta, have exceptional success as private teachers. The elder Mildred is very accomplished. 3 or 4 years ago she came here to take care of a tiny little old invalid who had been very kind to her family. All readings music, painting conversation left behind and one's time taken up in poultices & a hundred other advices besides looking after a lonely but bright deaf & dumb boy. Sometimes there has been a servant, sometimes not. And yet, when I said: — We feel so much sympathy with you — she brightly answered: — I do not need sympathy. I have health. — True, but how few appreciate this precious gift! (Thurs) In vain have I scabbled & struggled. I cld. not finish this epistle. Mr. Midkiff has been very ill — diarrhea ran into bloody flux (if that is what they call it.) & he would not call a doctor. At last he sent for a homeopathist! He is a little better tho' his pretty wife is not well. This morning Fred. & Mr. Carriel started on their five or six weeks trips to Guarapuava & way-stations. While they are gone our little pipe-organ (£168) should come & our two ladies. In spite of pious considerations the congregation runs down, & all sorts of loose ends appear. This morning there came a letter from Mrs. Salley, written on the 13th, mailed on the 19th, rec'd. here 29th! When they reached Flor. they found Mrs. Landes very ill. The men of the Church had taken turns in being with him until the School Ladies came home. The Salleys, perhaps from Mr. L's illness, have lost their fine house on the shore & are (13th) still at a small hotel. Ethelwyn has tried three servants. Fred. & his elder with Mr. Carriel called on the Gov. (Since Vicente Machado's time called Pres.!!!) & were most cordially rec'd. He sent for the Secretary of Finance (save the mark) supposing perhaps that he would be *peessoa grata* a *correligionarios!* — and in walked Ernesto de Ol. Fred. said was diverting to see his sour face & his stilled & pompous manner. Mr. Carriel had called upon D. Cecilia, whom they liked but one of Ernesto's first questions was: — Do you know who I am?! — ..es quietly ansd. Mr. Carriel. The house & chacara are large. The furniture is simple with the exception of a grand piano. Ernesto preached one Sunday when Mr. Higgins had neuralgia. I shall send you a Republica with pictures & descriptions of our new State officers. Affonso Camargo is fine, & seems to be a sort of Fortunatus. Every speculation he touches, prospers. Marins Camargo his brother has the name of being at the head of a Boys' School. But he is more & more absorbed in politics. Fred. Ella & I are informed that *comendas* came for us to the Rio P.O. — but as yet friends are unable to get them out & we know not what they may be. Nothing more of the Middikiff things? — all their handsome silver etc. Fred. & Ella successfully finished her business & de graça! —

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. Mar. 7/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Dear me! It seems an age since I heard from you, what with your business arrangements with Miss Kuhl & your multitudinous affairs in your own domain. It seemed somehow as tho' the clock had stopped. I read your letter (for once) to the Mission on our Gala Night (Wed.) Mr. Midkiff grinned at the relationship discovered between Christian Science & Homeopathy. He is very weak yet but strong enough to eat such a pile of doughnuts that (for the first time) he declined biscuit for supper. He has telegraphed Mattathias about his thrice valuable goods. M. knows nothing of them. Says they are not in Bahia! I tell Mr. to write about them to him, tell what they were & that Mr. Bixler knew of them. I should suppose that being so many they would be in the Custom House.

When Effie's things came fr. S. Paulo, all beautifully marked, one box stayed on board & rode to & fro between Paranaguá & the Argentine until some agent caught the steamer in port & found said box, the music within almost falling to pieces from the rain! It was marked black, blacker, blackest, Lenington. Curityba! At last encomendas have come & pretty lace ties for Misses Kuhl, Len. & myself — damages — 6\$300 after 2 months of waiting. I wonder if it is armenazenagem. How shall we get Effie's to her! A nice P.O. man is going to tell me. (Night.) Mr. & Mrs. M. came this P.M. to concoct a letter to sr. Mattathias. Pretty much all they had in the world lay packed at the Board Rooms while they were in Germany. 3 or 4 books, china, silver, cloths, rugs, etc. His home people said the Board sent them Dec. 5th. The Board wrote on Dec. 20th that they would send them soon. There is no conhecimento anywhere. Don't know if they came by steamer or ship. The things could have been put off at Bahia for mine were once & if I had not seen them & insisted on their being put back there would have been an interminable to-do. But Mr. M. thinks they must be more careful with freight & read off the list. But then, how did Mr. Bixler see the things! What a man to go off and leave that business in the air. He should have delivered the business to some man. Yes the Ernestina you sent to Sergipe is niece to this fine Mildred Tamplin. Ernestina is married to a German in Rio Negro — a sr. Dedo & has two or three children. I see the advantage in travel & seeing what Romanism is among the uneducated — but then these men shld. have a teacher for two years instead of one — if they lose so much time. Fred. is going to send his little Dale to you next year. He is a fair, pleasing little fellow, but not a bit trustworthy — disobedient when the Father is not by. We do not think Fred. ought to leave Addie any more these months. She ought not to be worried by those obstreperous boys. See what a tremendous problem their Kenneth is! A young locomotive would be as manageable. Every time I wrote home to anybody, even strangers, I ask money for McKenzie. No letter fr. Effie, tambem, but she is normal in devouring books — two in three weeks' — then back they come & I send more. A few.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Frid. March. 15/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Really, really! your letter was full to the brim & running over with news. 170 contos, whew! A letter from Mrs. Chamberlain tells of a visit from Mr. Bixler, who says that Mr. Waddell is convalescing tho' he cannot yet (could not then) put foot to floor. She "thinks there was an abscess in his thigh too deep for lancing & that in some way became re-absorbed. In N.Y. his ? was probed, & a lot of dead flesh taken out. It now seems to be healing everything seems to be going on well" Mr. Bixler expected to sail with our Ladies so he will be in Bahia now & Mr. Midkiff can write to him. The Board employé must have had a lapsus of his wits to send Mr. M's things to Bahia. Here there has been no notice of ship or boxes. How they do mix us up in the Board Rooms! They are like the Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe who had so many children she didn't know what to do. A letter from Dr. Halsey tells of his visit to Mexico, & of his delight on the way home in reading Prescott's Conquest of Mexico that casts novels in the shade We have a nice little niece of Eduardo de Oliveira's to help sweep out our school rooms to pay for her tuition. A brother of Ernesto's is a sailor or something on the Minas Gerais. He called the other day & among other things said that nobody of family

entered the Marine Service! I inquired about João Candido, expressing red-hot indignation that the Govment. did not keep its word to pass over everything if they would surrender. He said that they did not treat João C. so badly as they did the others, but they did not intend ever to let him go. He declared that the corporal punishment was not so bad as represented & that the Naval Revolt was political & connected with Ruy Barbosa. Still, said he, on the sea the punishments must be more severe than on land, because people are so shut up. He came on the N. Carolina that bro't Nabuco's remains & declares that after five or six grave breaches of the discipline, the Am sailor is shot! I never heard of such a thing! The navel officers at Mr. Monroe's said that for an incorrigibles there was a thing like the guarida, here, only just large enough to hold the man standing, ventiled only by pepper-box holes. Two hours of that broke the stantest spirit. The man came out pallid, covered with perspiration, trembling, — utterly submissive. Our papers (Republica) tell of the South Pole discovered by a Norwegian Amundsen. And of a savage tribe of Paraguay Indians called Chamacocos who "eliminate" defective babies & senile old men but are good to old women. And of the Young Turks who a few months ago! banished 200000 dogs from Constantinople to a desert island where in fell despair & the tortures of hunger, they fought & devoured each other & their howls at sight of a passing ship were cruciantes. Can such barbarity be! Do you or Fanny know any new address of Mrs. Douglas!? I have an affectionate card mailed from Ann Arbor, & asking another letter. Is she still at her Island Home? Miss K. was most interest in your letter & wishes to be remembered. Mrs. Kyle died Feb. 5th of cancer of the liver. Jessie is married. Mr. K. goes to Bermuda for a month.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Mar. 25/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

(How I do hate this one-eye business! Did your oculist say that the good eye would go bad if the other was not stopped up? I feel like a colt when he first feels the bridle!) What time you did have to be sure — walking thro' mud & rain! I send you Effie's letter — the first for weeks. They ought to do such fine teaching, with extras, that after the newness of the Grupo Escolar wears off, pupils will begin to flow in. These public school teachers do not generally keep a high grade of teaching & with the laxity of attendance permitted in the Normal Sch. ought to be less well prepared than ours. We had such a pleasant call from Mr. Lupton. I wish you could catch him to put you up a Lupton building. He is rich & has no children & might like to leave his name in S. Paulo. We asked lots of questions about old friends, partly to tell Brownie. But we did not remember everyone. At last our Ladies have come bringing with them from Gertrude napkins, table-cloths, two books & two gold sovereigns. They are older & bigger & plumper than your little one & full of stories of student pranks. I am going ('Scuse me!) to astonish them soon by my theory that bad manners are just as bad in a student as in any other young lady, & that honor in keeping rules is just as much demanded as in observing the laws of the country. I was barely 18 when I finished School, & as jolly a girl as one could find, as free as air except for sensible College rules & my Mother's gentle authority. I never willingly broke a rule, & when by fault of my escort I was out after hours I was immensely chagrined. I never "baited" but one teacher and he was a wooden class-mate. As for throwing things about the class-room I would

no sooner have done it than would Pres. Finney. But these are charming, girlish girls, — both sing and one plays very well. They have promised "for three years." It would be quite a sell if these who have been sought to fill our places shld. at the end of that time, leave us to begin all over again! Ai, ai! Wouldn't that be a go! Mr. Carriel has rec'd a letter. fr. Sr. Carvalhosa, asking him to return & at least, help. Fred. will be here a week from today & will help advise. These young fellows do not like to move hand or foot without his approbation. The C's have not had much study since they moved into the Midkiff's house. Their fireless cooker took a long time to learn, & somehow, I fancy that their time has been more broken up than in S. Paulo. Then there have been two trips — very enjoyable — but not study. Mr. Midikiff has preached twice, well. The Baby is the most lovely creature. There have been three sad deaths since Fred. went, & his little Arthur, as usual, took the opportunity to be very ill. Mr. Landes writes Mr. M. to go & see some land offered dirt-cheap by a R.R. Co. for colonization. I think Fred has seen it. Yesterday was the birthday of Gertrude Luckens & Ernesto de Oliveira. The latter expected to be much visited & his small son told me Fred. that therefore he would not go to Church. He said that his Mother does not like Curityba. I hear that Ernesto is to devote himself to Agriculture & give up Finance. It will take a good deal of money to do much with Agric. in Paraná. So glad Job has an outing. Wish the Father had one. Love to the girls.

Mary P. Dascomb.
Anna C. Palmer.
Dorothy Martin — new Girls.

Curityba. Paraná. Frid. 29/3/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

How I wish that Miss Lottie would come out to Brazil! It is dismal for her to be alone there without her absorbing work. Maybe she will return with Dr. Job! I suppose that Fred. knows nothing of the Board Meeting. He is expected back next Mond. night with Mr. Carriel, — unless the latter is gallant enough to come home on Sat. to his wife's birthday on Sunday. Guess who called last night! Ernesto de Oliveira, — rather wider than formerly but perhaps not heavier. As usual he was very entertaining about matters connected with his post, Agriculture & Stock-raising. He is going to have a great Model Farm & (after I told of ours) ambulant scientific farmers to teach the people. He told us how to get big water-melons. Make a big hole now in the ground & fill it with estrume & cover it with hard estrume de vaca to protect from rains. I forget when you are to plant the seeds, 4 in each corner, afterwards pulling up 3. In Aug. you will have monsters. He prides himself on his fowls. Not afraid of chicken thieves, so rampant in Curityba! Put a goose with the chickens, a fox terrier near & another in the house & you may defy chicken-thieves! He's going to have Brazilian cattle — All others are apt to die. Dr. Kyle sent me several photos of Mrs. Kyle without address. I shall ask Fred. to spread them around I do not imagine that John Kolb is anywhere near Mc.Kenzie. He has studied very little in his life. Bella is very self possessed from what the girls say. They scarcely ever write of Ruth but Baby makes herself talked about by her unembar-rassed remarks. "We kept porks in Guarapuava! etc. George Len. wrote that he had heard that Mr. Waddell might come direct to Santos to attend the Meeting. If so, he will stop with you to get points, unless Alvaro empounds him at Rio. Your brick story will make the N.Y. people sorry that they didn't get a move on before.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Apr. 3/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

For weeks we have been having glorious weather — blazing sun by day (yet early & late cool air) & lovely moon by night, & occasional clouds of dust prancing about. And now, we have blissful holidays & may write or read or sleep or visit at our pleasure. Hail, Columbia, Happy Land! — only it isn't Columbia tho' we are still Columbians. We even give next Mon, also at the large German population do not think that a Sunday holiday is complete, without a Monday merry making. With all my heart I congratulate you on "Pacific" & am human enough to be glad that the Procrastinations are paying for their whistle to the tune of 68 against 44. Ha! Maybe the next time they'll get a move on sooner! Winnies' idea of Switzerland is splendid. Why should not Suzie go too? would be delightful for the two families to be together, & it is so cheap there. We are happy about the 120:000\$ — it is the half with the big building on it. — says Fred. He is anxious for you to get time to publish Mr. Simonton's other sermons. Isn't there any one "de confiança" who could attend to it? He is sure that this journey has been very profitable to Mr. Carriel as to health & heart & dealing with men at close quarters — tho' not in the study of Portuguese. I think that now it would be well for the C's to return to S.P. Mr. Midikiff preached several times while the others were away & he does very well indeed. Last Sunday night he preached on Faith & I said to him that he was almost the only man I should like to hear on that subject — he is practical & gives illustrations. Both he & Mr. Carriel have classes of boys who dote on them. Tonight after Service all the Clans gather here — hot biscuit, pumpkin pie & pé de moléque! Dorothy Martin ate no more of this last after hearing its name! We came pretty near to having two graves here yest. The new highly accomplished teacher from the north of Braz. marks recitations thro' the month as well as Exames, & to dismay her pupils still more pardoned some & not others. Such a vozeria! Ella went in, promised justice & said the lady had had no experience in our making. The grase Kitchen people.

also had a row. Our organ is stuck at Santos.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. April... 7/12,

Madame Mongruel is giving a French lesson in my Sala, so I can begin to answer your non-pareil letter. It is a glorious day, cool & bright. After short Bible lesson I told of Amundsen's trip as this morning's Outlook gave it. Ella put the sketch on the board. I insisted that the O — had it wrong side up so she indulged meoing up to get to the ... Pole, indeed! I like to read of these venturous doings, but am not fond enough of cold to do more than sit & read of the heroes. Neither should I like to prowl in hot regions among spiders, scorpions, snakes etc. But I am mortified. Here I was anxious lest Fanny should be ill, or you — not likely to fall ill — should have fallen and broken your legs. And you — just didn't remember, forsooth, whether you written at? Well, — you had't ... We will sing Pearl on the Sea (Peril) for Job next Sunday. So you saw Mrs. M——. How much money did she receive for her horrid bargain? Ugh! How could she marry the beast! Cannot you get José Rodriguez to give you a grant for building — without any conditions attached. Surely some one might get some old man with money to give what would make his name illustrious! If the son of João Francisco ...

like his precious father you are well quit of him. I am sorry for Miss Baxter. It is a good thing for women, like Apostles to go out in pairs. There is a great difference in our two. Miss Palmer is cheerful & always ready to do what Miss Kuhl suggests. I think that she will blossom into perfection. Miss Martin is full of whims & fancies, likes & dislikes — the pet of her Father the ex-missionary to Siam whom I suspect that she much resembles. I do not fancy that she will.

The Carriels expect to go to S. Paulo about the first of May.
Curityba. Paraná. Sat. Ap... .. /12.

Was it you or Rufus or the photographer who sent the splendid photographs of your splendid "netos"? Every one exclaims at their beauty. Suzie looks tired. I wish that Mr. Williams and Miss Lottie would harmonize as well as he and I do, for there w... ..ing pleas... Lo... much as to help Suzie... her little people. Is Mr. W. off with Will? I wish you would read The Winning of Barbara Worth about the reclaiming of a great Desert out West just the kind of work that Will has-only I suppose with better backing there. Last night we had a visit from Capt. & Mrs. Sheehan. Fred. was here. Talking over the loss of the... ..anic both... .. that the Cap. to blame. Fred... he urged to greater speed than he should — ambitious to make a record trip. Capt. S. said that without instruments he could tell by the feel of the air, that icebergs were near. I should have have felt perfectly safe, If I had been on so immense a steamer. Then the Captain undertook to convert Ella & me into good Catholics. As to the Confessional which... ..rist... com... ..onderful that... the... ..ne of Adam, no one has ever found a priest telling the Secrets of the Confessional. There have been bad priests & renegade priests, who tried to do all imaginable harm to the Catholic — Church — but a Secret of the Confessional has ever crept out. Do you know why? Because God Himself, after the priest's absolution blots out every remembrance of the Confession from the priest's mind!!!

The Carriels may get off Wed. Why does not Mr. Bixler write about the Midkiffs boxes! Did you see lovely Mrs. Ellis who went up to the Hospital in S. Paulo. It seems like dropsy. —, ... young wife & mother & so fair!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. May 20th/1912.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Here are you, without knowing it, sympathizing with Miss Kuhl! She is just a little better of a ferocious cold & cough. One was afraid she wd. break a blood-vessel or otherwise strain her lungs. She is sort o' careful gets up later & goes early to bed but still coughs. Yesterday was a raw day with occasional showers. I've a long letter from Effie that I will soon send you — first it goes to Addie. I should like to see the Cattle King. Does he talk Portuguese? Just now there are few here to be interesting to him. Mr. Smith, at the head of the great Lumber Business, will not be here for some days, & when he comes, poor man, it will be to hear the news of the death in Calif. of his precious old Mother Fred. is in Serro Azul. Mr. Gomm in Buenos Ayres. Mr. Ellis of the R.R. is very nice & may see him. I am afraid he will not call on Miss Y. Women. He will find a compatriot in Mr. McPherson, the Texan Circus man. If the Flo^{is} Elvira be engaged she is nevertheless a very flirtatious creature! Just now there came in a most pathetic figure — a slender dark-eyed girl of 13 in deepest mourning.

Her young Mother died some ten days ago, & there are five little children below her. An uncle & aunt have moved into the house to take care of the children, as they have none. The Father singularly enough is named Lothario & tho' a most gentle & kind husband & father he is, in sad truth a gay Lothario & has had several beatings by outraged husbands & brothers. But his wife loved him in spite of all. She suffered dreadfully before her death — cancer in the stomach. Our D. Antonietta is doing beautifully. Her sala has been a difficult one. Now the children seem like good little kittens. I was amused & rather appalled by your skeleton acct. of Mr. Higgins' achievements in S. Paulo. But you know that for years the Seminary has been a Grammar School. He has some curious defects in speech often omits the final r. But I found him a capital teacher, clear & direct — without the longminded red tape so often found. Who is Bruce Ismay?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. May 30/12.

Can I write you a letter in fifteen minutes? It is almost 10 P. M. Miss Martin remembered that it is Decoration Day at home. So we got out our flags — put a beautiful great new one over the piano where Miss Palmer sang us the old songs. Then we all gathered round the shining table in the dining-room under bright lights and near a gay pine-knot fire to do exam, papers or crochet or whatnot. Fred, is off again but will be here on Sat. night. Sometimes his talks are like dear Mr. Chamberlain at his best. Sunday night at our crowded C.E. Meeting he told us with admirable force & succinctness of the condition of modern China. Effie is certainly inconsequent. The only one to help her return was the one who dragged her out of that bad fever years ago. While my very clear letter & talks with her about a School not being the place for her is passed over. She says not a word of Church or School. What do the girls say? How does the cooking go? Does she get up every day, or has she still those bad headaches. Time's up, Mrs. Carriel says you look well

in spite of bronchitis. Ella works with ... & guayabadanice medicine that last.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. June 7/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I hope that you did not tackle immediately your *bête noir*, the great Report, but gave yourself a little *dolce far niente* in this glorious weather. How delightful is this amazing variation in daily habit! After some work in the chill of the long fog, I went, after lunch, to the sunny verandah where I looked, with gusto, thro' my last Rev. of Reviews, wh. is as enthusiastically pro-Roosevelt as you and I. Fred is greatly disgusted with the mutual recrimination of R. & Taft. But if Taft has made too many mistakes, why not say so — even if he is your rival, & some well-meaning people may misconstrue your opposition. The only thing I lament in R. is his dense ignorance about the real theory & practice of R. Catholicism. I wish that Fred. cld. have a quiet afternoon here or there with R. & tell him what he knows. It is one thing to meet a gentlemanly prelate at dinner & hear him discourse of Liberal Catholicism as friendly to Am. free institutions & quite another to know the lives & influence of the Brazan padres. I suppose that Convention which votes 561 Taft, 107 R. do not

settle the matter — that the People decide. I suppose that if R. fails, we shld. all like to see Wilson tried. The fact that he is so fine as Pres. at Princeton & Gov. of N.J. does not make it sure that he wd. be a success as Pres. of the U.S. You know that John Finney, the surgeon of Johns Hopkins; invited to be Pres. of Princeton, is my cousin? I have never seen him but his bro. Will, flow Prof. of Eng. at Lincoln Univ. Penn. is very delightful & capable. Poor Madame Flaux! I wonder if money or sentiment bro't her back. I am glad she is prospering. I hope that she will not try to live alone. Why not ask her to share Miss Baxter's cares & responsibilities? Two are better & more comfortable than one. Our Minister of Educação! Dr. Claudino dos Santos went to S. Paulo 2 or 3 days ago. He was greatly pleased with your Book for Exams.

Let the Boars give the other money too?

I wonder if he will look you up. We hope that you will get 3000:000\$ for Juquía and put up a Memorial Building. It is a beautiful idea. I should think that the children would each wish to take part. Speaking of Columbia Un. the Rev. of Reviews has a most interesting tale of a Polish family who left Russia in deep poverty. At 12 a daughter entered the Public Sch. of Boston. Afterwards to the Course of Barnard Coll; is now married to a Prof. of Columbia Un. — has written a book and is a distinguished woman. She said: — If any American doubts his wonderful Country, let him read this book see what I was & that I am now! — Fred. does not think that sr. Menezes has dyspepsia, as he had a fine appetite, at the Council at Rio. I am eager to see your account of the state of things in Brazil. We open Sch. the 5th. Queer time but Ella fears if we put it off till Mond. parents of an economical turn won't send their children till the 15th. Surely Ida & Grace will be here next Monday. Where is Rufus?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Where is Miss Baxter?

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. June 10th. 1912.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your little Calendar lives always in my pretty japanned School box, ever at hand. The coming vacation begins with us June 21st. We also open July 8th.*) We aim to begin with S. João & take in the glorious Fourth. Miss Kuhl is much afraid that we cannot make our 200 School days, because the Mission Meetings begins Nov. 14. just after we close School, but even so, better than the last one, having to teach & entertain at the same time! Do you know where I can find the holidays kept by the Pope — only those of God (Triune). I hear that even S. João, S. Pedro & S. Antonio are left out in the cold. We have desperate letters from Flor. about closing the Sch. They say that the Grupo E. is beginning to weaken — the Director says he is going away. Pupils have left him & returned to ours which now Have 39. They say they did not learn anything — (their own fault always.!) Ethelwyn wd. stay until the end of the year, supported by you & Phinoca besides 450\$ from the Mission wd. receive something from Flor. The Salleys would try for a larger house & take in Ethel. & Mr. Landes. Some Braz. family would take Phin. I suppose that Elvira wd. go back to you. But after Ethel. must go! Mrs. Salley has a friend in view. But for a long time she wd. not know enough Port. to do much. They think we are rich in teachers but our y. ladies will not be ready to take charge so soon. If Mrs. Landes would only bring

out Margaret — but Mr. L. has not yet rec'd word that his wife is coming. We are horrified at the Cut but are to receive more than last year — the Cut is on the Estimates & you & Miss Kuhl always protested against exaggerated estimates really inviting a Cut. Our people do not know how to opposition it. Part will be travelling expenses wh. will please Addie in keeping Fred. more at home. How do you do about lessons in Port. for 3 teachers? No one here knows & the y. men have not been paid. That is not fair to them. How did Miss Baxter do? We have a fire nearly all the time & with the doors open from room to room even pine knots do not make it too hot. Better be comfortable while you can! Sr. Joaquim is again their teacher. D. Elisa Mesquita does not trepidar at asking them big prices — whew! 155\$ for board & 155\$ for rooms. What a desaforo! are you flinging at Curityba "They have to learn every thing over again!" There was only about a month of the legitimate Port. man. The rest is by a great authority. How I shld. like to see the Vanordens! Wouldn't he help with improvements at Mackenzie? What are you doing about building? Is George Krug physically able to help? The Albuquerque was almost an American — & that fine fellow for whom Henrique Pereira worked was generous with his money. Surely you can find some Brazilian to undertake a building that shall bear his name! I rejoice that Fanny is so much better. My sister Annie has been having a frightful time with Grippe, but her beloved doctor has pulled her out. I am going to send you a piquant letter from my brother-in-law in Cambridge. Decidedly vivacious for a man of 74! The Kolbs were to have embarked the 5th. Poor Mr. Everett! My cousins' splendid husband, Dr. VanLennep must have had "Paralysis Agitans". — a contradiction in words! He could not feed himself. Shall we have a Revolution? Love to Fanny & Rufus. what is Miss Lottie going to do?

- *) If Sister Kuhl does not change her mind.

Curityba. Paraná. Monday. June 17/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

What complete preventive measures against fraud — unless indeed the examiners should open the little envelopes & fasten them again in order to favor some & black-ball others — There is an immense amount of favoritism here. After showing it to see all here I have sent it to our very good friend the — what do they call it — Inspector of Instruction? — Dr. Claudino dos Santos. Let us see if there will be any bettering of our conditions! We have one capital thing here — gotten up by a morally worthless man. A School for Arts & Trades for the moleques in the streets. They are kept strictly to attendance — they learn to make very well-made things for themselves & to sell — at the end of their years of attendance they are given \$600. to start in life. They have studies, games & military exercises to vary their handiwork. There is a good deal of patronage but it is right that the man should have help in such a good work. We are, however, by no means bereft of moleques, grandes e pe-queños. Our papers have weekly, almost daily, accounts of stabs & shots, quarrels & suicides. I suppose that the Cinemas are largely to blame for this state of things. It is possible that we welcome Ida & Grace nest Mond! Or they may be like our y. ladies, unable to pass the Custom House in time & stay a week or still it may be that they waited for the Clarks & Mrs. Waddell until the next steamer. Won't our house be lively with four y. lady teachers! But our Br. teachers are marrying off so fast that we need permanents. None of our Americans are likely to be permanents.

Mr. Right as Gertrude Luckens called him, should come along. Do you hear anything of y. Bagby. He ansd. the letter of a great friend of his by a card, & then — silence. I fancied that he might be called as an interpreter for Mr. Mc.K. but I am sure he wld. not work on Sunday. How hard it is to get town people here to keep Sunday profitably! Last night we had a delightful evening. How I did wish for you. A gentleman named Forbes who is out in the woods these 6 weeks in the Lumber Business, bro't his wife to spend the eve, & I had sent for Fred. to have a duo on wild experiences. There is where you wld. have come in capping them all. How is Juguá getting on? Is it yet a source of much income? What do you hear from Will. When is Winnie going to Europe? She will hate to go now that her parents are here. What of Miss Lottie? Where is Job?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Friday Night 5/7/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your letter of the 3rd. came thro' in two days — was delivered this morn. I wonder at your giving Elvira to Effie. She is enough to crack a well person — how much more Effie whose symptoms are much aggravated to have near her a person that she dislikes. I have no doubt that she is well-mean but her great eyes flashing here and there with such would be attractive power alienated my interest. Then she told Mrs. Lenington treacherous & impossible tales of dreadful scraps between Ethelwyn & Phinoca, that shocked other people! I'm afraid she's a sly cat. I wish you had twins of Ida & Grace, Miss Palmer & Miss Luckens. Miss Martin is entertaining but has quite a number of idiosyncracies like Effie. She has been bro't up with lively brothers & in the noisy, ungloried associations of Wooster, very different from dignified Oberlin. I do hope that the U.S. is waking up about R. Cath^m. It is high time! Fred is much outraged at both R. & Taft for their amicable relations with those gentry. Fancy yielding to the insistence of the Pope's envoy that as a Prince of the Church he shld. have precedence of every one but the Pres.! I used to hear Bishop Cox's lugubrious auguries at Wellesley that one day we shld. have a religious War & that so insidious were their advances that the people were like to be taken by surprise: — Constant drilling in underground places, cathedrals built in places to dominate cities, property acquired secretly in admirable places — the servant girls everywhere flattered & held by the clergy & the newspapers so cowardly. It's ashame! Mr. Speer was so good to our Kolb girls. On their arrival he gave them \$100,00 to divide among Nannie, Ida & Grace. And on their leaving he gave them \$50,00 a piece. Their relatives were most generous & the family of Gertrude Luckens capped the climax by innumerable presents. They are bright, sweet & capable girls. Today is John's birthday & they sent him a telegram. His health has been such that he has studied very little — I do not know if he had fits. I am a great admirer of Roosevelt & do not understand why so many of my friends go back on him. I do not think him conceited. He simply knows that he can do things better than most & wants to do them. But I shld. rather like to see Woodrow Wilson tried. My 70th. birthday came in a week of horrid cold, rainy, muddy weather & was followed by D. Bertha's & Miss Martin's, so we took the middle day-anniv. of Mr. Speer's arrival here, for three & a gay time it was, The next night we had a musical eve, with our talented neighbors over to help & the 3rd. day after Service, the usual supper, reading &

singing. Next the Glorious Fourth, lots of flags, patriotic & other songs & some fireworks, & tonight our y. people have gone over to Mr. Midkiff's for a C.E. Social (picnic).

D. Antonietta is always nice. Love to Fanny

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. July 29/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Hurrah for your birthday! We are all getting on! I do not think that my life ever seemed fuller or more enjoyable. We are certainly a privileged and happy family. Ella Kuhl, Ida & Grace Misses Palmer & Martin, & about 16 girls of every size & quality. — besides the many day — teachers and pupils — all working with animation & pleasure. Every Sunday evening after supper, they — the four girls — sing together round the fire, so safely, so sweetly — it is the very ideal of Sunday night. Today a Mr. McCague presented himself. Has been two years in Equador where he found missionaries who lived on \$10. a month! He came thro' the Straits. He is to join the big Lumber Co. It is refreshing to find a wandering American with a cordial interest in religious matters. Do you know what dear Miss Lottie is to do when she gives up her house — this month, isn't it? How long will Job and Margaret stay? What will the Texan do for a home when Job comes to claim his own? Who has charge of the new building? If you do not have time to answer all this speirin? — don't — but receive the hearty congratulations on your great & prosperous work of.

Mary P. Dascomb.

When they were come out of the Synagogue, they came into the house.

It meant little to the perplexed and burdened folk of that busy town, that at the burnings of the streets and from the open spaces they could catch a glimpse of the House of Helps upon the hill. Had they but known it, those sad eyed folk, those sheep without a Shepherd, there passed thro' their streets that day from the House of Prayer to the house of pain, One whose presence in the world meant that never again should religion and daily life stand unrelated or drift apart. He came to make them one to weave all that is richest in the one into all that is neediest in the other; to make the Synagogue a sacrament of help, and the cottage a place of peace-and both part of the great presence chamber of God's eternal mercy.

Percy C. Ainsworth.

Curityba. Paraná. Frid. Night, 9/8/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

You are younger than I am. I am as lively as a cricket with company at home, but I hardly ever go out except to Church — and I often wish I was like Anna to live in the Temple — whatever that may mean. This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Endeavor Societies — & fortunately, all but the Wed. meetings are in our Sala Grande. One night I came near disgracing my Church, my Country & my white hair. Miss Martin gay & rollicking is not over fond of Prayer — Meetings tho' she has a very strong penchant for hymns, will sing them by the hour & like Mr. Blackford

does not mind 6 or 8 verses in a hymn at Church. She says she was getting drowsy last Tues. night when after the last prayer, the handsome young leader rose & she, rashly concluding that the end was at hand, promptly rose also — Stood a moment in dumb amaze & as promptly sat down when she heard him giving out the subjects for the next time. I could hardly bear it! I came near giving one of those hideous bursts with which I disgraced my childhood, & offended taste of my fastidious Father. It was too, too funny! It returns often to me at the most unopportune times. Mrs. Emerson called to see our young ladies the other day in a handsome tailor made suit. She has been visiting the Mc. Intyres in S. Paulo. She says that when she last saw George Crug. K.? he walked on two crutches (muletas — little mules as Mr. Thompson opined!) but now he can spring into the air & knock his feet together. He attributes it to a happy conjuncture of efforts & times. He had been dieting about two years & then tried Salutoy (Salutol?) & Richard is himself again. But his Mother is quite crippled by rheumatism still — Vat you thinks? — The girls rec'd a package today but the plum-cake did not come. Did the Board or the Customs eat it up? Do you & Rufus read this book of Crackett's, Anne of the Barricades — So glad Fanny is better.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Mrs. Withers & Alice sail Aug. 16 bringing a big baby boy!

The Midkiff things came today — all right — Won't the Board have a big bill to pay! They must have an incapable down stairs!

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Aug. 28/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

What a superb letter! I see that my ancient sea-romances are not a guide in modern contingencies. But you said one objectionable thing — that maybe the damsel was hunting a husband. I don't think that American-girls do that. They marry in haste but do not plan for it. The story is burning a hole in my tongue. Fred. has gone off for a preaching tour of two or three weeks. I have only seen Addie once since small Sidney Houston came & that was at Church last Sunday night. Our first Eng. Service was at 4 P.M. Perhaps 40 there. The text was fine. "Lo! God was in this place and I knew it not. Do you know if the Da Gamas are in Los Angeles? I have just sent a letter to Lily at Jacksonville. I am writing in the School-room while Mme. Mongruel has her written exam. of French and Astronomy (in French.) The falling off in Botucatú may be owing to weather, illness etc. We have an extraordinary number of absences, & one beautiful girl was this week at death's door. How crime is increasing! Our very admirable School of Apprentices, organized to occupy the moleques, does as we do, sheds its worst material, leaving it to break windows, create rows, and, as happened the other night, kill a man by stoning — a stone hit his temple. The Guarda Civil is nice to look at but timid — I suppose for the very good reason that the worst moleques often come from rich families & messieurs of the G.C. would get into hot water if they should meddle with these haughty youth. One of our ex-pupils, now married, told me a wonderful rheumatism cure the other day. Her hands were all curled up with it her feet wouldn't go, it was beginning to affect her swallowing when her polvo brought her Urunol which had cured his Father. It cured her in three days & she never more suffered from rheumatism! — Vat you tinks? — Is it because she is young? Or is every case of rheumatism different from every other because the constitution

is different? The doctors do such wonders in surgery, why don't they tackle these old customers, rheumatism & neuralgia, & not leave them for the quacks to cure? I had a beautiful long letter from Dr. Speer, congratulating me on my 70th. birthday, encouraging me to try for 32 years more as Mr. Rankin is 102! Did you ever! He has been reading one Boehme a fanciful old Mystic. My one beloved Mystic is Madame Guyon. She may have had queernesses but I like her scheme of life. Her young husband was neglectful & unfaithful, her mother-in-law was as horrid as they make 'em, but this charming young woman would listen to her abusive tirades with the most placid countenance. Fancy how furious it must have made the old harridan to be unable to worry her pretty daughter-in-law! And when the most Catholic Government separated her from her baby she felt herself entirely in the hands of God, — as it were — a nest. God was taking care of them all! Have you seen that the States are waking up about Romanists — a Society called The Guardians of Liberty growing very fast!? Have you seen in the July numbers of the Christian Herald articles on Jerusalem, Washington, Rome? Good! I have written Mr. Speer that we must have Miss Mc. Pherson.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Sunday. Sept. 29th./12.

Your letter came this morning. Dear, dear Dr. Lane, do not lose courage. "Death cannot long divide. For is it not as tho' the rose that climbed my garden wall Had blossomed on the other side? Death doth hide,

But not divide;

Thou art but on Christ's other side! Thou art with Christ and Christ with me; In Christ united still are we."

We weep with you, for you — but not for Fanny, in the Home of the Blessed God bless you!

Mary P. Dascomb.

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Do you remember that when King David shut himself up & mourned for Absalon that rude Joab urged him to come out & speak comfortably to his servants? And David & the hearts of the people went out to him as one man? Look at loving Margaret & devoted Rufus & the rest.

Curityba. Paraná. Thursday Oct. 3rd. 1912.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I shall be so glad to have a newer photograph of Fanny, tho' I have an admirable one taken years ago. As you say I have not seen her lately, but I have heard much of her fascination, of her gentle and gracious manners. I have no doubt that her position at the hear of your household, as the apple-of-the-eye her doting Father, as the Aunt of so many eager nephews and nieces did a great deal to ripen her girlish character, and made her, as you fondly say — "so like her Mother" — her beautiful Mother, so graceful, so tranquil, so eminently capable. I smiled a little as you were sorry to have Fanny miss her trip to Europe! How beyond all wonder, all delight is her present trip, we shall one day know. Did you ever read Bickersteth's "Yesterday, Today and Forever". He (the author) imagines that his soul is free from his body. He feels so free, so joyous. A

radiant Angel waits to guide his flight thro' the wonders of the Universe to the glorious Heaven beyond. He looks back a moment. He sees wife & children kneeling weeping around the bed where lies his deserted body. He feels a shock. "Do they not know that I am free that my blissful soul goes to wait for them in God's Home of the Blessed!"

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curitiba. Paraná. Sunday, Oct. 6/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your prized letter & Circular came this morning. You are not sure that the trip to Europe would have done her good. It might have that she would have passed away there, alone. How good to have her at home & do for her all that affection & skill could suggest. Fanny must have had Hymns Ancient and Modern used in the English Church. The 27th is Abide with me, & the 288th is A few more years shall roll. There are many beautiful hymns in that Collection. I wish that you could be here every Sunday night between 9 & 10. Ella & I sit by the table with our books & our four Am. Girls draw near the fire & softly sing hymns. It is most soothing & delightful. We at last have authority from Rio that our organ is exempt from all direitos de importação owing to Mrs. Gomm & others & it will probably be here before our stairs to its gallery behind the pulpít are ready. Praise God! There is the bell for 5,30 singing — our parlorfull. Love to Margaret & Suzie.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curitiba. Paraná. Wed. Oct. 9th 1912.

Dear Dr. Lane,

The photographs have just come. They are admirable. Fanny has a slight air of languor. As you say, she is strikingly like her fair Mother. What a bewitching little sylph that of Suzie's. I greatly prize the little groups that I have of Suzie's little ones. What a good idea to borrow two of them to be with you and Margaret! Sr. Lourenço de Souza wrote to Correia De Freitas about our organ and he answered politely sending a Copy of the Minister's orders to the Santos Custom-House, to exempt from the Direitos de Importação said organ in deference to the appeal of Sra. Gomm and others! He was a long time doing it! Isabel has had some word of our paying 1:500\$, Will it be armenazagem? They have wilfully kept the organ — just to make us pay? This morning Madame Mongruel gave to our Aulas Secundarias a spirited demonstration, of an Eclipse. But from our grouchy weather today it would seem probable that the Eclipse may be eclipsed! Think of the many astronomers (some of them not yet thirty) who may thus have their long journey for nothing & astronomically speaking! I should think that the greater part of the observations on high Observatories would be in vain because of clouds and fog or snow. I have written Miss Baxter to know if my Néné Cruz may board with her and study Eng. until a family is found going to N.Y. And I have written Chiquita Clark to find one from Rio. How many disappointments we have had! Mrs. Cruz's brother-in-law can take her to S. Paulo these days. Miss Baxter says Yes. Many, many thanks for the photos.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curiyba. Paraná. Thurs. Oct. 17/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Thanks for news of the Vestris. I am making a great effort to get nice Mrs. Cruz off on that. Tho' the words: "fine new steamer" make one think of the Titanic. I was perfectly sure that nothing could happen to that monstrous steamer with all the modern improvements. Do you know if the Capt. & other officers are new to this route or have been taken from an old ship on the line. I have at last a letter from Mrs. Carriel. She has great saudades for Fanny, her first & best friend. She once said here that she loved you almost as well as her own Father. She casually remarks: — I suppose that you have heard of my sister's marriage. She is very happy even in miserable Vicoria. Mr. Miller has a position of responsibility. — Do Arbuckle Bros. deal with anything but coffee? There is here now a young Mr. Howe, in the employ of the Am. Machine Co. — He is tall, of fres color & most magnificent shoulders. He goes soon to Rio Grande. The Tuckers like him very much. Last night the British Minister was to arrive. He is said to be a brother of Rider Haggard, whose stories do not greatly please me. Wasn't it to meet this Sir William Haggard that you & Fanny went to a Tompkins Reception? Fred. met on the train a Mr. Nunes & our acquaintance Ewald Kruger, a truly self-made man. They are both eminently capable in R.R. matters & are both to take hold of our mis-managed R.R. business. Every time we have a heavy rain I expected ralling if not real accidents. We expect Miss Mc. Pherson & Miss Kate Kuhl to start for Brazil on Dec. 20th. I understand that Mrs. Carriel's Mother (... ..tiful woman) & brother start at the same time but to come by the west coast. So they will be a long time in reaching S. Paulo. How dreadful this attempt to kill Roosevelt! I am very sorry that the police interfered to prevent the would-be assassin from being torn to bits! It would do more to prevent such attempts on the life of public men than long imprisonment with possible electricity at the end. Tonight's paper says that Roosevelt is abatidissimo & ... the doctors are giving him anti-tetanus medicine. I shld. be afraid that the golfada of blood from his mouth during his Chicago speech indicated trouble in heart or lungs. I do not wonder that you & Margaret started off for company that rainy sunday. I never fancied even wedded bliss a duo. Three or four with the beloved one present would be more enjoyable to me! To be happy in our work will add to the happiness of the beloved ones beyond the veil.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Sunday. Oct. 20th/12.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your welcome letter came this morn, & soon after the long-desired telegram from Mr. Carriel. Family Vestris, Send 540\$, I sent it immediately to Mrs Néné Cruz who, more than delighted sent me the 540\$, & later came to talk over going. She hopes to go Tues. by the Sirio. The doubt is the brother-in-law who would go has no leave beyond today. Maybe her y. brother will go. It is possible that she go by rail. Who is she? A niece of Vicencia Dursky's to whom she goes in Brooklyn — no, N.Y. 303 W. 120th St. N.Y. to stay 2 or 3 years. She does not look like V. I admire her very much. I hope that the family is nice & speaks both Eng. & Port. That Santos C.H. is a huge fraud. Aren't you mistaken in saying that it is not

subject to Government. The Minister at Rio expected an order in June or July to let it thro' free of direitos de importação & they keep it forcibly till now & ask \$600 odd — for storage. Wretches! How beautiful about the Hymns: I wish you cld. hear the girls' soft singing of the beautiful words at night.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Eschola Americana

Curityba.

Privadissima!

D. Eugenia appeared here suddenly — to stay weeks or a month! — until her newly married friend Isabel W—— G—— come back from the Argentine — when Eugenia proposes to stay with her 3 months!!! It is quite possible that Isabel had to invite her & will have to stand by her invitation — but no one who knows Mr. Gomm one little best — a manly not to stay pessimistic man, — can doubt that such an infliction would be most odious to him & might possibly make a breach. I said once to Eug. — They expect to go to Eng. soon after coming back fr. the Arg. — but she trusts in her 3 months' arrangement! Can you help? Can you send an urgent call for her to teach? Can you even tie the bell on the cat's tail & tell her it is not etiquette to intrude on young married people during the first year. Eugenia hinted that Isabel wld. have asked her to go with them to the Arg. if — if! —

Isabel is weak toward friends & sure to insist if any one advised her against it. Fancy a reserved man seeing the sort of love-making that provoked even Fred. Lenington! Help!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Our imprudent youth have quit firing & the anti-clericaes are tackling the padre à unha!
Do you remember an Alvaro Cardozo who studied at Mackenzie?

Extracts from the Biography of that most Pious Delightful
Man — Norman Mcleod.

In answer to a letter reminding him of a promise to preach a sermon for the Soc. Prev. Cruelty to Anims.

I bessech you to have mercy on me as animal & get some other brute, equally willing & more able than I am to preach your sermon. I have seven sermons to preach for collections in other churches before Jan. — besides tons of other work on my back. I ask mercy with the donkey, dog or carter's horse. My burthen is heavier than I can bear. Let the deputy chair-man spare his lash. I have no power to bite or kick, I can only groan. I'll feed the next starved dog handsomely, shelter for a week the first wandering cat I meet, even put my shoulder to the next over-loaded cart of coal or iron I see. I'll do any deed of mercy that I am fit for, if you spare my back while editor of Good Words. In the name of every hard-used brute, lay or clerical, animal or spiritual I crave your mercy.
Yours in trouble.

To Strahan, his publisher.

Monastery of the Gt. St. Bernard. Ere I bid farewell to the world. I wish to bid farewell to thee. I have resolved to join the Brothers of St. Bernard. All is arranged. I find that they never heard of Presbiterianism

Free, or U.P. Kirk; know nothing of Dr. — or Dr. — & have kept up service here, helping the poor & needy, for 800 years. I find I can live here for nothing, never preach, but only chant Latin prayers; that they never attend public meetings, never go to Exeter Hall nor to a Gen. Assembly, but attend to the big dogs & the travellers of all nations. In short, it is the very craved place for me, & I have admission & hope to be received tonight. I shall be known henceforth as Trater Flamingus. (I think I owe it to the Captain to adopt his name.) My wife goes to a nunnery: I leave my children to your care — 3 1/2 to you & 2 1/2 to Isbister. Farewell, best of men & of publishers! Farewell Isbister, best of men & of smokers! Farewell, Good Words! Farewell the world & all its vanities! I was interrupted at this point by a procession of monks who came to strip me of my worldly garments, & to prescribe the vows. Before changing garments, I inquired about the vows. Judge of my amazement in finding I must renounce cigars forever—!

I pause — P.S. 2 A.M. — The monks won't give in. The weather is fearfully cold. No fires in the cells. The dogs are mangy. 3 A.M. I am half-dead with cold. I shan't lie in the morgue. I repent! 6 A.M. Off for London! Hurrah! Hurrah!

To Mrs. Macleod. (during her absence with the family in the country.) The Study. Why do you leave me here to be devoured with rats & grief? The house is horrible. I am afraid of ghosts. The doors creak in a way that indicates a clear connexion with the unseen world. There are noises too. How slow must Hades be if spirits find Woodland Terrace at this season more exciting! How idle they must be if to frighten a parson in their most urgent work! And yet, on my honor, I believe there is one going at this moment up the stairs. — — —

In summer the College is dead, the professors fled — no one but waiters or sea-gulls know whiter. For aught I know, the books are off too, to wash their bindings, or to purge themselves of their errors. The very porters have vanished, or locked themselves up. I believe the animals in the museum are gone to their native haunts. The clock is stopped. The spiders have grown to a fear-ful size in the class-rooms. Hebrew roots have developed into trees divinity has perished. Who knows your friend in that desert? I went to inquire about him, & fled in terror from the grave of the dead sciences.

Fred comes on the 10th. First, alone.