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

(1886 — 1907)



## INTRODUÇÃO

As cartas de Miss Mary Parker Dascomb escritas ao Dr. Horace Manley Lane representam pequena parte de material documentário inédito acêrca da história brasileira e do pensamento norte-americano, que Miss Dascomb deixou à posteridade. Durante cinquenta anos, de 1866 a 1917, como missionária e educadora (1) no Brasil ela escreveu volumes de diários (apenas quatro passaram pelas mãos deste pesquisador) e milhares de cartas a muitas pessoas estabelecidas em diferentes partes do mundo. As cartas apresentadas aqui são provàvelmente, na sua maior parte ao primeiro diretor do Mackenzie College e da Escola de São Paulo (2), o Dr. Horace Manley Lane, seu "Capitão no Exército de Deus".

Não cabe aqui elogiar nem a ela nem a seus escritos, mas sim apresentar suas cartas com um simples comentário, para que outros pesquisadores estudiosos nas disciplinas de ciências sociais interessados naquela época possam tirar do material apresentado informações atinentes aos seus estudos. Mas é difícil manter completamente a "objetividade" diante de uma protagonista como Mary P. Dascomb. Foi Horace M. Lane que declarou que "a história da educação protestante no Brasil não pode ser escrita sem inscrever o nome (dela e o de Miss Elmira Kuhl) dentro de cada página" (3). Mas o tempo não justificou essa declaração. São poucas as páginas dedicadas a Mary Dascomb e a sua fiel companheira.

Embora sempre se identificasse com missionários ela era antes de tudo educadora. Profundamente interessado na filosofia, leu muitos livros sôbre quase todos os assuntos e escrevia constantemente em seus diários e cartas tudo que acontecia e seus pensamentos sôbre êsses acontecimentos.

E o fragmento de história brasileira de que trata aqui começa, portanto, na América do Norte. Logo depois que a Guerra Civil terminou, uns dois mil imigrantes norte americanos vieram para o Brasil — na maioria sulistas (do sul dos Estados Unidos).

Perdendo seus escravos ou os meios de vida que a escravidão proporcionava, procuraram novamente estabelecer-se num país onde ainda existia êsse regime preferido por êles, embora uns dos chefes já tivesse reconhecido que a escravidão no Brasil es-

tava também prestes a chegar ao fim. Alguns nortistas (do Norte dos Estados Unidos e em geral anti-escravagistas) também para cá vieram, bem como cidadãos norte-americanos naturalizados. Estes imigrantes, não constituíam, por conseguinte, uma comunidade homogênea. Em Paranaguá foi estabelecida uma "colônia" cujos membros na sua maioria, provinham dos estados de Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska e Texas. Em Juquiá, dos estados de Louisiana, Alabama, Carolina do Sul e Texas (chefiado por um Reverendo sulista que morreu no norte dos Estados Unidos). Em Santadém, Pará — dos estados do sul em geral (chefiado por um flibusteiro que se dedicou à causa do sul embora nascido no norte dos Estados Unidos). Em Sta. Bárbara — dos estados de Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana e Texas. Além disso, alguns imigrantes se fixaram no Espírito Santo, na Bahia e no Rio de Janeiro (4).

Embora não sendo um grupo homogêneo, isto não facilitou sua aculturação e assimilação no Brasil. Ao contrário, como defesa cultural — tentando manter a cultura, a língua e a religião que traziam, os primeiros imigrantes utilizaram seus próprios professores para ensinar nas *Little Red School Houses* de acordo com os métodos usados na "velha pátria". Também se fundaram aqui as *Mission School* (escolas protestantes missionárias), segundo o modelo tanto das do norte dos Estados Unidos (New York Board), como das do sul (Nashville Committee). Preciando de instituições de educação superior, criaram as "Escolas Americanas" e fundaram escolas agrícolas, algumas das quais se tornaram depois estaduais, tendo-se mantido seus métodos de ensino mais ou menos intactos.

O exemplo mais significativo neste sentido seria o desenvolvimento do Mackenzie College. Há uns 80 anos atrás, Mrs. Chamberlain, a esposa do Reverendo George W. Chamberlain, fundou a Escola Americana de São Paulo — uma escolinha primária da missão presbiteriana. Cartoze anos depois o Dr. Horace Manley Lane recebeu um convite do Reverendo Chamberlain para dirigir esta escola e, mais tarde, o Mackenzie College. Num relatório de 1902, o Dr. Lane conta como a escolinha se transformou numa escola graduada, intermediária e secundária, acrescentando-lhe dez anos depois um ginásio e um colégio universitário, com cursos clássicos, científicos e de engenharia civil. Também foi introduzido o Jardim de Infância, e pôs-se ênfase no treino manual, na co-educação em todos os departamentos, na ginástica, nos esportes. A dotou-se o regime de internato e publicaram-se vários livros de texto, segundo o método norte-americano. Naquele ano tinha já 45 professores e mais de 600 alunos de uma dúzia de diferentes nacionalidades, predominando brasileiros de

quase todos os estados do país, isso porque a instituição defendia o princípio de que “a instrução é um direito do indivíduo e é nossa obrigação garanti-la ao indivíduo independente dos incidentes de côr, sexo ou condição social” (5).

E foi o próprio Dr. Lane quem reconheceu o valor de duas *schools “marms”* neste sistema educacional inaugurado no Brasil — Miss Mary P. Dascomb e Miss Ella Kuhl, duas educadoras que talvez exemplifiquem, melhor do que ninguém, a vida da *school “marm”* no Brasil.

Mary P. Dascomb, filha de missionários e educadores, nasceu em 1842 em Providence, Rhode Island (E.E.U.U.). Passou a infância e a adolescência na cidade de Oberlin (Ohio), terminando seus cursos universitários no Oberlin College, em 1860. Lecionou em Joliet Illinois, em Elyria e Canton, Ohio e depois foi convidada para vir para o Rio de Janeiro como professora da família do consul norte-americano. Permaneceu no Rio de Janeiro, como professora, dois anos e meio, regressando aos Estados Unidos, onde se demorou um ano.

Em 1869 voltou ao Brail, como parte da força missionária da igreja presbiteriana, a convite do Reverendo A. G. Simonton. A doença de seus pais levou-a mais uma vez para casa, onde se demorou quatro anos, lecionando na Wellesley. Quando seus pais morreram, voltou novamente ao Brasil. E quando o Reverendo J. F. Dagama chegou a Brotas, no Estado de São Paulo, (a 3.<sup>a</sup> igreja presbiteriana fundada no Brasil) em 1872 para ocupar o lugar do Reverendo R. Lenington, Miss Dascomb, moça de trinta anos, já estava dirigindo a *Mission School*. Também prestou serviços em São Paulo, Botucatu, Rio Claro e no Rio de Janeiro.

Ella Kuhl nasceu na cidadezinha de Cooper Hill, perto de Flemington, Hunterton County, New Jersey, em 1842. Lecionou aí, na escola do distrito e com dezesseis anos entrou no *Presbyterian Institute* de Peekskill, Nova York, onde ficou durante ano e meio, passando-se em seguida para o *Women's College*, de Bordentown, New Jersey, pelo qual se diplomou. Depois fez mais um ano na escola de Ringoes. Em 1865 foi nomeada professora da escola pública de Cooper Hill e em 1870 fundou uma escola particular na casa de seu pai. Colaborou com o pai na administração de seus negócios, daí provindo os conhecimentos que tanto a ajudaram mais tarde, no Brasil, na administração das escolas.

Lecionou pela primeira vez no Brasil em Rio Claro e em 1877 veio em companhia de Miss Dascomb, para a capital de São Paulo, onde lecionou na Escola Americana. Por algum tempo lecionaram juntas em Botucatu e em 1892 foram mandadas a Curitiba, onde as duas, finalmente, se radicaram. A Escola Americana de Curitiba, fundada e dirigida por elas, logo se tornou auto-suficien-

te. Que dupla formidável: a imaginação de Mary Dascomb, aliada à capacidade de administração de Ella Kuhl!

Em 1898, com cinco professores especializados, ministraram cursos de português, inglês, francês, alemão, aritmética, história, geografia, leitura, ginástica e esportes. As queixas de Mary Dascomb sempre focalizavam um fato: as professoras brasileiras casavam-se cedo demais e as americanas também estavam começando a seguir o mesmo padrão, abandonando a escola e privando-a de sua equipe de mestras!

Assim como Mrs. Van Orden chegou a ser conhecida como a “santa de São Paulo”, Ella Kuhl tornou-se conhecida como a “santa de Curitiba”. Criou três crianças, cuidava do pessoal da cozinha, das finanças, de estudantes especiais de inglês, trabalho missionário e ministrava lições a crianças surdas e mudas (6).

Mas seria impossível virar as páginas daquela história a que o Dr. Lane insiste em vincular os nomes de Mary Dascomb e Ella Kuhl, sem escrever o nome dele também dentro de cada página.

Ele era para elas, o “Capitão do Exército de Deus”.

“O senhor é como um cavalo de ferro — alusão aos cavalos do carro do Faraó que trabalhavam melhor sob a tensão de dificuldades”, escrevia em 1909 a professora Mary P. Dascomb ao Dr. Horace Lane (7). Estive lendo um pouco sobre a vida do Stewart hoje pela manhã. A variedade de suas atividades nos surpreende. Reverendo, Missionário, Médico, Educador, Mestre construtor, Líder dos nativos, Fazendeiro, Capitão de Indústria, Coletor de dinheiro, Diplomata, a providência diária de centenas de nativos, Governador dum pequeno reino — e o que vinha a êle diariamente — o cuidado de todos os assuntos — tantos trabalhos e tão grandes os assuntos — que uma lista simples deixaria o leitor cansado. Viver com êle é servir... na frase de um soldado. E êle voava ao seu trabalho e o fazia com prazer, como Mercurio, o mensageiro celestial, com asas nos pés. Seu trabalho quebraria as costas de um homem comum. Energia sem descanso como a dele seria possível só a um homem com grande capacidade para assuntos de Estado e que estivesse vivendo a vida para a qual êle foi formado e encaixado dentro de seu trabalho como a rótula cabe no seu encaixe. Durante todo êsse tempo em que lemos o livro Stewart, nós pensamos e falamos do Dr. Lane”.

Era mesmo, o Dr. Horace Manley Lane, o Educador, Médico, Fazendeiro, Negociante, o “Capitão do Exército de Deus” (8).

Ao contrário do que diz em certas notícias (9), êle não era sulista (dosEEUU) e do estado de Louisiana. Horace Manley Lane nasceu no estado de Maine, na cidade de Readfield, em 29 de julho de 1837, e cresceu no estado de Massachusetts. A famí-

lia era de militares de ambos os lados. Horace foi o segundo, dos sete filhos do matrimônio de Rufus King Lane e Lecta Davis e tinha mais seis irmãos, resultado da primeira união de Rufus King Lane e Ann Vance que morreu em 1828 (10).

Também segundo várias notícias Horace Manley Lane teria vindo para o Brasil pela primeira vez em 1855, em 1857, 1866, 1888; as datas variam (11). Mas segundo seu próprio diário, começado em 10 de novembro de 1856 em Worcester Mass (12), êle embarcou em 21 de novembro de 1858 (13) em Baltimore, Maryland para o Brasil, no navio "Fairly Queen", pilotado pelo Capitão Lopes.

No Brasil ensinou em várias escolas do govêrno (14) e particulares, dentre as quais o colégio João Kopke no Rio, e o Colégio da Glória e dos Beneditinos em São Paulo. Em 1862 regressou aos Estados Unidos e no ano seguinte em Worcester, Massachusetts, casou-se com Ellen Marie Williams, de Worcester (15), retornando ao Brasil, no mesmo ano. Ocupou-se como negociante especializando-se em ferramentas agrícolas (arados, etc) e sementes. Viajava muito dentro e fora do país e em 1870 visitou a Europa. Em 1872 entrou no Curso de Medicina na Universidade de Missouri, nos EE.UU., onde se diplomou em 1878, com 22 anos de idade.

No ano seguinte Ellen, a mãe de seus cinco filhos morreu. Foi um choque do qual o Dr. Lane nunca se recuperou. Na Bíblia da família escreveu: "Ellen Marie Lane, a esposa carinhosa e fiel, a mãe dedicada e bondosa, faleceu a uma hora da madrugada no quarto dia de janeiro de 1879 na sua casa em Spring River, Twin Grove Township, Missouri (Jasper Co.) e foi enterrada no "Mound" em Kansas, perto de Smithfield, no domingo, a 5 de janeiro de 1879. Durante todo o sofrimento, ela manteve uma fé firme no amor de seu Redentor e uma confiança absoluta nas Suas promessas. Suas últimas horas foram marcadas pela mesma resolução e fôrça de alma cristã que a ornou a vida tôda" (16).

Por uns anos mais, dedicou-se à sua profissão de médico. Além de sua clínica, foi Presidente do Jasper Country Medical Society, Secretário do Southwest Medical Society, membro da junta de Higiene de Jasper Country, Missouri, membro da *Comisión of Collective Investigation of Disease of the Medical Association of the State of Missouri*, vice-presidente dessa associação, sócio permanente da *American Medical Society*, membro honorário do Kansas State Medical Society e redator-chefe do periódico de higiene popular *Health at Home* (17).

Foi nesta época que as primeiras levas de imigrantes norte-americanos vieram para o Brasil. A maior parte deles localiza-

ram-se no Estado de São Paulo. Os que foram chefiados pelo Dr. Gaston, Reverendo Dunn e Coronel Mc Mullen procuraram as terras de Juquiá, no litoral sul, e os que seguiram o Dr. Norris, Sta. Bárbara d'Oeste, na parte central do Estado. Os novos métodos das pequenas escolas missionárias que se seguiram foram logo reconhecidos como eficientes e muitos brasileiros começaram a frequentá-las.

A Escola Americana em São Paulo, por causa de seu sucesso, precisava de um Diretor e quando Dr. Lane mais uma vez apareceu no Brasil foi convidado a assumir essa responsabilidade.

Existia desde 1861 uma declaração do filântropo norte-americano, o advogado Mr. John T. Mackenzie, de doar \$50.000,00 para a fundação de um Colégio universitário (college). Um pouco antes de morrer, em 1862 entregou ao Sr. William Dulles Jr. dinheiro e ações no valor de \$42.000,00 dólares. Caiu um pouco o valor das ações, mas o câmbio sendo favorável deu para construir o prédio de acôrdo com as instruções do Sr. Mackenzie (18).

O terreno para o prédio foi doado pelo Reverendo Chamberlain e já antes do fim do século valia \$50.000,00 dollars.

Um anexo foi adquirido com a contribuição de \$2.550,00 feita pelo Coronel J. J. Mc Cook, de Nova York, e se acrescentou ainda um lote de terreno, comprado com dinheiro dado por vários simpatizantes.

Os gastos gerais no princípio foram pagos pelo *Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions* e depois pela doação anual de \$2.500,00, feita por um período de 5 anos, pelo Dr. H. M. Flagler, Esq. de Nova York. Havia outros contribuintes, entre êles o Sr. Morris K. Jesup, Esq. também de Nova York.

Em 1894 o Dr. Lane foi convidado a dirigir o Mackenzie College.

O Dr. Benjamim H. Hunnicutt, um dos diretores mais recentes do Mackenzie, declarou que "possivelmente nenhuma influência era maior que aquela Escola Americana (a escola primária e o Mackenzie College) em São Paulo, sob a direção hábil do Dr. Horace Manley Lane. Em vista do notável sucesso de seus métodos, o govêrno do Estado pediu-lhe que trouxesse alguns professores dos Estados Unidos. Um pequeno grupo, sob a liderança de Miss Marcia Browne, veio e organizou a primeira escola moderna na pequena cidade de São Paulo (19).

O Dr. Lane encontrou muitas dificuldades no seu caminho. Não era ligado com nenhum presbitério ao aceitar o cargo de diretor (20), e entrou em choque com certos missionários que não concordaram com sua posição liberal.

Era maçon numa época em que a Maçonaria era fortemente combatida. Abolicionista e republicano, quando o Brasil era es-



cragagista e império. Mas enfrentou tudo com decisão inquebrantável.

“Durante 19 anos de sua existência esta Escola tem sido, repetidas vezes, acusada de ser um foco de democracia: NUNCA O NEGAMOS” — declarou êle públicamente, em 1889. “Temos nos esforçado sempre por incutir nos ânimos dos alunos certa independência de caráter e sentimentos mais largos de liberdade moral, intelectual e política, liberdade cujo corolário é uma *responsabilidade* correspondente: portanto, julgamo-nos dispensados de dar uma expressão mais formal de nossa adesão cordial à nova ordem de coisas.

Viva a República Brasileira!” (21).

Também a integridade e a capacidade do Dr. Lane ficou conhecida nos Estados Unidos e no Brasil em outros ramos de atividade. Por isso foi procurado para resolver o caso da enorme Fazenda Poço Grande — área de colonização dos imigrantes norte-americanos em Juquiá. Era uma questão jurídica entre várias famílias, e por fim a propriedade foi entregue pelo Dr. Lane à viuva do Reverendo Dunn. Tempos depois, tendo sua residência em Nova York e nenhum contacto com o Brasil, a viúva Dunn vendeu a Fazenda Poço Grande ao Dr. Lane, êste colocou nela como administrador o ministro Willis Banks, que tentou manter o espírito missionário já vigorante em Juquiá.

A multiplicidade de ação e a freqüência de conflitos que nessa época tumultuosa pesaram nas costas do Dr. Lane não alquebraram seu espírito: ao contrário, levaram-no mais a aceitar a luta. Mas o que pesou muito e talvez tenha roubado um pouco de suas forças foi sua sensibilidade tão forte como sua capacidade de trabalho. Amou muito a Ellen e ficou viuvo cedo, amou a seus filhos e viu-os morrer antes dêle. “Mantenha sua coragem”, escreveu Mary Dascomb da Escola Americana em Curitiba (22). E no dia 29 de setembro de 1912, quando morreu Fanny, a filha se dedicou atenciosamente ao Dr. Lane. Mary Dascomb mais uma vez escreveu: “Sua carta chegou... não perca a coragem”.

E no dia 28 de outubro de 1912, aos 75 anos, o Dr. Lane faleceu.

Milhares de pessoas ainda se lembram dos necrológios nos jornais; do entêrro muito concorrido que saiu da rua Consolação para o Cemitério dos Protestantes; das homenagens na Câmara dos Deputados, na Faculdade de Direito, no Ginásio Macedo Soares, Mackenzie College e tantas mais. Milhares de alunos e pais de alunos lembram-se de seu trabalho infatigável em prol da Escola Americana — Mackenzie College e das pequenas Escolas Americanas no Estado de São Paulo e em Curitiba.

Pessoas de Ouro Preto também lembraram que Horace Lane, o negociante, introduziu a iluminação a querosene em substituição às obsoletas lâmpadas de azeite. Também nas poucas usadas trilhas de Sto. Amaro a São Lourenço e Juquiá o Dr. Lane deixou vestígios de sua passagem. Viajando a cavalo e levando consigo dois burros carregados de sementes de grama — *Arabian Alfafa* (*Medicago Sativa* var), para climas muito secos e quentes, com estações longas de crescimento (23) — ia espalhando essas sementes por tôda parte.

Assim, ajudava a proteger as terras para as futuras gerações. Ainda hoje, nessas trilhas agora menos usadas que naquela época, encontra-se a cada passo touceiras de *Arabian Alfafa*, rebentos das sementes plantadas pelo Dr. Lane.

Quando morreu Fanny, as cartas encorajadoras de Mary Dascomb ao Dr. Lane incluíam o seguinte verso:

“A morte não separa por muito tempo  
Não é como se fôsse uma rosa  
Que cresce no muro do jardim  
E brota no outro lado?  
A morte esconde  
Mas não separa” (24).

Mary Dascomb e Ella Kuhl se fixaram no Brasil até atingirem a idade de 75 anos. Em 1917, perceberam que seu fim estava próximo. “O corpo estava disposto a morrer, era o espírito, fraco, que resistia à idade” — escrevia Miss Dascomb. E separaram-se por umas semanas. Ella foi para Nova York e Mary ficou em Curitiba. No dia 9 de Outubro de 1917, Ella Kuhl escreveu a Mary Dascomb (no mesmo dia morreu): A carta foi enviada no dia 10. (24). Miss Dascomb nunca leu essa carta porque no dia 11 de outubro de 1917 o Revdo. Harry Midkiff recebeu um telegrama com a notícia de que Mary Dascomb havia morrido no dia anterior (25).

Ou talvez ela preferisse dizer que não morrera, mas que fôra encontrar-se com o seu Senhor. O que se pode dizer é que milhares de cartas e cêrca de cinquenta diários que deve ter escrito, a maioria dos quais jazem escondidos em algum lugar ou nos Estados Unidos ou no Brasil, vão fazê-la viver mais e mais, a cada vez que um ou outro forem encontrados. As cartas ao Dr. Horace Manley Lane, mais ou menos 200 cartas e fragmentos, que aqui apresentaremos não sômente darão nova vida a Mary Parker Dascomb, mas valiosos subsidios ao historiador e ao cientista social.

1. FRANK GOLDMAN — "School Marms" Mestras dedicadas de Nossas Avós"; *O Tempo*, SP, 24 de janeiro de 1954 ou, *Paulistania* n.º 52 (1955), pg. 24.
2. Eschola escrita com h, o Dr. Lane, tanto quanto Miss Dascomb, tinha relutância em escrever escola sem h.
3. "Two American Women in Brazil" — *The Brazilian Bulletin*, vol. I, n.º 3 (Dezembro de 1898), pg. 116.
4. FRANK GOLDMAN — "Norte-americanos no Brasil" — *O Estado de S. Paulo* (30 de março de 1952) ou, *Paulistania*, n.º 54 (1955) pg. 38.
5. HORACE LANE, M. D., L. L. D., "Protestant Education in Latin America" *The Missionary Review of the World* (Outubro de 1952) pp. 753-8.
6. HERCULANO DE GOUVÊA, *Homenagem a Miss Mary P. Dascomb* (Curityba: Tip. João Haupt & Cia., 1920).
7. A carta de Miss Mary P. Dascomb ao Dr. Horace Manley Lane, 20 de novembro de 1909.
8. "Capitão no Exército de Deus" foi o título que Mary P. Dascomb deu ao Dr. Lane.
9. *The Daily Picayune* New Orleans, July 15, 1865, ver também Lester F. Hill, *Confederate Exodus to Latin America*, p. 39.
10. Tirado do registro de família. Para informações completas sôbre a genealogia da "Família Lane" nos Estados Unidos, ver Biddleford Fulson *History of Saco + Biddleford*, J. M. Marshall *Centennial Anniversary of Baxton Me; Goodwins Naragansett*; G. T.; Ridlon Sacco *Valey Settlement + Families*; Reverendo Jacob Chapman + Reverendo JUH Fitts *The Lane Family*; N. E. *History + Genealogy Register*, Julho de 1872; Town Records of Newbury, Mass e Massachusetts Court of Records, vol. 34, p. 583.
11. *Correio Paulistano*, (29 de julho de 1944); *Diário Popular* (28 de outubro de 1912), *O Estado de S. Paulo*, (29 de outubro de 1912), *A Platea* (29 de outubro de 1912).

12. *Diary of Horace M. Lane* Worcester, Mass., 10 de novembro de 1856. O autor possui micro-filme do mesmo.
13. *Diary of Horace M. Lane* 21 de novembro de 1858.
14. Autorização para lecionar Inglês, (documento) passado pela Secretaria da Inspeção Geral da Instrução Pública de São Paulo em janeiro de 1862. Título de capacidade (documento) de 19 de outubro de 1860.
15. *Marriage Certificate* (documentos) 28 de março de 1863.
16. Carta de H. M. Lane ao seu filho Job. 4 de janeiro de 1903.
17. Tirado do *Attestado* (documento) do Vice-consul em St. Louis, Missouri, E. U., Affonso de Figueiredo, 1.º de setembro de 1886.
18. *The Protestant College at São Paulo Brasil*, carta circular impressa para distribuição nos Estados Unidos da América.
19. Benjamim H. Hunnicut *Brasil Looks Forward* (Rio: Serviço Gráfico do Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística, 1945), p.p. 400-1.
20. *Biographical Record*, April 25 1894, para William Dulles Jr.
21. *Correio Paulistano* (22 de nov. 1889).
22. Da carta de Mary P. Dascomb ao Dr. Lane de 15 de janeiro de 1907.
23. Circular do U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Seed and Plant Introduction + Distribution, Washington, D. C. Achado entre as cartas do Dr. Lane.
24. Carta de M. P. Dascomb a H. M. Lane, 28 de outubro de 1912.
25. O autor possui micro-filme desta carta.
26. Do Diário não publicado de Mrs. Anna H. Midkiff, 11 de outubro de 1917.

Caixa 14 S. Paulo

July 21st. 1886.

Did Thomas have any Athenian blood in him? cause I think I must have a good infusion — I so dearly like a "new thing". I have given up my dear, dark, vineclad little Rec. R. and moved my belongings to your Gabinete, where 2 long tables, a dubious bench and some chairs eke out the class furniture. Your bottles are safe! "Prof." Rieder likes his compact and quiet new quarters better and I am pleased with the sunshine and the expanse of black-board in mine. Ellie Porter is fitting in beautifully and relieving Miss Kuhl of a great deal. She has yr. little room on the back terrace all fitted up with pretty things fr. the Sampson's — but rejoices me by coming up to my quarters at night — a fine thing this cold weather. The Puthoffs and Mr. Ransome met here yest. P. M. and at night Mr R. preached for us and took tea at the Coll. His "resignation" has been accepted but he says he's coming back in two years — perhaps by some arrangement with his patrones Mrs. Vanderbilt by wh. he can be independent of bishop and Conference. I have heard no explanation of his delay about the Piraci: sch. furniture but do what he will I find him interesting. That large hard light slow-moving eye is rather an unusual feature. His discourse on the family at Bethany began in meditative even fanciful fashion and reached a climax of force and almost passion at the close.

Dr. too has disappeared fr. the clerical horizon here. He embezzled money entrusted to him by a "poor governess" and then lied fearfully and refused to give any acct. of himself to the ch. committee. He advertises for pupils declaring his sch. entirely "isento do espirito religioso!" Bro. Puthoff has offered to preach for the Eng. but I hope for the credit of Am English that they will not accept. Mr. Mc Laren and Sr. Modesto have done what seems to me a foolish and hurtful thing — such great flaming posters all over town "The Romish Ch. in the U. S. becoming Prot!" on the strength of the Jesuitical tactics in the Baltimore Council! The posters were every where torn up. It seems to me an unworthy prevarication. I challenged Mr. Mc L. last night saying that I knew of no change in Romish spirit there — only in what of the cloven foot (they found it wise to show or hide) and he said — "you shld. see the Indep. where Bishop Fowler (Meth.) even thinks the Cath<sup>o</sup> likely to reform fr within, going further than I do!"

Neither Mr. Howell nor Sr. Remigio like the move. Why flourish a red rag at the bull! Poor Mr Howell is threatened with Intermittent and said yest. he shld. go and see the Dr. — and I never said — "Where's yr. faith!" — Wasn't I virtuous? Mr. Harrar called to see E. Kuhl messages fr. her sisters. He takes his family soon to the States. It is whispered that Mr. Schneider and Alice Lindsey are to marry! Also that Mariquinhas

Pereira is going to take a yg Dr. in her town — a man utterly without religion. I hope she won't! We have the sweet-toned Sampson piano in our parlor and the old parlor one here in my Rec. R.

I am laying up reproches for Miss Lottie that she's never ans<sup>d</sup> my letter! M.P.D.

Caixa 14. S. Paulo

July 29./86

Do you see whose birthday it is? Many happy returns, say I. In my birthday book of miscellaneous quotations (Eng. as she is spoke!) your phrase is fr. Lowell "King of two hands, he does his part. And in the chapter of Proverbs — "Many — have done virtuously but thou excellest them all". Encouraging, isn't it? Our little community is greatly stirred at the prospect of the Brownie's leaving us tomorrow. He has endeared himself to all in very quiet fashion. Even Lydia came out of her shell yest. sufficiently to seek him out and volunteer a warm little speech of regrets. Curiously enough his tastes coincided with yrs. so that Chiquita, America and Andrelina are doubly bereaved. Before, I looked forward confidently to his weekly letters. Now I apprehend that his favours will be divided among so many that my share will be much smaller than before. As for him the Messrs. Derby, Lamoreaus, and Lawson may be excellent company and are all fond of him, yet he will miss the crowd of aff. girls and the songs in wh. his soul delights.

Last night we were so desalmados as to make merry over Mr. Sch.'s announcement to Ella K. of his engagement to "sweet Alice". He began by asking her to show the letter to all the mission people that no one might think him to blame in the breaking of her engagement to Mr. Ker. Then, apparently forgetting the large audience he had invoked he warned into telling all the horticulares (!) que nem boy of 20 or girl of sweet 16 or novel of the most romantic school! I am not so horrified at the diff. in their ages as at the Rio affair of Miss Leslie (teacher) marrying smiling Willie Hentz, dentist, 5 yrs. younger than herself. But I am afraid Mr. Schr. is too brusque to make any woman — or girl — happy. The sensation today was tremendous. Remigio declared it as immoralidade! Guilherme da Costa blushed beautifully with surprise. He really has unusual refinement — that boy — and if he cid. only be made to work! — The Sch. Horario wad declared ready this time in an incredibly short space of time — but has been hauled and picked at and much changed and even now one unfortunate class has every minute taken some days and others have leisure by the jugfull. Sr. Modesto is at lesast fertile in plans. He desires Mr. Brown to get him appointed to revise the Part. Bible — have passage paid and a home in Philad. secured for himself and family — he doing — I believe — two pages a day, but devoting his main strength to the study of medicine. How's that for a castle in Spain!

We have had a visit fr. Mr. Geo. Clark, daughter, sister in law, little one and Mr. Lawson, the Brownie's devoted friend. The ladies staid with us two days, and were very agreeable the daughter JeJan fair and pretty — the d. in law bright and chatty. Mr. Clark thd' not at all well is often very good company — has been nearly round the world. He considers Mr. Monroe the most agreeable Am.<sup>s</sup> he ever met. We talked over old times very extensively. He considers Perolas da Essencia da Terebinthine as a nonpareil

remedy of rheumatism — took it internally and got well directly. Do you know it? I tho't my foe was more to be dealt with externally — The Harras sail fr. Santos on Set. I have visited twice with D. Elisa Mesquita lately enjoyed it much. She expressed great pleasure at yr return and a lively desire to meet you. She was sure that our sch. need the whole time of an offic. Sup Luiz has at last returned to Soroc. Too molla to work much. M.P.D.

The Dragon mourns that America is so un-filial as not to marry R. Baird!!!

Caixa lt. S. Paulo

Aug. 3rd. 1886

See the result of saying that my May letters were welcome! The fact is, I am eager to try my new paper, tho' I dare n't attempt the envelops-half the size of this sheet! I shall save them for photo<sup>s</sup> and business packets. I was immensely entertained with yr. elaborate explanation that yr. whimsically expressed dislike of — was not a "birra". You remember Aaron's innocent explanation how he put the ear-rings that the people forced on him into the fire and there came out a calf! You persuade yr-self that people are likely to boycott you for a fancied slight in spite of yr. best endeavors! Ora, isso! Who came back fr. P-ba enthusiastic about the "little one-horse sch." Haven't lots of wise men said that pioneers and martyrs and fervent workers generally are one-idea'd people! Don't critics say of my beloved Oberlin that they cannot have a celebration of the Miss Concert of Prayer for the Whole World without drifting by force of strange habit, interest and purpose into prayer for Oberlin College! Not special the least feat — of P — been femininity is the freeing itself fr. the nabob that claimed, to rule all.

How we did enjoy yr. conversion to sympathy with the fellows who talk and talk and talk and can't stop! It was too good! Was there even such a complex, compositive, contradictory, microcosmic (I went "clear" into yr. room to get that word out of the dic!) individual as you! I enjoy few things more than yr. little stray bits of caricature of yr-self. Mr Ch. is expected this week — if that canoe business together with his natural behindness be not too much for his plans! I am going to see if I can help persuade Mrs Ch. to yield to his entreaties to go to Paraná for some months — wh. at present she has no notion of doing. It is scarcely over-work that is to be dreaded here, but it seemed patent to us that the change and movement was doing him great good there.

The Brownie left us last week and we are trying valiantly to close up the ranks. Evenings we read aloud and sing and play Letters or Constantinople, or the Quotations that you wrote off so capitably — but we think of him and quote him constantly. That there might be no fighting he wrote the day after getting home to the 2 Ellas and me — the girls will come next. He was touched and flattered by Lydia's as King for a letter and promises to send her me. He wonders you do not write him about Kenneth. Do you think it wld. be as well for them to live in Rio? It is more convenient as to shipping books. He even talks "some of going to Kansas. A classmate is urging him — a burly bachelor with the softest of heart who in the dearth of other ties, loves the Brownie with a craving affection more common in women than in men. It is difficult to associate his letters with his photo. We expect to see the Meth. bishop's party this week.

Mr. Boyle is back at work with his new man Mr. Thompson, whom Ella Porter saw. Mr. Kennedy also has a boyish that baldish Mr. Tucker. Mr. Howell's malaria is quite afflictive in spite of his docility to Dr. Gad. The sch. is very full. Ella K. has 3 classes in Sacred History. Mr. Riedel is some times absent without sending word. Mr. Morse, the Elephant man, wants to teach! We need more house!

M.P.D.

Caixa 14. S. Paulo

Aug. 18. 1886

Here goes for a random shot for you may possibly be on yr. way before this — que bom! — can get home. You may be sure that we shall sing the Hymn for those at sea, fr. Sept. 8 till you and yours arrive. We have had such a feast of preaching fr. Bishop Granbery who is now at Rio for 5 weeks and will cross you on the Atlantic. His sentences are usually very short — a fashion difficult to preserve without saying something. When long they are composed of gems of phrases each complete in itself so you've now harrowing mental effort to preserve connection. No one has yet called his attention to the advisability of each division of the Lord's Army undertaking a separate work, instead of the Meth. squad following us wherever we plant the flag. There will be time and opportunity at Rio during the "Presbytery" wh. he means to attend. The y. ladies have had a good time here inspite of some ill-health, due largely perhaps to their fondness for doce. Mr. Ch. had an American rally at his hospitable home on last Mond. and although the night was rainy we had a merry sociable time. You wld. have laughed at the kittenish propensities of fascinating Guy Hamet who holds all hearts in her shapely fingers fr. the most wise and puissant bishop down to dainty Christine. Susceptible Joe Emerson and inflammable Baird attended her devotedly all the eveg — fancy amusing yr. self with that wretched Baird! — who actually confided to these stranger dam-sels that he was journeying to the united state of — or with — America! You and Mr. Brown may be needed to give him a lesson. I am only afraid of his cracked brain splitting into lunatic frenzy — crimes have been committed by non compas mentis individuals. — Pretty Minnie Inglis Leslie died the other day — Sr. Mod. has started on a slow progress to Presby — and Rem — reigns — does not keep so good order. E. K. thinks it wld be nice for America to take her classes to the Kind<sup>a</sup> and stay there, keeping order of wh. there is a minimum in D. Adel's room or in Mrs. Em's classes. It wld. be easier for Ann You shld. hear her read to us in Eng. at night. It is very prety

Bon voyage

M.

M.P.D.

Curityba. Paraná

Sat. Aug. 12th. 1899

I rejoice that Innocencia's Raphaelesque Three have reached their destination and have just sent her a postal with the news. I rejoice that the Schools are so full and hope that the Fall of Great Babylon may cause Mackensie to be crowded. How does your Baptist turn out? Will Mr. Fleagare (?) do for the position at Mzie? We expect his pretty young



fiancée before long to stay with us some time for a chance of air. I wish they could marry soon. It seems as tho' her thrifty parents expect, exact, too hard work of so delicate a girl who seems like sweet Ella Porter Tilly in knowing how to do all that a woman should know.

I am anxious to hear that Mr. Waddell is again in harness at Mackenzie. I heartily endorse your dictum that such breadth and minuteness of information is very rarely joined with such a verile character as his.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Sept. 4th. 1899.

Don't be angry if I quote: — "It takes a thief to catch a thief!" — only this time there wasn't any thief to catch!

Who was it stirred up a wasp's nest about M.P.D's ears when she was at home, got Mr. Blackford — to change the figure! — to take the chestnuts off the hot stove — and himself stayed away from Mission Meeting? Later when a friend reproached Mr. B. for his activity, he tried to shuffle out by saying: — "I have every bit of it in black and white from Dr. Lane!" — Meanwhile all that the Board chose to investigate was my orthodoxy: "Et tu, Brute!" — Inquired if I thought and thought that there was another chance for men, after death. I wrote in reply that I was much interested in such questions and would fain believe with Geo-Macdonald and Charles Kingsley that "lost means not yet found" — but that I had as yet no reason strong enough to change the belief that Oberlin instilled into me — "where a tree falleth, there it shall lie!" —

All that year I went about talking of Brazil and not even my sister knew of the "tramas" at work. Thank God, I was sent back, and have not an atom of bitterness on the subject.

But in this case, we all like Sr. Carvalhosa and — to put in mildly — are not servile admirers of Mssrs. Kyle and Eduardo. (Wasn't it fun to see the latter turn and rend his devoted friend the former? And, in all your experience of life did you ever see such a neat and wholly involuntary somersault as has been effected on sr. Eduardo, leaving him at the bottom of the pile! Weren't you astonished?

Our "cut" was only from dire necessity. This morning comes the pleasing news we are to have a little something all round Fine! Last year Ella K. gave 1:000\$ of her salary. She often supplements for the time. Our School was cut down (by ourselves) this year 4:000\$ — a thing we can ill do, as Paraná is utterly "podre". Every one howls that there is no money to be had — except perhaps for horse-races, gambling, theaters, dançarinas and the like.

A thousand thanks for the Canudos book. Hope it agrees with me! tho' I opine that the writer dare not write as frankly as I speak!

How splendid of Job!

How Fred will be happy.

Love to all the family

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Wed. Jan. 10th 1900

What a splendid report! You certainly have the invaluable Art of Putting Things — as has also Mr. Seager. Did you read his admirable Speech,

reported in the Rio News of Dec. 26th? But did you write *Private*, all around, and over and under and across yr. copy to the Bd? If that shld. be printed and come back-! Yr. part of the country may be quiet "but ours isn't with election frauds and violence-party threats of assassination. Kil. 65 raves at Dória and vows that if ne does not clear out he shall be murdered and D. (who in Rio enacted the drama in Rio Bay of yr. favorite Monte Christo escaping fr. the Chateau d'If) vows that he'll not go alone, but that there are people pledged that Vicente Manchado shall catch up with him and reach Pluto's Halls at the same time! Our merchants are wondering why Rio and S. Paulo do not lead the way in a huge Strike against the present "impossible" imposts — a stamp on every meter etc. As carried on here too it is the most bare-faced robbery — the officer comes into a shop, pokes about, points at this, that, and the other, and demands a big fine to line his pockets. There is no judge and no redress! Just at this time we are planning for church expenses next year, 4:800\$000 to our fine young pastor, 1:200\$000 towards paying the Board for advancing money on our beautiful church and our usual efforts for Missões Nacionaes and Seminary besides running expenses. Last year we scraped thro' by the noble silent generosity, of our one moneyed man who looks so like Mr. Ch. — saintly Mr. Cornelsen. This yr. he talks of moving fr. the spacious Landes chácara wh. he rents, to the sobrado of his shop, & even of closing the on acct of these taxes. Much much against the grain, it seems to the officers of the ch. & to native ladies, that for this yr. at least, we may have to give up giving to Sem. & Miss. Nac. But our dear young Pastor thinkswe're doubting Thomases & that if we have faith we shall all come out with flying colors.

Ella K. is somewhat anxious about School. You are right that the padres were never so active. The accomplished German Prot. pastor opens a G. Sch. A number of ephemeral Schools have sprung up & will probably die in a few months. We have given up our distinguished Port. professor & are to have Mr. Higgins for an hour a day. He is said to teach much more after our style, but there may be a fresh hue & cry about Propaganda. It is a comical fact that Brazilians have little fear of women's unsettling other people's beliefs. It does not occur to them to study facts.

The Puritano reported that two other daughters of Mr. Ch. were ill of yell. fever at Bahia. Is it Laura & Helen — & are they well? It also said that Mr. Kolb had already gone to S. Paulo, & you say — "his coming is problematical." But how can people object who know him & refuse to accept his galant offer to work in S. Paulo instead of taking a vacation at home!

But I'm afraid yr not having anything to do with the changes is like yr. being absent fr. the Miss. Meet. that voted on me. — The Power behind the Throne!" — I heard in ever so many directions that you said you wld. not stay in S. Paulo if Mr. did. May be you're not up in ornithology — about little birds on housetops! Hence you've no first-class engineer to carry on yr. class!

You certainly have yr. allowance of cranks

Saraiva & Everett!

I hope the voyage will build up Manley's health. In that old picture, he seemed to me more like his Mother than any of the children. Is Mario C. L. friendly, as Eduarda's husband shld. be or inimical, as a br. of sr. Remigio. Henry V. married! Well, well!

Can you find time to read all this & Mrs. Rodgers' most interesting letter, or will you frown & ejaculate, & hand' em over to Fanny to see if there is anything in it all that you must know. Do you actually believe

in the Plague? I haven't! In spite of "oderous" restrictions, it had it been it — wld. have killed thousands.

The N. Y. doctors didn't find the germ in the sick of that ship. Tho' it had spent itself! There's another horn to the dilemma — that it never existed — had one or another symptom that marked some other disease as well. Do tell yr. real opinion!

Curityba. Paraná.

Tues. Night. Jan. 30. 1900.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your letter rec'd this A. M.

was keen, generous, amusing, touching & altogether most interesting. I felt like laughing & crying both & as tho' I must have a pow-wow directly to talk over all the matters of interest. I hope Mr. Fenn may be all you need. You forgot to — no, you told last time, of the Baptist man. We too opened School on the 29th & quite congratulate \* ourselves on having 75° while one of our old rivals boasts 8! The German pastor has about 40 & there is quite a number of schools likely to close in less than 6 months.

\*) 2nd. day 93. Last year opened with less & went up to 150.

Mr. Seager's second paper has just come to hand. He must have some-how mixed our numbers up with yours to give us 300 pupils.

I wonder if you can straighten out your oracular & apparently contradictory remarks on the healthfulness of the great & rapid change in temperature of S. Paulo & the unhealthfulness of the Feira where the night temperature is so much lower than the day. Do you read Julian Ralph's very diverting articles copied in the Rio News? He says that in S. Africa one cld. appropriately wear a fig-leaf by day & heavy Russian furs at night but that every body acquires amasing health. I have a young cousin, a vassar graduate just returning fr. the Cape where she has taught in Mr. Murray's College. I hope she will send me her views on the situation. Do you see Harper's Weekly? Ella & I are hugely interested in the number for De. 23. wh. has a most romantic story about a Lieut. Farbey's taking Aguinaldo on Oct.25th & the world not suspecting it until this date of Dec. 23rd. It was kept a great secret by diplomatic Gen. Otid lest a new leader shld. arise.

We rejoice with you in Mr. Kolb's coming. The refusal cld. only have been under a misapprehension. I am sure he needs the change. I shld. think Mr. Waddell wld. stay in Bahia to run those two big schools.

This bubonic plague is the Play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. A bub. p. that has a symptom here there, or even a stray microbe, but does not kill hundreds by its breath — might better have a rose-water name & let the rag rags of commerce that these abominable taxes have left, try to live a little longer. I wonder that the commercial circles of the large cities do not strike! — kick at the Stamp Acts — Ella & I have been to see Banobelab the Spanish hypnotist. Most curious & interesting. An ex-pupil, a brilliant girl, has lately married & gone to live in N.Y. — goes too with my favorite Capt. Ohls. of the Buffon. I hope the rest to

Innocencia asks why Fanny does not write.. Dear Mr. Landes has induced the Guarapuava ch. to build & call a pastor!

your head of this latter part of vocation will straighten out the pranks of your complaint — “queixa do vi-vent” as of my pupils translated it.

How is Fanny? With cordial regards to all who wish 'em from this firm,  
Mary P. Dascomb.

ESCHOLA AMERICANA  
CURITYBA

Friday, May 11th 1900.

If X rays traversed space as they do matter & if I were a cat, your eyes this morning might have seen my angry yellow eyes flash & my fur stand up making me look enormous, at the sight of yr. nice fat letter, & a growly voice (see a voice! Brazilian idiom) ejaculate — with paws held up for quotation marks! — “What axe to grind now!” — But the apology was so handsome, the letter so friendly & entertaining, the sense of the writer's heavy responsibilities so keen, that the yellow eyes grew mild & sympathetic, the inimical fur became as smooth as — (Gough saus, “Don't say as — you'll get into a ness'!) — as butter or — as I'm writing to a doctor — castor oil & the grouty voice uttered a purr of pleasure. Thanks for the pretty baby card! Health, success & happiness to all Lanes, big & little!.. Mr. Mac Laren did not seem quite foot-loose when I was there — went about with a rosebud in his button-hole, & let slip enthusiastic remarks about a young lady. What about “Speer”-wld. he come? Is he the man who has travelled about among Missions & isn't he Spear? It's such a mercy that Ella is here. There are lots of things in yr. letter to make one chuckle only it's desirable to have some one to chuckle with! Fanny sending for yr. special needs a “mild good engineer!” Reminds me of the dictum of Miss Lobb who is no fool — that Dr. Lane “seems a good sort of man!” I could see him! Hair smooth, never a twinkle in the serious eyes, voice gentle & speech rather slow — wld. that I had been there to see! The photograph of Everett is “delicious!” Such a genius ought to be utilized in literary work. In School it wld take more nervous force to counteract his personality than his scholarship wld save. I'd give anything to see Effie in “the presence”! We don't have Baptists “but yes” Adventists. They are very cheap & have nothing of religion in school but are indefatigable in visiting parents & pupils out of school & coaxing them into S. at S. where they do get it. They have a large school & are good people. The German pastor, a most gentlemanly fellow has opened a school besides the large G. school and the padres are lively. I suppose that it is owing to them the tardy Congressional vote against the murderous Jogo de Bicho was vetoed-shame-fully vetoed! A large part of its income goes to build the Jesuit Seminary! & padres urge the poor to buy these tickets to help the Sen! & they get the craze & sell furniture, clothes, wedding rings & even steal to get a little money for the insatiable Jogo. All over town are these — imagine me a preacher! — agencias — & their runners, true democrats, are not too proud to urge beggars, or infirm, or aged, or children to buy a ticket. With the 2 leaches, stamps & lottery tickets sapping the life of the people Paraná is nearly dead! Mr. Landes is off again to Guarapuava. We people! Paraná is nearly dead! Mr. Landes is off again to Guarapuava. We had a visit lately fr. one Taborda, such a fine fellow — a child in faith, a man in force & shrewdness, an apostle, in fervor & self-sacrifice. The brethren are a little afraid that his dreams & his cures with prayer & cold water, may

Some time switch him off the track, but he is so humble modest in living & high in thinking, & as been so blessed of God in persuading 200 persons

to leave all else & cleave to Christ, that we hope & pray that he may long be thus useful.

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Like yr. N. J. speech — I can't leave off! Will eating a piece of dry bread before going to bed; suck up acid juices in the stomach & prevent rheumatism?

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Susie was a godsend to — my bright ex-pupil Helen Costard Thun gone to live in N.Y. who was overjoyed to hear Susie speak Port! How Miss Lottie must miss her! With cordial greetings to all the "children"

Mary P. Dascomb.

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That naughty naughty NAUGHTY Effie has only written me once since going to S. Paulo! If she keeps Study Hour, she can surely make time!

SCHOLA AMERICANA  
CURITYBA

Wed. Night, Sept. 19/00

What a very nice man! The letter is sure to be a treat — multum in parvo — the parvo may be a necessity to a busy man — the multum is most enjoyable: But when pictures began to drop out I was ecstatic. Do you know this is the only "presentment" of you that we've had? Great shame, that! Fanny is her own pretty self-tho it seemed odd enough to see her with the baby. It seems to be meditating — thinking of escape? while she firmly clasps, the little arm Susy looks so very well, — plump & fair. Winnie is like the admirable picture in the picnic group that Effie sent mein 98. Has she still the beautiful Rio Gr<sup>o</sup>e color in her cheeks? I am glad to have this of Mr. Gammon — a fine fellow.. I had heard of Geo. Magalhães' ill-health. Surely it will pass his so young I have wondered at Hallie's writing Lily Da G. more than to Miss Kemper or me. May be she hopes that Mr. Da G. may get something for her fr. those lands. Don't you know anyone who has influence there — Mariquita Pinto's husband? What a virtuous action it wld. be to send her some money fr. those lands! I say a hearty Amen to your remarks on the Art of Getting up Exam. Papers — & wld. add others on the value of repetition in all sorts of forms, for fixing facts. I try for picturesque, striking forms of expression as an aid to teaching History & esp. Sacred History. My people are studying this month the last of the Kings of Israel & Juda, besides learning by heart the wonderful Picture of the Last-Day in the XXV. of S. Matthew & the spicy bit found in Prov.X: 17-23- 26, 27. I read & comment & ask questions for 15 min. day after day-& for Exam. Week fasten the lists of questions on the doors for them to become perfectly familiar with these — to them — so new subjects. Really one is surprised afresh at the number of interesting adventures & traits tucked away in those epitomized lives. Talk of adventures! Do get fr. Mr. Hammett "Black Rock" — a story of work among miners & lumbermen in the West. Such a mixture of refreshing slang, curious profanity & beautiful Christ-likeness working among it all! Then today came two daintily bound books by the E. Indian Chamberlain, with catching titles. In the Tiger's Jungle In the Cobra's Den Do you see the Outlook? It is sometimes almost inspired. The articles on Italy & on China of Aug. 11 & on Dr. Hamlin Aug. 18 Dare so clear & well put. Dr. Hamlin married a cousin of mine. I read his most interesting Blog. when at home in 98 & talked with him. He was shabbily treated by the Am. Board but splendid justice is done him in this paper.

May be Henrique Vogel is not just the one you need. He is able, but very adaptable. He may have been a fine student & yet not make a fine teacher. But the facility with wh. some of our crentes make contracts & then break them is very discouraging. We have three papers of very interesting Scripture responsive reading for the opening of School & some admirable selections — "he thatswearth to his own hurt & changeth not." "Do not seek sooth-sayers etc". Mr. Landes has moved to Guarapuava bag & baggage. We hear that a Belgian Co. is going to take up the long neglected contract of a R.R. to G. How delightful if true!! The Masons of G decline to let our people worship longer in their Hall — perhaps politics, perhaps as echo of heated ch. discussions against Masonry. I have long considered Masonry a puerile, played-out institution (begging yr. pardon) but if the Jesuits are coming in like a flood, maybe the veiled hand of Masonry may yet be of use. At any rate, it is foolish to antagonize them. If they cling to King Solomon's royal robe to get into Heaven, we can give them something better without snatching it away fr. them. Ernestina writes that the Finleys treat her like a princess. Yes indeed, I remember beautiful Linnie & handsome Hentey & charming Joe sober Julia & the wise pretty Mother & Kind  
Papa

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Who Pays the Light & Power Co. — all foreign capital? 100 men in Brazil? Out this way folks are mostly "broke"! State doesn't pay employed & the whole line of brick is tottering. Taxes are preposterous. The last imposition is the "barreiras" — colonists pay to enter a town & sell their garden-truck. The Bick-erstaphs have gone do Faxina — find a lot of assassins scattered on the route. Fre. L.

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is very successful — twelve more to join the church. Is your patience nearly at an end? Why some one won't tell me what sort of a Benedick — your Fred. makes! When is Job coming? Love to all Lanes & Effie the latter  
M. P. D.

Eschola Americana

Wed. Dec. 12th. 1900

Curityba

Paraná.

We throw up our hats — the people have come, and we are rich, rich, rich! And we are so charmed to have RuFus! It is refreshing to have a man in the house and RuFus is such a pre-eminently interesting fellow! He has the pick of the quarters a great airy school-room, opening on the side as well as front so that he can smoke out the mosquitos and have fresh air at night. And we've lots of books and easy chairs. He was off investigating things before coffee at 6.30 this morning. We are sorry not to have America and Beatriz but greatly enjoy Maria P. and Ide Orecchia. At first I thought her sister to our keen Alexandre Cocc,... We have coffee breakfast and supper on the wide high verandah, with quite a view as views go down here. To my intense surprise Curityba weather met them cordially — it is generally lachrymose to welcome visitors. They were properly enthused with the views on and of the Serra — as was José Luiz Braga who met them at Paranágua. I find Rufus with straight ideas on politics than any Paulista I have seen. (I being the judge!) This is Liberty Hall. Meals are announced. Various things to add to comfort are pointed out, and then each left to

follow his or her sweet way. I inquire of Rufus what your "united church" means — things do move, certainly. And Mr. Van Orden restored! I do not suppose that he cared much for "papal" fulminations, but it may have troubled his dear wife. I have never known anything so amazing as the Fall of Eduardo. I was sufficiently amazed at his supremacy — more so at his fall. Mr. Higgins has never said one word about Presbytery or Synod! He has preached very well here but could do much better. I have a very high opinion of his ability. Ella and I are "abysmadas" with the news that Cecilia da Mesquita the talented and haughty has consented to marry Ernesto d'Oliveira! Some time, when he no longer has an 800\$ salary and is tired of preaching to full houses in Campinas — won't she rue it? — if indeed the venture is realized! If she could know history and style of living of his family here! Have you ever seen Way-land's old, two-volumed Life of Judson? There was a one-ideaed man and he did wonders! But what people suffered in those days! Fancy his starting in a wretched ship for 10 or 12 days sail-beating about the Bay of Bengal for 4 months living on weevil-y rice & a little water — to weak to leave his, berth or take a bath! Poor, poor thing! Touching land, British civil officers were so good to him. There are many truly noble and admirable people in the world! Hattie Magalhães writes that Job's fiancée is beautiful and satisfactory. Won't he make a

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delectable husband? Many thanks for the big bond, and the little Mc Kensie. However did the perspective come out thusly? I wish you could get away and have a restful change. I hate to think of you as hurrying fr. to past.

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Fanny and Rufus is drying Miss Scott's hair most scientifically out on the verandah & the two girls are busy near. A Jolly holiday!

Fanny and Susy. A charming letter fr. Innoc. lately — piano & organ. Summer weeks at beach. etc.

Eschola Americana

Curityba

Mond. Jan. 7th. 1901.

Paraná

I see no sign of fatigue in the admirable Report. It is felicitously expressed. But I had not dreamed that there was any hopeful side to the financial situation. Here in Curityba people groan and see no light ahead — like poor Sir Robert Hart with China. With us the German element takes the place occupied in S. Paulo by Italians. A long-headed woman was explaining to me lately how the Germans got trade away fr. Eng. & Ams They are more accommodating and live more economically. The Anglo-Saxon offers machine shoe, etc as perfect of its kind & puts all his strength into persuasion — often failing. The G. will say: "You don't quite like it? How would, you like it? Tell me & I'll have it made exactly as you wish." — Naturally he gets the customer!

I am appalled at what you write of the Roman Cath. Re-action. I had partly suspected it before, tho' Mr. Landes has felt some-what encouraged by the saucy attitude of many Brazilian youth toward the Priesthood. To me the worst outlook is revealed by your remark on the number of priests in politics. I had rather tho't it an alienation fr. their Church, a turning

to the loaves and fishes of politics. But I am afraid it is a united effort to gain what one priest threatened— a return to the Union of Church and State. If so there may be persecution ahead of us yet.

Yesterday Miss Kuhl and I rec'd. a beautiful card fr. Dr. Emygdio Westphalen, the friend of Sr. Carvalhosa, containing a most enthusiastic eulogy of the Am School. We have not seen him for many months and wonder much what called it forth. Our visitors are resting finely, & I hope will return in fine condition. Curityba has shown them her best side: Instead of her chronic rain & mud, we have had many cool sunny days. What a varied experience & what multiform information & gifts has yr. Rufus enjoy him very much at mealtimes

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Did you mean us to keep the photographs?

Love to Fanny & Susy. Mary P. Dascomb.

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Hasn't Geo. Chamberlain Jr. arrived yet?

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Perhaps stopped in Bahia

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Eschola Americana

Curityba

Wed. Feb. 28th, 1901.

Paraná

This time I mean to send an envelope so large that — so to speak — you cannot put it on file but will have to lean it up somewhere against the wall, where you will see it every day & answer it soon to get rid of it. But one wd. overlook a hiatus to the tho'tful donor of the two most welcome photos & especially to the magnificent worker who is doing such wonders for Mackenzie. My old enthusiasm for yr. splendid powers is burning with new vigor. I'm not sure that it wd. not have been better to have left Job in America to put thro' any such job (0!) windows & doors in "tempo inglez". The Secretaries are to tremendous pushed to stop to harry people-& even in rushing Am. this is necessary. We have been so sorry for this dreadful check of having to wait. It was trying to lose pupils already accustomed to Mackenzie but you will soon make up. S. Paulo is evidently much more prosperous than Paraná wh. carries a debt of 1200 contos, & is as rotten as rotten can be. Mr. Seager writes that he has persuaded Minister Bryan to call here on his return fr. Montivedéo — more or less March 10th: I wish I knew what he's like. A Southerner perhaps fr. the common name Page — not, I hope, a relative of the deluded Silver man, (who seems to have taken his defeat very sensibly). If Southern, is old enough to be horrified at meeting an old Black Abolitionist, an Under Ground R. Rer — not that I intend to be a picador flaunting that red rag aggravatingly! In the Rio News there is allusion to a divergence of opinion between him & Lamoureux. The latter is probably right. So You've two engaged couples? If Susie has chosen as well as Rufus, she will do well. I wonder if sweet Maria appreciates the value of excellent house-keeping. She is not a bas bleu & will not have that excuse to neglect her husband's comfort. It is horrifying to find Rufus thus early in life subject to attacks of insomnia. That wd. seem a simple enough problem for the doctors to solve — but things are not always they seem! And people will not follow hygienic rules! I heard Jenness Miller once — rose-colored theories & beautifully exemplified by what she has made of herself — but I do not



know how many things she sacrificed. Religion — the relation of the soul to God — is as you suggest, so subjective a thing that it becomes us not to judge our neighbor of that I am more & more convinced; but it is a thousand pities, a million pities, that bagatelles shld. prevent a splendid & effective union among all who love God & His Son. Do I refuse to join the Army when my Country is in danger, merely because there are some mercenary blackguards in said Army! People outside howl at sects & their little differences & jealousies — why don't they come inside & lend their noble force to straighten out things. Rough Riders are needed, but not each R. Riders a D. Quixote on his own hook without even a Sancho Panza in his train. I could

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write pages— but— you'd send it out to the kitchen store without reading. Now I shall write Ada & Lucinda. Love& congratulations to everybody.  
Mary P. Dascomb

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Mackenzie is noble-looking-handsome.

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Curityba, Paraná — May 18th 1901.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I know what it is to feel utterly sick at heart when some one I love with all my heart is taken away, be it suddenly or slowly. But that feeling never lasts. The certainty of this change for us all, dayly in my remembrance, is something of a preparation. But what most reconciles me is to forget my loss in her gain. To follow hourly in thought — not exactly the figurative language of the Apocalypse, though that soothes — but the constant assurances of blessedness of those who have entered into the City. I look with amazement at those who suffer acutely for months for the loss of a little child or a sweet daughter in her teens It seems so very one-sided. Does her gain, then, count for little

If Beatriz had been sought in marriage by a European of noble tender character and was taken to a beautiful wealthy home in Europe, there wld. have been some tears at saying Good-bye, but more congratulations. We should read all we could find of the place to which she went or the persons whom she would meet, and rejoice in her new and rich experiences. And when to this was added the promise of her devoted husband to, one day, send money and some nice person to take us to visit her, — should we not be content? The separation does not seem to me se unbearable when we keep in mind her new and delightful life and our going to see her, one day.

I have scarcely seen Beatriz since she was a little child, but Miss Kuhl and I have often talked of her rare combination of qualities: — exquisite deference and gentleness to us elders and joyous power and control in the yard with the children at play. She had that firm, sweet spirit wh. controls without seeming to dictate" — or if she dictates, carries all before her there is no friction. May I be a better teacher for your wonderful praise of her — "there were no complaints of bad boys from her room" — Her love took the contrariness out of them. God help

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me to remember her every day in seeking to do like wise". Cannot Rufus and Job run things — they are splendid fellows and would do anything for you — and "a stitch in time saves nine". God bless and comfort you all,

Mary P. Dascomb.

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I'm afraid the photograph will not come for five months if left to Miss Scott. She left Ada's so.

Whoever is Maria Gabriella Leomil de Vasconcellos & her husband Olympio. We had wedding cards — & I wrote asking who of them all she was — of Minas sister of Leopoldina?

Curityba. Paraná. — Frid. Night, July 12th./01.

Do my "eyes deceive my earsight"! Is it indeed Dr. Lane's handwriting on the address of the beautiful new book that came to me on Wed.? I've already read it! Nothing was left undone and I chatted delighted with the charming Leningthon family that left us this morning for a short visit at Castro in the Bickerstaph's new house. Fred. has been working very hard and needs a change. Addie is sweeter and prettier than ever, but visiting is rather a fraud that involves constant trotting after the superlatively "irrequieto" little master Dale, — a splendid child. Mr. Houston serene, rosy-cheeked, smooth-skinned, started with them but goes overland to Joinville and thence to Desterro. But the book! Have you read it? I can imagine that the vivid picture of Cholera times wld. have special interest for a doctor. This is the sort of live book that stirs up quantities of questions. Do small people under thirteen have such undying little effections — especially when healthily . . . . . up to enjoy outdoor pleasures & without any idiotic grown people to put-grown— up ideas in their heads? Is it possible that physical fear shld. so possess a youth whom heredity and nature made ambitious, ardent, forceful? Cary is introduced to us as being a bundle of contradictions but the only sign of it after life was her apparent halting between two lovers and that may be the fault of the writer for not showing us sooner her "real inwardness. The more I read the more I am utterly bewildered with Scotch character. Truly it is a bundle of contradictions.

What will be the result of the religious struggle in Brazil? Our padres are as lively as crickets. I shld. not be surprised if in six months' time there were a hot persecution raging. I wonder if Lino was at all injudicious in Porto Real. I am sure that Mr. Gammon was not. Fancy him bringing a band of negro capangas to overawe the people with fire & several threatening them with Uncle Sam's long arm! Why don't you offer to go and get Job's fiancée — you need the journey and

they might be married here! Lamb — Shakespeare pamphlets to be had? My oldest class is in the Merchant of Venice. Are not the rest of Lamb's version printed? Please jog Rufus' elbow.

Whoever sent me the Potter and the Clay is

a jewel "of the deepest dye & purest ray serene"!  
A thousand million thanks. Mary P. Dascomb.

Have you seen Mrs. Wright's book? I gave a talented man a lot of States' "puffs" to translate — for our papers here — but he, traitor! wrote an article showing how impossible was for her to know all the wonderful things about Brazil! — Jamais?

Curityba. Paraná — Tues. Night, Aug. 6th./01.

"Chicken Little! Chicken Little! The Sky is falling! —"

Rain, rain, rain, off & on, mostly on — for 3 or 4 weeks! This morning as I got up in the dark at 5.20, to the usual sound of pattering on the

roof, I felt really sorry for "our dear Lord God" as Luther says to have to listen to a chorus of protests & complaints fr. Curityba about the rain. And I rejoiced on opening a window to hear a loud & cheerful chorus of frogs — & remembered the probable content of geese & ducks. I wondered if the devout sweet temper of the memorable Shepherd of Salisbury Plain, ever, in its earthly tabernacle, sat for days on a shelterless plain, gazing at his forlorn sheep huddled together. Every night, I am anxious about my great dog whose great pile of straw & hay I stir up dally — anxious lest the rising waters shld. invade his domicile & give him rheumatism.

Munificent Man — a capital, fresh book, most interesting views & such a good letter! "All this & Heaven, too" — as Lyman Beecher's deacon said reproached fully to Mrs. Beecher, as he sat gingerly on a painted chair, with his feet reluctantly resting on the "Oriental luxury" of a rag carpet, & his eyes fixed on the tasteful dado done by Mrs. B's own serviceable hands. It is hard to tell wh. is most prized, but I feel most flattered that you took the trouble to write a letter. I like to write letters, but most people hate it. I fancy that I know one of the items of news you forgot. It came to while Fred. was here & with the joy of one about to retail an appetising bit of gossip I hurried to him. — "Hang on to yr chair, Fred., for I've some most tremendous news!" So he doubles himself over his chair & hangs on with both hands. — Listen! Miss Tooker is married to a Mr. William Peter Hamilton! — Whereupon, the disrespectful youngster fell all over the chair & the floor, bradando: — There's hope for you, then! — Ho! — say I! — there's some difference between 40 & 60 not to mention other points! — All on fore with amazed curiosity I wrote presto to Miss Lottie for particulars. The wedded pair were to be at 151 Columbia Heights im Sept. & I mean to write & ask her if she promised to obey! Fancy, at this late day, that arbitrary young woman meeting her match! Do you really think Miss Kirk had leprosy? She has rheumatism very badly & is nearly blind & her religious experience yr. very warm & satisfying. Your letter was dated the 28th. Perhaps yr. children gave you the gathering you wished, on yr. birthday in spite of your pretending, as they say women do, not to desire to be reminded of the light of years. What's the harm! One is only nearer the fountain of perpetual youth & bliss. But I am really going to remonstrate seriously with you. You must not let your head get too tired. If the result were speedy death the world might say: — It is a mild form of suicide in a noble cause. — But so often, one doesn't die, but breaks down — a most harrowing thing in its various forms. Not every one gets "scot free" fr. the clutch of paralysis as did dear Miss Kemper. I must confess myself ready to put on the brakes at any time that my brain begins to kick. I do not think work, simple work, is much to be feared; but you carry heavy responsibilities — often have to trust the execution of yr. plans to inefficient help. Here is where the "consolations of religion" come in When I do my best, I have such a comfortable feeling that god will bless & complete the work. I want the best possible results but I know its of no use to expect perfection. "Pouco a pouco se vai al longe". —

I am pleased to hear that you read those new books at night. It is an admirable practice to turn one's mind quite away fr. School & lose one's self in a well written story till sleep comes. That reminds me that if we were anything else but Sch. people we shld. insist on yr. coming to C. for rest. — but you ought not to see Sch. or think Sch. The total depravity of our steamer line is somewhat lessened by the Ita boats stopping here on their way north — so that we have much better communication with th "outside world". Just now the rains have stopped traffic on our

beautiful Serra. I am amazed & disgusted that Mr. McLaren does not come to us. I was sure he wd. There's a boy here ready to take the place of mother who corresponded with him about stamps but whose stamps & letter & offer have rec'd no attention. But I can understand that he wants a little time in Eng. I tho't he was engaged in /98. Do you know Mr. Gericke, Ada Lindsey's husband well? She writes remarkably fine letters — "instantaneous views" of home & people; & I have come to have great respect for him. Like so many Scandinavians he is greatly interested in Natural History. She writes me of some really fine Lectures in German, illustrated, about X rays, & diff. sorts of Lights etc. Do tell me what you know of Mr. Higgins? father — and Am. who "has been nearly all over the world" — sailor? So Bento & Ernesto are back in the ministry! These are hard times "to raise a salary. They will have to take... h less than they cld. make as teachers. If they persevere they may do much good. How amazing that the casting-out-devil business died out so speedily! I feared it wd. go like wild-fire over Brazil. Do you admire Alberto Salles? Have you read of the Cabul people who planted Buddhism in Mexico 1000 yrs. before Columbus? It is described in the July Harper's Monthly. That was missionarying — fr. Cabul across China up to Kamschatka, stepping fr. island to island to Alaska & down to Mexico — 5 men planting those many great Temples. Nothing is said of Central Am.

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What a responsibility wiseyoung Gammon! Will the malcontent Jacobins combine to make his life a burden? Try to help him. Say a good word one day to Fred's nice young sr. Edmundo.

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Those Meth. bishops are fine! Granbery was delightful one forgot the man & listened to the wise thoughts!

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Forgive the long prosa. Maybe Fanny or Margaret will take the answering off yr. hands.

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Love to everybody.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Dear Dr. Lane.

Many thanks for the letter and the beautiful Memorial. Annie has sent me shoals of newspapers teeming with articles on MCKinley & Roosevelt. Of course I have only had time to glance at them, but our guest, Chiquitá's Mr. Clark, has revelled in them. The articles that I find rich & admirable beyond compare are in the Outlook. How delightful to be able to see a thing plainly & tell it clearly! I have long had a passionate admiration for Roosevelt & pray God to protect & guide him. Can you invent any short method to still Anarchism? Mr. Jones wd. Like to apply Inquisition method to the individual, but folly & ignorance are too general. Anarchists are of all types fr. the gentle fraternity specimen to the blatant bomb-thrower.... I have just come back fr. the funeral of young Mrs. Higgins. Two weeks ago their little daughter came, & at first all was jubilation. Then anxiety, medical consultations, a host of good, able women offering for relays day & night (among whom was Miss Kuhl, you may be sure) — then, with comparative suddenness — the end. Mr. Clark has been invaluable. His sympathetic persuasive — José could avail to make him take a little nourishment, or take a good nine hours' sleep when for twelve nights he had scarcely closed his eyes. Ah the poor young

fellow how is he to live his life! They were excellently well-suited to each other. We hear that D. Elisa is coming. I suppose she will take the children & perhaps Mr. H. who thinks he cannot stay here. Then what shall we do? Borrow Mr. Houstor? — Did you know personally the corps of engineers that in the seventies worked in Paraná & mapped out the route to Matto Gr<sup>o</sup> wh. the present corps talks of putting into execution? We have just read *Pioneering in Southern Brazil* by Big-wither-one of them & found it very delightful. At the same time I have discovered, or think I have unless Mary Kingsley disprove it a radical difference between man & woman; not physical force, not intellectual ability, not capacity for work but a primitive disposition on the part of the man, 'yourself for instance) to take to the woods or the plains, the rivers or lakes — to revel in tramping thro' swamps, in sleeping under the open sky, in living on beans, farinha & toucinho, in jumping cataracts. Am I right? Did you ever hear of a woman — not who did such things, but who sought them fr. love of the wild life? We own *To Have & To Hold* but have not seen the much-talked of Richard Carvel or Red Pottage. If you choose to send them to us, we will read, mark, inwardly digest & duly send them back with a thousand thanks. One of the books we gratefully enjoyed was the presentation of Russian life in *The Sowers*, by Merriman. The other day, after reviewing a *Waverley* with fresh pleasure, I discovered one of Merriman's in a recent vol. of *Hamper's Monthly*, *Rodens' Corner*. A big mall interrupted the pleasant prosecution of... o pleasant anticipations, but I found one novel fancy — a great room full of real & pretended ancient furniture "where strange foreign bacilli rose up & wrangled in the r! It reminded me at the magnified drop of water I once saw by the aid of a Drummond light — strange beats racing thro' & one swallowing the other. You're sort o' getting like splendid Joseph, who, says our next Sunday Sch. lesson, saw his grandchildren's children! But the children of the solitary beat yours all hollow;

While you were off in Missouri with yr. small family, Ella & I were raising up crowds. Why didn't we keep a list! I don't feel like a back number! I am sorry you do not bid for Ernestina. We must make a great change next year as two of our prized teachers drop out for a year to try a change of climate. There is a superior little Eng. woman here whom I long to try.

I must stop or you will lose patience. One more thing. We know a fine, selfmade provincia public — sch. teacher married — one son fine disciplinarian, just getting interested in the Bibl. Not advanced in study but good as far as he knows. Salary of self & wife always in arrears. I said

to Ella— wldn't he be good for Dr. Lane. She said Yes, but he might not relinquish the prospect of a pension. We hoped you wld. visit us & we wld. have him come to see you.

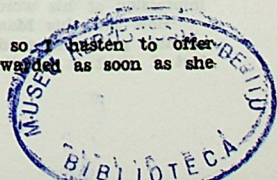
His & wife's salary mount up on paper — but is way behind. Love to all the branching family,

Three people have written that Miss Scott is giving out.

Mary P. Dascomb.  
Curityba. Paraná.

Thus. Dec. 12th. 1901.

Miss Kuhl has almost finished the second book so I hasten to offer our united thanks to them. They shall be forwarded as soon as she



finishes. The Carvel story is very fine — vigorous, healthful and delightful. Red Pottage has delicious bits about the children; but Ella and I both are disgusted that so many women spend their undeniable force in depicting more than dubious relations. To warn people off by painting the uncomfortable complications likely to follow? Rather a long way round!

Sr. Lino is with us, and sends regards to you. We find him a delightful guest, full of life, vivacity, good feeling and anecdote. At two "Conferencias" the church with many extra seats was crammed. At the last the evening was so stiflingly hot and a thunder-storm so imminent that the church was only moderately full. I am greatly impressed with the good sense of this ardent little man. He can hold himself in when he thinks it best — or he can let fly with stinging effect. We exchanged anecdotes this morning. I told him of the old negro preacher who explained the Red Sea affair: — The Israelites crossed in the early morning on the ice, but the Egyptians following at noon broke thro' and were drowned.

A colored youth in the audience demurred. — My geogr'phny tells me that ice does not form near the quator, and the Israelites crossed near the' quator. — I 'spected some such fool question! That was before the times of geogr'phies and' quator!

This tale Sr. Lino caps with the Italian padre's tale of 5000 men and five thousand women who ate five pães. — What? — Miracolo! — The wonder was they didn't burst!" How about Dr. Reinhardt. French or German? doctor or engineer? good or bad? Will Fanny write us of the wedding? Do you know any thing of

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the Vegas, dentist and charming wife and superb dog. May you have restful vacation. Merry Xmas. Happy New Yr. strength renewing voyage and find Miss Lottie, Margaret and others well.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba, Paraná.

Frid. Dec. 27th 1901.

Well, well! Job is even less fortunate than Pierce — to have to leave his wife the very day after the wedding! His going to Rio for the Exam. makes me think of Dr. E... away for Exam. & Mrs. Howell's calling on the pretty wife (by request) & finding her accomodada — remember? I'm so sorry for Fanny! As soon as the Shaws come I suppose that you & Fanny will flit-have a good rest on the ocean and take refuge with generous Miss Lottie in Brooklin — whose crying defect is that she won't write letters. Many thanks for the information anent (?) the Reinhardts. This young man seems to think they are of French extraction — the del. looks Spanish & the Reinhardt seems German.

The Conferencias have closed more's the pity — & soon we are to have Mr. Houston to clinch them with his visits. The Sunday night services have been crowded. The thunder-bolts that he launches against the erros of the Romish church are suggestive of great Jove, but his resonant voice and peculiarly sweet sympathetic, almost infantine utterance keep eager attention. The cowardly daily papers print scandals — & Romish puerilities profusely but limit themselves to the mere, paid announcements of the meetings. But Jerusalem, the curious title of the Masonic paper has a really beautiful notice greatly comforting sr. Lino, acknowledging the deep impression of his words on men hitherto without faith.

How sad this Masonic imbraglio! I have considered Masonry as a valiant power for good in past times of political & ecclesiastical tyranny. But I tho't it puerile & passé in these days. But while Rio Grande

Masonry unite to publish a defiance to all religion, & in Curitiba it is said that the Fraternity unite to free a wretched young thief of 13:3.000\$000 fr. just punishment — yet just as anti-Romanism is going to need all her friends, there must needs be feuds in the camp! It is a thousand pities! Antonio Gomes, with his talent & zeal, Zaccarias, Herculano & others are going over to Eduardo & crying War to the knife against Masonry. Where a side issue like this is admitted, the interest of the Kingdom of God suffer tremendously. Eduardo will again get his yoke on the neck of these incautious partisans — we shall alienate people disposed to be friendly & to hammer our common foe.

True. Mrs. Wright is enjoyable in many respects but particularly admirable in her business ability & push. We tho't Paraná was so rotten that there was no hope of her contract being fulfilled; but she

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got it & even defeated a young thief of a subaltern who tho't by a small change, omission, to line his own pocket. Logrado! "Bem bom!" Ella K. has gone to Desterro for 2 or 3 wks. But such was the total depravity of the steamer line that she waited in Paranaguá fr. Mond' to Frid! Rested wrote letters, read a little melted and paid money,

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I have a bright young lady help me entertain sr. Lino. He & I have some lively shindies.

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Every day after lunch we play Zorra — a fine game. I have the Crisis, but not Kipling's tale. Saudades to everybody,

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curitiba. Paraná.

Frid. Night, Jan. 10th. 1902.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Yes, I knew her and admired her with all my heart. She seemed to me a fair lily among women. I hope that I here, in the Home of the Blessed, she knows and rejoices at your passionate cherishing of her memory, at your faithfulness in trying to execute her wishes, at your yearning to honor and serve the Lord she loves. It makes me happy to see that you realize that these precious memories are not wholly sad, — that they are really a heritage of joy to be a daily, hourly inspiration — the beautiful means by which God guides you to all good. In His service you are still united to her — she praising Him above, you working to straighten out things in this world. One day you will meet again. Think of it!

I think you may go with Fanny. There is no one to take your place, but each dept. has some faithful and capable ones to hold it steady to work. They will scarcely desintegrate while you are away. Miss Scott will be heartened by the new lady whom, it is said, she likes. Rufus is his father's son and will hold the day-schools. Mackenzie is the rub, but I hope it can prosper for a few months without its chief.

Miss Kuhl came back yest. fr. an 18 days absence — part of the time in Desterro. With her came Effie & Fred. Everybody is vastly delighted to see the Three. If Effie does not get one of her prejudices she is a delightful companion. The only trouble here is the comparatively monotonous life, serves congenial associates near her own age. But we shall be only too grateful for all the music she will give us and therevare a quantity of fine books about.

Sr. Lino is off with Mr. Landes. In these small places his being a Mason will help him. I do not know about Desterro where there is war as it were, between Masons & Jesuits. Effie told Miss Kuhl that somebody in authority in the Boy's Internato — is it an Italian? — is, to her thinking, a Jesuit, fomenting all this trouble.

When I think of Alves being elected & of all that means, I dread to have you leave.

What will become of nice young Trompowsky if harmonious Mr. Gammon goes & prejudiced Mr. Smith comes!

With cordial salutations to all your Lane connections,

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Jan. 20th. 1902.

That's the way to do — race off a little letter promptly and it is not on your mind. Tomorrow School opens. As usual there has been much activity to lessen our numbers. We are about the last School to open. Fred. is much better but a letter just rec'd. from Addie says she has the fever and ague. He was just congratulating himself that she had never been so well as now.

Mrs. Houston, too, in Wooster has been very ill — just escaped typhoid. I am a little exercised about my own feelings — perfectly well as usual, no headaches — but often a curious rush of blood to the head almost like drowsiness — almost makes me lose consciousness. My Father would tell me that Nature abhors a vacuum! I wonder if it is apoplexy or paralysis or any of those swift messengers. Rather the former than the latter! I have a sort of feeling that the old fashion of blood — letting wld. be a relief.

Another capital letter from Ada Gericke! She is a most delightful correspondent. Mrs. Baillie seems to have done Brazil up at one stroke of her pen as it were & begs for letters — “without abbreviations”. Mr. Landes is enjoying sr. Lino although in taking for a day or two to all the small places. I think he makes a mistake. Rather a week each at the large places.

Our Serro Azul teachers valiantly rode through floods of rain to reach us in time.

295:000\$000! It makes one's head swim to think of it!

Not to take up more of your valuable time.

With love to all Lanes big & little,

Mary P. Dascomb.

There is some talk of Philip's coming with Mrs. Landes, to reach Rio in July.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Fev. 17.02.

It's Mr. Landes' birthday. May he be happy. I think Ella wld. joyfully spend hours on yr. Matricula if she could make 12:000\$ in three days. Her heaviest burden is not knowing how many will fall of joying. Even rich people spend right & left rather than pay just debts. I Soon finished Kim & find it one of the most enjoyable books I've read. I wish people



like the Holy One could meet the splendid medical missy Dr. Chamberlain who wrote in the Cobra's death, Tiger's Jungles He seems to me to have a wonderful gift for turning Hindu religiosity into Evang. channel.. Ella is wonderfully enthusiastic over it & this morning came an Oberlin copy for me! — so Effie can begin directly. I will return yrs. soon with a thousand thanks. How can you send it off without yr. name in it! I am safe, but few are... We are shocked at hearing of Mr. Chamberlain's tumor. Would there be time for the voyage before an operation? — — Ernestina arrived in good condition, but disgusted as were all her relations at her return before the 2 yrs. were up. Miss Williamson denies that there was any time fixed for her stay in Sergipe. We all think differently: E. did not care to stay here on very small salary & went home. We are very well situated this term tho' we have not yet our normal number of pupils. E. is in Lapa & wid. rejoice at a note fr. you even if it comes late. Isn't there some oldish lady who for a consideration wid. chaperone the girls to Mackenzie? I have run the risk of making Effie homesick by putting up photos of the Girls' Sch. & Mackenzie on the door. — I am so sorry that Fanny is not well, and hope you can go with her in March. Maybe the new man will do finely if left alone. I admire what Effie tells me of Mr. Fenn's exactness. That habit is of special value in Brazil.

The Puritano was very "previous" in announcing a probability of Mr. Higgins' going to S. Carlos. He is here & expects to stay. Will probably board here with us after dear Mr. Cornelsen leaves the Landes' chacara. We rather look for sr. Lino this week. He has had very good meetings in Castro. The other night we had the very great pleasure of welcoming Henrique Ribeiro. He seems very evenly developed fellow — grave & gay, practical & dreaming cool & hot. So far as I know, Erasmy & Henrique have never gotten off the straight road since they were boys. I have always wanted Fred here but I suppose it cannot be done. He soon recovered during his month here, but was worried to hear that Addie whose health had been exceptionally good in Desterro was down with malarious fever — but she soon recovered. When he reached home he found Mr. Houston with 40° centg. of fever, but he treated him vigorously. He is so much beloved by his church & travels a deal, but he might be willing to exchange for awhile. I wonder if Mr. Higgins who was bred in Rio wid. flourish in Desterro. — — — But I fancy the doctors are all at sea about mosquitos or I have a special variety I think mine are bred in my room & from father to son, to grandson, to great grandson. I have peculiar facilities — curtains at each corner wherein these gentry hide during the day & meditate on the nice, fat, juicy banquet of the night. But as for their being carrier-pigeons of Morbus — no sign of it. They are very domestic.

We have had a week of intensely hot weather. It's coming at Carnival time when the bisnagas were in full play ought to give the doctors something to do.

With love to all, both great & small

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Tues. Sept. 30th. 1902.

How surprised & delighted was I, in the "volumous" mail of this morning to find an envelope fr. 120 M.St. And when I read the letter I was more surprised than ever that you took time to write it amid such phenomenal goings, doings & hearings. 15000 teachers at Minneapolis! A

proof, as says one paper that America is not all for mere material progress. I should think it would have given you dispepsia in educational subjects, & rejoiced that you took the antidote of a trip to Maine woods. Annie writes me that Roosevelt is camping out with his boys. I am so sorry to hear that Miss Lottie needs a change & does not find it possible to take one. One does not know many women who could step into her place & run two great boarding-houses in so home-y & yet handsome a fashion. I've know just one other. But I wonder if chance could somehow come to her. She does not care much to read. If she could often attend the theater as run in Germany — in the P.M. with reasonable dressing & fine dramas. — how would that do?

Why do you say, as the English do: — Poor Mr. Chamberlain! — Those last months were hard, but they are all over now, and he is Happy Mr. Chamberlain! I like the article in the Assembly H. very much. Mr. Koble expecting to come to Esp. Santo was shipwrecked at Bahia nearly where Mrs. Lenington had the same experience & stopped at B. He was entreated to take Mr. Ch.'s place, but after a little listened to Fred. L's plea for Sta. Cath<sup>a</sup> Mr. Houston is doing a beautiful work here, — he is a most natural & charming character — but he has rec'd. two such letters from home that he dare not stay longer, & Mr.K goes to take his place, — we all petitioning for it, after it's done! I am so sorry that you cannot offer a key to the Lino dilemma. I hate to have his feelings hurt for he has made great sacrifices. I think you are right in attributing it to Mr. Kyle's influence. He says Lino's temper is in the way of a settled pastorate. Mr. Van Orden has again come to the rescue & sent Lino up north. But Mr. K. has done one capital thing — translated an old Engl. serman on Diotrephes that miraculously fits Eduardo Pereira. People have immense difficulty in believing that it was not made to order.

Your papers will probably come tomorrow They are always welcome. I never fed the fire but once, with printed matter fr. the States. Mrs. Hughes, hearing that I liked Detective Stories sent me a N.Y. Police Gazette! All Brazil is eaten up with sympathy for poor Mr. Landes. Since June he has been expecting his family always going to sail — never arriving! Miss Kuhl wishes me to impress it on you that the impressional matters get cut frightfully 500\$000 off our Schl. always wh. we can ill spare. If you could only induce

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What of Mrs. Tooker Hamilton?

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Love to Miss Lottie, Fanny, Margaret, Innocencia & the Magalhães.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Nov. 24. 1902.

Dear Dr. Lane,

We have been on the lookout for news of yr. arrival but have not a word. I did not answer your letter because you expected to start in two weeks. The most welcome bees arrived much later. I could not resist Mr. Higgins' desire to read it — then we will hurry. Tunis did not come. The package bore yr. superscription but looked to me as tho' it had been opened & hastily done up again The P.O. man will not do anything till he knows that two started together. Meanwhile he is professing to hunt for the Sch. photographs Ella & I sent home with guarantees & receipts fr. the employés here. Mine went June 7th Ella's Sept. 17th.

Are you glad to be back to see all the little great children? "Job Lane" — says Mr. Lopes, has a baby"! Congratulations to you all!

We were so sorry not to see Will & Susy's husband & their companions who were "doing" Paraná for months, came within a day of us & never visited the Hub or gave us the pleasure of seeing S. Paulo faces. How did you leave Margaret & Miss Lottie & Innocencia? Did you visit my old lady in Brooklin? Have the Board, with all the amazing prosperity at home still cut us so mercilessly? Why didn't those Round the World people visit Brazil? Aren't we folks!

When are you coming to Paraná? Next week holidays begin. Effie will make her annual visit to Fred. We were diverted with Secretarial disgust at the Kolb Wiggle Waggle. Bound for Esp. Santo, switched off at Bahia, sorto' run out there while invited to come to their old love, Sta. Catharina — I am amazed at home people criticising Mr. Kolb so much. Don't they know that he is the most conscientious man alive! Mr. Higgins still talks of going to the States — perhaps in Abril. Would you give him letters of introduction to people who would be good to him & help him to see things? He is a bright young fellow & would be a very agreeable guest. We have just had a visit fr. dr. Ant<sup>o</sup>. Teixeira da Silva; invited to preach here. He gave three Conferencias & at the lash. Thanks in part to a diatribe in the Cathedral Sund, morn, our beautiful Church was over-flowering — even more than when Lino was here. Antonio is the same affectionate, merry sympathetic fellow of princely manners of the old time. But under, & thro' & over all is the rarest, tenderest, fervid sparkling piety. Wonderful, change! This is what dear Mr. Chamberlain expected of you.

His lovely voice gives new & startling beauty to Scripture & hymn. He may make mistakes but is humble, prayer-ful, enthusiastic with good sense & keen lawyer habits. God bless him & make him the Moody of Brazil.

It was beautiful to see the affectionate appreciation of Mr. Higgins of our charming visitor.

I was delighted to hear Ant.<sup>o</sup> speak of you as I speak & enthusiasm can go no farther: — only regretting one thing—that you do not attend church regularly. It's a pity!

Do make Rufus go off somewhere! Such a burden for young shoulders! Teaching, sitting up with sick, responsibility — He's a hero.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond, Feb. 2nd. 1903.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your letter filled me with dismay for a time. Such a mustering of the forces of the Ch. of Rome made me almost faint-hearted. Rome is not ashamed to beg fr. door to door. Rome interferes little with man's pleasures or vices, with woman's frivolity or foolishness. She asks only deference & money. But the very day that the future seemed so ominous, I found a remark of Dr. Morrison of China. Some one said to him, Do you think that you few missionaries can convert the millions of China? — No, but God can! — was the quick reply. School is opening very well. In

spite of public & private admonition many important Cath. families send their children. The growing indifference to paying disturbs Miss Kuhl makes her uncertain as to what are her actual resources for the year. People must have new handsome clothes, fine carriages & horses, the excitement of Club-balls of circus & theater. If, some months after date, one can pay rent & schoolbills, one is quite virtuous! Ella has a fine fellow for a collector, but often people object to be dunned — are mildly or . . . stily (?) astonished at the unbecoming haste with wh. we press for money! We have a good force of teachers tho' our nice First Primary is looking consumptive. The prospects of the Church are not so bright. Some, perhaps, cannot pay; some will not, on principle; some lack the patriotic fervor of the old Jews for the interests of Zion, & a goodly number do what they can. Result we are behind in our Pastor's salary. Several of us are delighted to have him go to the States. He is just the man to make the most of the opportunity, & this is just the time to go — but our Ch. . . ll . . . not prosper as it wd. We have fine . . . d. . . but . . . all read well & the selection of sermons is mostly poor. We shld. like Franklin, but 250\$ a month is little to tempt. We shld. best like Fred. but he is devoted to his field. The Kolb girls are lovely — a great credit to their parents. Did you give poor Innocencia any satisfaction about her Mother & sister?

I pray with all my heart for your great Schools as well as our smaller one. Do you know personally any of the Am-padres? Mr. Higgins has lately been put on the Gymnasium Exam. Com.:. for Latin. Eng & I think Port. . . manfully insists on honesty

There he is associated with Conego Braga who is all things to all men, truly!

Wishing health, wealth & prosperity — the best — success to all Lanes — Mary P. Dascomb. Do lend your Bee Book to Mr. Gerick.

In Feb. our Am. dentist. D. . . Vegas. goes to Santos to embark his wife on the Tennyson, & expects to go on to S. Paulo to spy out the land & maybe move there. He is busy here but finds regularity in appointments impossible. Hope his confrères will be good to him!

Curityba. Paraná. Thurs. March 5/03

Dear Dr. Lane,

You are quite safe in assuming if there has been long stoppage of letters, that the pause is on your side. I am just now uncomfortable to see a pile of unanswered letters on my desk, but my sister & you & perhaps one or two more never figure in said pile. We are all three charmed with Mrs. Wiggs, so warm-hearted, resourceful, making the best, of things Seeing Fannie's name in the book I wrote to ask her leave to forward it to Mrs. Landes who would surely appreciate it.

How do you account for the abominable conduct of Russia towards the Finns. Is it the influence of the conservative nobility? It cannot be the amiable, not to say soft Czar! Will they — the stiff old codgers, make him divorce this wife if she gives him a fifth daughter! I am so eager to read about Russia. I have a very interesting novel The Sowers, representing the peril of exile & confiscation if a man — a nobleman — is too good to the wretches on his uncounted acres. Annie promises to send me The Vultures — sounds horrid! — I believe it tells of the persecution of the Jews. We are having such a time to get Mr. Higgins off. I'm in a hurry to

have him begin to see the wonders. He wants to see the church in good hands but as we can only offer 250\$ por mez it seems unlikely that any one can come.

He hoped for Othoniel who married money but the youth declines — evidently thinks we're too far off — probably caipiras! We shld. like Franklin but how can he move wife & baby & live on that pittance! Mr. H. proposes to Mr. Landes that our Church pay his expenses to come to us once a month & our elders do the rest.

Meanwhile the Presbytery wishes him to wait for their function. No! say I. Go, go, go!

How interesting to hear from James Simonton! That youth 54! Impossible! Professor Emeritus without a salary! A sham & a shame! Why did he not tell so for Helen Simonton D.D. (her father's dear devoted).

I am immensely curious about Mr. Higgins's father — he must have relatives in the States. Ella Kuhl has relatives Higgins, — one very bright woman something like him I met, (Beautiful construction! I'm studying German, that's why — I do exercises like th ... est)

How ... & Fanny wld. ... o ... take a look at us! Our new building is delightful — most of our corps of teachers more than satisfactory. Do as I do — work up to the limit & absolutely no worry about what might be done that I don't do. You have magnificent executive ability. Be content. Do have a soirée of little Lanes & send me

a photo. I pray every day for S. Paulo Schools' & people.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Frid. June, 5th, 1903.

What a benevolent being! — a prompt letter & two choice new books to read! But how little experience in Brasil one wld. think, to send off such nice books without adequate marks of ownership! So you do not anticipate much pleasure fr. Fra Paolo! Think maybe it's a book of devotion, of pious meditation like Thomas à Kempis. Never did you make such a blunder! It is a book of a glorious man of affairs, of a man of erudition such as Santos Saraiva never dreamed & of a true-hearted Catho... Christian who rejected the chaff & ate the wheat of his Church. If you read it & don't like it, I'll — shall — "eat my hat!" I do not know much of Mr. Higgins' inside. What appears to a daily observer is a character high, keen & true. He was ill in S. Paulo for several days of the Grippe. I do not know whether anything else influenced his not going to you in person. He is grateful to the Arch Conspirator for much kindness, — but if you do not attack that individual he will di. passionately criticize him. He owes much to his mother in-law & may be over-persuaded by her whom a guest in her house. He seemed almost ready to adopt my views of Masonry — a Society that in times of political or religious tyranny had been very useful & may be again in Brazil, — but that otherwise is a sort of puerility with its aprons & skulls & crossbones. But with the onslaught of Antonio Gomes, the defection of one after another who was not influenced by love of said A. C — r. — & with the profane declarations of the Rio Grande do Sul Contingent of Masonry, he returned to the position that a Christian cannot be a Mason — Kolb, Gammon etc. notwithstanding. I am afraid of this Synod I hear intimations that the A. C. is busy as used. Mr. Blackford before him, but with much more ability

in working up his party. I cannot think him honest in fear of Mackenzie & Masonry. It looks like a desperate attempt to regain the prestige that he so miraculously lost. I am ashamed of myself that I have so little faith for this Synod, when I remember that other. I look at the good sound men & they seem so occupied in their work as not to be getting ready for the struggle or even, (sick of strife), to be planning to stay away. In the face of the apparent Renaissance of Catholic effort if not ascendancy, it seems tremendously important that all true Protestants shld. stand shoulder to shoulder.

for what is of first importance. I pray daily, almost hourly for union. I have not the least sympathy with the general hilarity over Mr. Waddell's long journey — only tremendous gratitude that it was not cancer & a desire to kick the incompetent creatures whose ignorance made the journey advisable. They ought to be made to pu... for the trip! I shld. have tho't it quite possible that so tenacious an ulceration might have developed into cancer — indeed we heard that Mr. Ch.'s came fr. a tooth neglected in his long journeys. I rejoice to hear fr. Effie of your new change-health-life-giving (I'm studying German!) fad — a fazenda. Splendid idea!

To fear cancer is not to fear death!

Papa Higgins almost wore out his wife — she was soot... weakminded towards the last but her son was so good to her. I'm a little afraid that his many-sided-ness will make him voluvel. But he works well!

We must somehow supply the lack of a man — we so miss Mr. H. I think yr. P.O. clerk ought to

pay a fine to make him ... — Did you meet Miss Sands? She's the perfection of a Scotchwoman!

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. July 1st. 1903.

Dear Dr. Lane,

How pleased am I that you enjoy Fra Paolo. I tho't it could scarcely be otherwise if you cld. be persuaded to read the book. It is a comfort to know that there can be an intelligent devout priest. Have you read "Mornings with the Jesuits" by the astute & polished author of "Noites com os Romanistas"? Mr. Chamberlain had it. After some intimacy with many of the hierarchy at Rome (they hoped to convert him so suave and inquiring was he at first he concluded that a bias fr. babyhood cld. so twist men's minds that they cld. not see straight. Your two books for wh. I thank you heartily, will go with the gentlemen bound to Synod. I am "abysmada" with the variety of the Scotch race pictured in Dannie. Is there any race capable of such amazing difference of temperament as the Scotch!

One thing I think Americans have not as a general thing, inherited fr. their Eng. & Sc. ancestry — and that is — a false shame at showing the softer feelings. In some of Kipling's stories I wonder at the reluctance to show family affection, even. I have always tho't with you that it is better to avoid public discussion. But Ant. Teixeira is an exceptional being. I find that the ardor & sweetness of his spirit made an ineffaceable impression here. If all were like him — say many livres — pensadores" whose hearts were touched by the man-to man affectionable frankness

with wh. he showed them his new heart. God bless him & make the "free lance" very useful.

Job will be interested to know that the cap. of the Lewisham on whom he & Dr. Strain operated tho't himself unable to lie by as they ordered & was obliged to do so here, later. Took a doctor with him fr. here to B. Ayres. It is worth while being 61 to be able to set up an art store as I am. You shld. see the presents=

Mary P. Dascomb.

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Will plasters on your feet drain all the reumatism out of you? What do you think of the German needle business creating an open sore to induce Nature to leave off bothering you somewhere else? One of our doctors treats almost every ailment by injections of medicine into the blood instead of pouring it into the stomach." What do you think?"

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I shld. like Rufus & Mr. Gericke to read Fra Paolo.  
Fred. can read it coming fr. S. Paulo the 1st of Aug.

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I wrote sr. Remigio after C' death & rec'd such an aff. letter as did my heart good. I was so surprised!

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Curityba. Paraná. Sat. July 25/03.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I've been waiting for these treacherous gentlemen to carry your two books to S. Paulo & have the reading between discussions of Synod possibilities. But Mr. Landes doesn't go-more the pity! & the 2 Sta. Cat.'s go skipping by without calling & Addie does not come up for the much needed change because she heard of measles. (Croup or diphteria is rife too!) I do not know whether we can raise enough money to send one for our beautiful elders, but we ought... I wonder if you can get time to send us one or two bulletins as you did last time. Otherwise I fear we shall be quite in the dark. I am having such nice sermons translated for our Sunday services written by a famous Dean of Cambridge (Harvard.) He says that the Kingdom of God implies centralization, authority, obedience, laws, armies. — — — The church was organized for the propagation of the Gospel. The nations are called to join themselves to her, not only to be helped but to help. — — — That would be a apropos in this Synod. A Kingdom divided against itself how can it stand.

The Lane is a beautiful book, Danny is utterly queer, with lovely comprehension of & sympathy for animals. I am enjoying Zagwill's Children of the Ghetto lent by an Eng. lady in the Argentine. It is amazingly well written. You wld. enjoy it. There are almost incredible accounts of Jewish superstitions. Effie sends love and Ella would if she were here. You do not satisfy my insatiable curiosity about Mrs. Tooker-Hamilton! I know you shared it! & went to see her! —

And about the medicine hypodermically taken? (I don't find that word in the dict. but shld. be there! The Light Cure is fine. No "nasty" medicine.

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Miss Kuhl begs me to beg you to (beg borrow, steal or) buy for us some Globe inkstands. We have tried all manner of substitutes, & are in the last stages of penury. And she wld. like, further that Fred. shld. be begged

to bring 'em down. She begs you (as the Br. say) to consider yr. self already thanked.

Please talk to Fred. about our having 2 or 3 months back money for Effie.

School is going so well — all but the money basis. Philadelphia is to pay Effie's salary & that will relieve the the finish the figure please! It ought to begin months ago. (Irish?)

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Wed. 10 P.M. 5/8/03.

Dear Dr Lane,

You are simply mag-ni-f-i-cent! — ne plus ultra! What a splendid resumé! I have made three abstracts — one to keep — one for our elders to read tonight — (one of them & 2 deacons are bitten) & one for Mr. H. wh. I send you to glance over & forward. Prayer does tell! What an incredibly small following after months of Blackfordian intrigue? What has become of Zacharias & Co.? What a pity that dear Caetano goes traipseing off with the irreconcilables! It is really "irrisorio" to see the names of these martyrs for conscience' sake — Eduardo, Bento, Ernesto, etc.

Well, well! after having my laugh let me return to my better self & hope that we shall all have more leisure for the Work of the Kingdom. Do get Dr. Alexander to come see us! We are folks too! A splendid letter fr. Mr. H. of the trip with a bit of N.Y. "I must take breath before attempting to describe my impressions of the Marvellous City! Uiff!!!

A thousand million thanks fr. fr. us all. With what hidden triumph shall we face these laggards

Did S. Paulo papers take notice of our meetings? Did our Antonio Teixeira attend?

who think to dole out news to us!

Aha!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Sat. Aug. 5th. 1903.

Business first Miss Kuhl visited the Chams in the unfinished Sch. Bldg in /75. She understood that the lot was bought in Mr.C's name & that the lot for Church & parsonage was bought of another party & that there was much trouble about the title deeds to the latter — at last straightened out. She thinks the property was afterwards transferred to Sch. & Church, but supposes that there must be documents to show for it.

I'm afraid this is unsatisfactory. — — —

How very mortifying! The cat is out of the bag that you do not read all my epistles, as I thanked you for Pippins & Cheese & said that I have its companion — A. Mountain Woman. — But I fancy that I put it on a side track — a thing abominable to the masculine mind — so I shall have to forgive you! Maybe the Paraná fiasco about T — — was providential for it seems that sr. Modesto & Bella are outrageously extra-



vagant in their ideas of living & any ideas of self-sac. that sr. Ed. might have rec'd fr. other sources wd. soon perish under the stress of B — — demands. I an so sorry. I like him immensely. I'm afraid that B — — is more like the worldly grandmother than the lovely mother.

We have only one elder, Alberto Barddal, who is firm to adhere to the Synod — the others incline abominably to the purifying business. Mr. Landes stayed several days & they seemed willing to leave the subject until Dec. — think of it! But if some of the fire-eaters shld. come down here — adeus! — Isn't it perfectly incomprehensible how men who call themselves Christian can be so vicious! With yrs. came a capital letter fr. Mr. Higgins with a week's impressions of N.Y. where he seems to have visited no one but to have rushed about in every conceivable fashion. Almost the same day came an "impagavel" effusion, compounded by Mr. H. Pauline; Margaret Landes & Mr. Bickerstaph at the latter's home in Spartansburg, Penn. The 4 were renewing their youth in unceasing jollity. Poor Mrs. B. off in Kansas with her who is Mother deathly sick of nerves.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Night. 17.8./03

The steamers, the almanack, the weather, the sun, have all gone crazy! Your letter dated the 7th, arrived this morning — 10 days on the trip! Your two letters & enclosures with a chatty epistle from Ada are all that we hear from the Synod. A letter fr. Mrs. Koble to her pretty daughters says that Mr. K. was to start on Mond. (last. I suppose) for Curityba & we hear no sign of them. Sweet Addie, the boys & servant have been ill & are better. Addie on her birthday rec'd a tea-service from her loving people. I am so sorry for sr. Lino. Able man as he is, there does not seem to be any place where he just fits in. I was sorry to hear that se. Carvs<sup>a</sup> has been trying to get a place in the Alfandega for his charming future son-in-law. That wd. be a thousand pitles. For altho' Christian business men are needed & sure to be useful, sr. Edmundo seems cut out for a fine minister. He has the magnanimity of splendid King David & no more harbors malice agst Dr. Smith than D. against handsome, melancholy Saul. Several of our principal church officers & members are badly inoculated with anti-masonic principles. No one can drive them from concluding that all masons belittle Christ if they are not downright atheists, merely because of a horrid manifesto issued by Rio Gr. masons. Why do not you run away & bring Dr. Alexander down to see us? Do you know that you have never seen our Schools? It would be a rest for you.

I am greatly pleased with the Synodical Manifesto. It is exactly what I believe. How good to have Mr. Gammon & Miss Kemper back! Will you forward a

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a Synodical Manifest to Mr. Higgins. Care Miss Persons (tho' she inst there fr. her room it will be forwarded)

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With lively gratitude fr. these 3 stranded indiv.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná. Frid. Sept. 25/03.

Surely you are the Prince of Good Fellows! What a precious little nestful of Lane Birdling's. How did you ever get such a capital picture?

And the book! How good of you to give us the reading of your windfalls! Are you gathering much of a library or with so many Laneites & their friends do the books disappear like the morning dew? wish I knew what to send you of ours. Annie sends 6 at a time on my birthday or at Christmas. You know The Crisis? Just at this Exposition time everything about St. Louis is of interest. This mail bro't me a book on Reconstruction in Theol. by our new young Talented Pres. King of Oberlin. What would the Dissidents say if they knew I had it! Cease persecuting Masons & all fall on?

Also Annie sent me a booklet of Views of Poughkeepsie & Vassar. She has sent me several such.

How is our Seething Cauldron? The bottom has fallen out! Our most revered elder has left office & even membership — will stay no longer in what may become a Masonic Temple where blasphemies against Christ may be uttered! I think he's crazy! We are holding our breath as to what may happen next Sunday. In these circumstances our mail & books are a treasure to keep us fr. becoming monomaniacs. But better than all it is to say — O Lord, Thou knowest all things. Thou canst turn the hearts of men. Do Thou send thoughts of peace and magnanimity into the hearts of these our brothers & sisters. Do Thou watch over Thy Zion here! —

After thus laying care & anxiety on Him, we meet our brethren with smiles & — talk of — something else. Yesterday was Fanny's birthday & I had the will to send her a pretty Paraná postal, but in the stress of Examinations, forgot. I wish her many happy returns.

God bless all Lanes, Big & little.

Mary P. Dascomb.

What's the idea in Congress of driving out Foreigners? Wldn' it be fun, if they did! I'd like to see 'em walk alone!

(Word fr. Fred. that S. Fr. ch.

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Curityba. Paraná. Wed. Night. Oct. 14/03.

Dear Dr. Lane,

If this writing looks queer, it's fr. the interruptions of my wide-awake kitty. We are ever so sorry for you without Fanny but it's only for a short time & will probably do her a world of good. We were overjoyed to see an other book tho' I was afraid that I shld. not be able to understand its technicalities. How many branches of Eng. now unintelligible to the general reader — ball, racing etc. I have already dipped into The Pit enough to judge that the rush & whirl of a great city & the maddening fascination of speculation is well described but the love-making, the conversations between the young people are particularly poor. Your may suggest that I am not a past master in the art of love-making! True, but one has a "palpitate" when the thing is well done. Effie held the fort this eve while Ella & I went off to two prayer-meetings & with her lightening-speed had bored 3/4 thro' The Pit before we returned at 8,30. — Our dissidents having no opposition were quieting a little, waiting I think for a dictum fr. Mr. Higgins when there came the 2nd. Pelo Synodo to stir them up to white heat. Ella rec'd a lot of escandalos & at my entreaty holds them in great secrecy. I think no more Synodos will be distributed here & Mr. Landes does not distribute them in Castro. Cruz goes.

Curityba. Mond. Night, Nov. 2/03.

One good turn deserves another & you shall be the first to know that our church has blown up — 58 have gone out — 19 stayed in & some on the fence. At a public meetg. today the Dissidents "proved" that the poor Synod was ignorant or insincere when it declared that Masonry is not a religion — also affirming that Masonry doesn't believe in anything, circulates the blasphemous Deus e Alma. Those who went out are as poor as church mice with two exceptions. — & the great majority went by persuasion — not at all fr. conviction. We have the educated class. But fancy us 19 (?) — with a few more in our beautiful church! The Dissidents will soon organize into an indep. body — say they do not mean to join Eduardo. Mr. Landes came to attend the Meet. & forced them to take the initiative & go out whereas they meant first to vote away the Statute giving the property to the loyal ones. He insisted that we shld. discuss Masonry & then declare, one by one, for or against the Synod. How sad the division!

Mary P. Dascomb

Curityba. Paraná. Sat. Dec. 5th. 1903.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I am only too pleased to rec. a letter at any time — only wish it were a visit, instead. I tho't that maybe, on sheer desperation you wd. come down with Dr. Lino. He was met as before by a band of music — because — he came up on the train with the bishop & padre Alberto. We have, I believe, 4 gentlemen in our Syn. Party & 3 of them met him with a carriage, & came in & had a palaver while watching him eat coagulated milk & salt beef. He is a fine man in a salon, the life of the party. After telling him the situation, he thinks with us that our hitherto revered Mr. Cornelson has a bee in his bonnet especially since his last step of taking his nice young daughter from our School to send her to nuns to learn the same things! Even supposing that Miss K. & I were Massons as many say — is that worse than Romanism! Dr. Lino says that Dr. Alexander advised the missionaries not to take part in the counsels of the Braz. Church — said that this question or rather this difficulty began with the Blackford & Kyle raids on Schools, But Lino thinks it is a most inopportune moment to attempt it for the povinho will cry out: — "So, Eduardo was right in this, & probably in everything. We have at last letters a proposito fr. Mr. Higgins. On the fence apparently, as Silva Rodrigues was but came down at the voice of the charmer. Really, I begin to think that Eduardo is a bona fide enchanter. Mr. Higgins says that in Institute Moody he is learning tolerance & Charity fr. seeing people of so many races & creeds unite to study the Bible. That the more he thinks of this great & various world, the more he is convinced that one cannot expect uniformity. — But on the heels of all this he won't declare himself ready to sit down at the Lord's Supper with Masons or with people who fall to excommunicate said Masons. He says he doesn't like Synods'—cause why, (say I) Eduardo & he "fi't fo't, & Bled" needlessly at the other one! Dr. Lino says he is to marry a sister of our José Luiz Braga Jun. & thus be connected with Nicoláo & Henriqueta. In his letter he said that if his church agreed with him in wishing to be absolutely indep. of either party, perhaps he wd. return here. If not, anywhere. Poor Mr. Landes has taken the Jones' house for 2 years. But the last Mission Meeting asked for him to come here in April when the Bickerstaphs return. I wondered why, but

after I heard Mrs. L's desperate talk — she shouldn't & wouldn't stay in that dead-alive place without Phillip if Mr. L. left her so much — she'd go back to the States first — etc. I began to understand. When this was proposed we expected to have a pastor & Mr. L. was to travel to places about (if she let him) but now the travel wld. be only occasional. Our Mission Meet. was marked Dec. 10 at Desterro, & Fred. will be travelling till the 8th. — he is indefatigable! But because of our Ch. muddle, at the last minute Mr. Landes calls 'em here. Mr. Kolb won't come (wife again). Fred. isn't at home & prob. won't wanted it there. Kyles have been here & will likely prefer D. Effie & the pretty K. girls expect to go S. on Mond. — so there will be only Mr. Landes & the 2 sisters! Jamais. The people here are told by their chiefs that the cause of all the fuss is Mr. Landes, he opposed reforming their dear little Statute that wld. have "simplified" everything & imposed his will as in the affair of dear Bento whom they chose by an overwhelming majority for their spiritual leader! Isn't it too bad!

Dr. Lino thinks that our dear Ant. Teixeira is all at sixes & sevens as to his head-piece. Has made up with the Youngs & following their bizarre style. God help us all — what a muss! So glad that Fanny & Winnie & the kids are revelling in land!

Don't let Rufus say with the left-overs — ther's nothing more trying! Make him go off. Leave them to — to — with — D. Umbellina! —

Curityba. Paraná. Mond. Dec. 14th, 1903.

Dear Dr Lane,

Only in one thing do you fail — in coming down here. Do! Rebecca arrived this morn. with your letter & the Catalogues. A thousand thanks for the young lady. I will try to make the Catalogues useful to you. I have fed my 4 cats & 2 kittens — whatever shall I do! They are multiplying at a fearful rate — & I cannot have them killed or give them away to some brute who wld. keep. them on short commons kicks. Vasco da Gama comes up on my writing table & puts his two soft-paws lovingly over my pen-arm. He is such a fine dignified fellow. But I spare you further eulogies on my interesting family. Your Cabbage Patch never came here, but mine, fr. my sister Annie has gone down to Desterro to amuse the Leningtons. By the way, Fra Paolo, whom you returned I sent K immed. back to Mr. Gericke. I understood Ada to say that he sent it to Rufus. I shld. so like the now parell frade to return while Dr. Lino is here. Have you Tolstol's Resurrection? I do not anticipate any pleasure in the reading. I will send it on if you care to try it. Or — better still — you come here. You shall entertain yourself just as you like — see much or little of people — lie abed read, stroll about — Do! — With your letter came one fr. Lily Da G. narrating with vivacity the success of our dear Ant. Teixeira in Rio Claro, the entrance of the new priest in a crowded audience & at the mention of the Prodigal Son making his way up to the platform to ask if Dr. S. meant to liken Catholics to the pigs! He was ansd, with courtesy, asked not to interrupt, promised a visit at his house. But again 2 or 3 times he interrupted. The last time several prominent Cath. rose & shouted: Fôra com a canalha! fôra com o malcreado! fôra, fôra! — flourished canes & rushed toward the padre. Ladies cried, — scud thro' doors & windows. Ant. T. ran down fr. the pulpit — put his formidable figure in front of the frightened priest crying. O que é isto sres, — invited the padre into the

pulpit where nothing shld. hurt him — gave out a hymn & made a prayer in profound silence & then he, Cruz & the elders escorted the poor man to his carriage waiting outside. The Catho. said: — If it had't been for the Prot. we'd have given him a good sóva right then & there to teach him good manners. — Lily wrote: — Imagine what a crowded house we shall have tonight! — Last night Dr. Lino gave his first Conferencia to a full house — O Celibato Clerical. It was noble convincing & delicate — but no eulogy of woman as a companion & Inspirer to right living — it wld. seem more as tho' matrimony was the legitimate way of having a son who shld. teach his father of the love of God toward His Divine Son! He talks of addressing materialists next Wed. There's a large Club here actively inculcating practical Atheism. How I wish you could be with Fanny & Winnie.

Mary P. Dascomb.

If it were possible for Fanny & Winnie to call on our dear Fraulein Mathilde Rieks, House of Frau Ida Rieckes Hagenring, no 23. Braunschweig. Alem. they wld. find a charming lady ready to talk Eng. or Port. How I wish we might hear of Mad. Schwarz — Remember?

Curityba, Paraná. Thurs. — no Frid. Dec. 18/03.

I do not know if Mr. Lopes stops off at S. Paulo but here goes for some P.S.'s to my last epistle. I imagine that the sympathy of this individual goes, more with the Dissidents, tho' he hob-nobs with all. I've asked Mr. Clark to telegraph me when Mr. Higgins arrives — merely — Está — if he does not hear of plans, but — SIM — if Mr. Higgins is minded to chefiar the Curityba Dissidents. His ordering his furniture sold, (of course at a sacrifice) looks like further stay in the States or a speedy marriage with new furniture. Rebecca is perfectly delicious! You do not tell me of "Miss Tooker's husband. You do not tell what you think of Dr. Doria's doctoring people by hypodermic injections instead of giving them medicine in the usual way. Our "wonderful" but tiny Exposition opens tomorrow. There's tremendous fuss & feather to make Rio & S. Paulo journalists think that Paraná deems Km. 65 the Father of his Country. It is sickening! Holidays are famous institutions. Come! Lino is a host.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba, Paraná. Wed. Jan. 6th. 1904.

Dear Dr. Lane,

'Wish you a Happy New Year! You'll hardly dare to trust yourself to the S — why a capital? — sea this vacation because the Lloyd's are cutting up rough & you might not get back in time. I write now, not because I am owing you, but to communicate to you an idea of Miss Kuhl's. You say that many pupils cannot afford your prices any more. Could they afford ours with the journey throw in? See how abominably cheap they are. We go on the principle that half a loaf is better than none. It would have a fine effect if girls were to come to us from S. Paulo! Have you heard that Effie's Father has passed over to the Other Side. What a long martyrdom for the faithful wife! He scarcely came out of his room except to meals as long ago as 98. Sat for hours in a darkened room. Only showed animation when Brasil was mentioned. I believe that Fred. is to have next year at home & then his beloved Mother will probably return with him. I wonder if Geo. will now come. He has improved wonderfully

during these years at home. Of all the children Effie is most like him of a reserved disposition that makes annoyances doubly difficult to bear. I think she dreads some such mental trouble & I certainly do for her. She broods over little annoyances until they seem perfectly unbearable. In vain I advocate the duck's back theory of bearing disagreeables & deprecate personal dislikes as likely to become fixed ideas. She takes things **hard!** Nothing more heard of Mr. Higgins. The Dissidents are a little discouraged in attendance by the constant rains — The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice — said a Mother.

— But, Mother, He rains so long — protested *néné*. We are all keeping the Week of Prayer. We have the extra meetings in our big Sch. room. We open Sch. Jan. 20th. A restful vacation to you all. I wish Rufus had dear Miss Lottie to run his *Pensão*. It wd. be good for her to have a change.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba, Paraná. Mond. Mar. 21/04

Another letter — how jolly! I have more "staying power" at this play than the splendid Sup. of Sch<sup>s</sup> in S. Paulo. With Darrell I have sent Effie's Emmy Lou to lighten & brighten life for you & Rufus, & then to send to Ada Gericke who having a little daughter will enjoy E. Lou. Have you rustled up any money in S. Paulo for Dr. Lino? We are lending furniture & things but of course he will have to buy many things. We expected him by the Guasca (tho' Effie said he wd. not start on Sund.) & a lot of things are in the house & we are afraid that Messieurs the *gatos* will invade his establishment. It will be more than a week before he arrives. Last night there were only 15 all told at Ch. & one of them a nice young Sant'Anna fr. near Botucatú, a bright intelligent Synodist. He thinks most highly of Dr. Lino as we do. He is travelling for pleasure apparently but also hopes to pay expenses making thick stockings on a little cylinder, stockings wh. shall rejoice the hearts of Germans & Italians. Is there a Braz. reluctance to go to Mack. lest Government shld. not give lucrative positions readily? There is so much protection all over Brazil — the question is not — do you know your subject, — one authority much in vogue. Here the Gymnasio makes a great pretence of exact justice but I hear that there is only one incorruptible teacher. The mass of their students do every-thing but study! There is just now a political lull, but any time a storm may break out. Any news fr. the Van Orden's? Love to the family — Mary P. Dascomb.

Extract fr. Dr. Lino's letter. —

No dia seguinte ao da minha chegada, tive a satisfação de abraçar ao illustre amigo Dr. Lane, que encontrei muito bem disposto e como sempre, **chão franco e amavel**: os pincaros das montanhas quanto mais batidos forem pelo vendaval, tanto mais puros e belos serão vistos emergindo nos páramos interminos do espaço.

— Dat's you! —

Listen: —

O woman, in our hours of ease  
Uncertain, coy & hard to please  
But — seen too oft, familiar with her face  
We first endure, then pity, then embrace!...

The ghost is ready  
But the meat is feeble!

Curityba. Paraná.

Sat. Night. Apr. 30. 1904.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your letter of the 21st. reached me this A.M.! It shld. have come on the Guascá's 1st. trip but must have come on the 2nd., & even so, was 3 days coming up the Serra. Yes indeed! Every faintest echo of the changes in S. Paulo turn my tho'ts & prayers to you & the great work of Mc K. The Am Ladies told us of yr. magnanimity as to Geo's fine prospects & a letter rec'd today told of generous Mr. V. Orden's desire that our incomparable Erasmo shld. have 2 years' study in the States! It is at such crises as this that one feels the distance fr. home where bright men are waiting for a call. I have heard much of the charms of Mrs. Lingle but nothing at all of Mr. L. except that he was more literary than pious, & objected to any "confectioning" of the marks of his classes, distinguishing the rich with good marks! Do you ever call for help on Mr. Schneider? If it is true that Mr. Spear is coming out this year, he might bring some new men for Mc. K. We are horrified to learn today that the Board only authorizes 1:050\$ for Dr. Lino, wh. counting fr. May will pay half his salary until the end of Sep. — & then what! Meanwhile the Board have hopes of Mr. Higgins' seeing reason & concede that 1:050\$ will hardly keep the two in this field! They suggest that we work people up to giving better! Is your head & heart so full of yr. own straits that you cannot give them a lively shelling for such preposterous estimatas? Geo. Len, Thinks Mr. H. may go to Europa before returning here. Some letter to Curityba tho't it likely he'd go to Palestine! "We pays our money & we takes our choice" of these theories! — — — The bright cordial, most entertaining Am. Ladies walked in on us Sund. Night, between the C. E. Soc. & the Ch. Service, presenting a note fr. Mr. Seeger quoting you & asking to be directed to a hotel. We took them right in, & if ever hospitality was its own reward, it was in this case! They were as easy to please as Mrs. Wright & Miss Hartmann, & so entertaining! Them the blaze of jewels, & the wonderful, gold chain with scores of curious & beautiful little amulets or mementoes. We took them driving (tho' they wld. pay!) & had people to visit them & on Wed. morn. when they left felt as tho' old friends had gone. We had the bewitching babies up to sing in Port. Eng. Fr. & German. They march in the most highly approved way — i — e. breaking step! — lest our comfortable old house shld. fall about our ears! The ladies spent about 30\$ in candies wh. they distributed with their own hands to all the children, & going away, insisted on leaving Miss K. 100\$! Wasn't that handsome? Did they tell you of their visits to the "Cannibal Islands" — New Guinéa etc. just 2 weeks after a man was found boiling in the tribal pot? I am not anxious to accompany them in their trip round the Horn. Excuse these blunders. I stopped to talk with Ella about what blood & thunder books to send you. The Moonstone & Remember the Alamo will fill the bill. If there isn't a "hanging or two" there ought to be. I read the Encycl. on Sant'Anna, afterward. Today Roosevelt is starting the Expos. Do you enjoy the delightful story of Roosevelt by Jacob Riis in the Outlook? He Riis is a veritable Jonathan to the other's David. How egregiously proud I am of Roosevelt! Are you going to get the 17 vol. History of all Nations advertised in the Outlook? Tell me, wld. it do this dear. D. Celina any good to wear a porous plaster on her back? She suffers a great deal. Sometimes cannot sleep at night for pain. What a very uncommonly bright & well — behaved family they are! I just finished my monthly bulletins today running fr. 2 tens to 9, 1 — my lowest. My two higher Eng. classes — translate with amazing readiness & quasi-perfection — fr. Eng. to Port.

Tonight two shows — of legerdemain & telepathy & of cobras fr. all over the world,

Courage! the Lord will provide!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Sat. May. 4, 1904.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your splendiferous letter arrived two hours ago. Everything ansd up to date. I wish you wld. write Mr. Waddell what you write me. He is nothing if not magnanimous. He is often brusque. His remarks often hurt as even I of rhinocerial sensibility to snubs can testify. But he is so splendidly strong & of such amazingly versatile powers. He would be a host. I cannot bear to think of you with all that great Mackenzie & comparatively few subalterns. Do you, like noble Abraham make overtures. A change of climate might be good for the W's — the Sch. wld. be good for the children. It wld. be a pleasure to forestall any unholy triumph of the rancorous adversary. Isn't it worth trying? Certain departments might be handed bodily over to him. I am in hopes that the incomparable talents of Miss Lottie may be utilized for one of the great establishments there. She wld. like to stay in Brazil near you all. Her personal superintendence ensures better service than any one else can give or obtain. Has Mr.: Mc. Laren married yet? When I left, in /98 he was going about, with a rose in his button-hole. If Herculano has had no relapse perhaps Mr. Mac. wld. not. He & Miss Lottie worked well together — each supplementing the Other's work. Dear Miss Kirk! Is any one with her besides an old negro servant? Won't she live with any of the relatives? Effie wld. do splendidly for Botucatú with a congenial assistant. — if her health was reasonably good. Here, Sat. & Sund, she does not get up till about 10. And once in awhile has those ferocious headaches that keep her in bed all day. I think she is cut out to be at the head of things. Like Miss Lobb she admires the absent. Her antipathy to Miss Scott & intolerance at Mrs. Tenn's Sch.-house-keeping have passed into warm appreciation of Miss S. & delighted remembrance of Mrs. F's delicious house keeping in her own home. Now the mania is a dire antipathy to Miss Kuhl whom Dr. Lino calls "saint" — nearly all the world agreeing with him. Effie is studiously insolent to her, abominably spiteful about her. Every pathetic patient effort of Miss K. to please set E. on edge. I have talked to E. about it with very little result. We are all distracted about it. There seems to be enough of the difficult & problematic in the ordinary life of a house-keeper & general superintendent of Schools without adding such an affliction at this late day. What of the Botucatú Church business? Why does not that graceless judge decide promptly for the Synod? Why is he delaying? - - - Fred. went. yest. — reaches home today. It was reviving to hear his merry laugh, & be bolstered up by his optimistic views. We had just rec'd a letter fr. Mr. Higgins, giving his mistakes in Eng. his admiration of the pretty impulsive southerners, his anticipation of Mammoth Cave & the Exas. & his expectation of a hasty trip to Eng. Fr. & Port — hoping to reach the terra dos pinheiros onde senta o urubú in the last of July or the first of Aug. Meanwhile the Dissidents here are embellishing their hall & before long-perhaps in July — expect sr. Saraiva & his



Mamma & my Ant. Teixeira! Is it possible that Dr. T. will go to them & not to us? I have asked him over & over! He ought to stay with us & preach week-nights.

And you don't like crossed sheets! — Poor man!

Such nice photos of our School & ch<sup>a</sup> came fr. the St. Louis ladies Cannibal Island experience.

The Adventists leave us & go to Castro to batten on the Colonists around!

The Moonstone came all right. It was Fred. who suggested sending you Dead Men's Steps!

Curityba. Paraná.

Thurs. June 30th, 1904.

62 years old today! My eye is not so dimmed that glasses will not help me out famously, my strength, does not fail tho' I tire more easily than I used. Ella & I often remark how much tougher we are than the young fry. - - - I am so glad that Miss Lottie has arrived safely & left behind her the two great man-of-the-mountain houses that she has been carrying these years. She will be torn in pieces by all these young Lanes for such a capable Auntie does not grow on every bush. But I fancy that her heart is most with her brother. I long to see her. - - - I am more desirous than I can say to see you have plenty of efficacious help in Mackenzie & then you can rest on yr. oars & bring Lottie & Fanny to look after yr. Southern dependency. Curityba has grown a great deal since you were here, but our city improvements come slowly. Success to Mr. Seeger in his campaign for Roosevelt. It ought not to be difficult to give so splendid a man a 2nd. term. We are expecting Schelling in C. & if he does not play on Sunday we shall hear him. We just heard the Seljan Brothers with flute & violin at a private house & listened to an illustred Lecture on Abyssinia & Southern Brazil. Mr. Mirko's speech is very clear & the mixture of Port. Spanish & French very comical & pretty. Ella is corresponding with an Am. Finn in California who speaks of the dreadful economic conditions there — whatever does he mean! — & wants to bring some industrious Finns, Germans & Russians somewhere near the foz of the Iguassu to utilize the water-power. I believe that the ogre Km. 65 is to write them also but I think they are crazy to come. - - - Did you meet Thompson the Am. Minister in Rio? He came to C. to look up the mate business I fancy & rather by chance met our Eng. friend Mrs. Withers who talks business as well as a man while having the appearance of a handsone stately Eng. lady She offered to present him to us — but he declined! was travelling incog! — Wonder if he is of the number of renegade Americans who do not believe in Missions or missionaries! I am really trembling over the great War. It wld. seem to be impossible for Russia to feed her thousands without pillage. I am afraid that she will profess to be ready for Mediation until the Japs. disarm & then, according to her usual perfidy, attack again & with her superiority in money & numbers crush her plucky little neighbor. You have not told me what you think of Doria's practice of injecting medicines into the veins rather than give them thro' the stomach? Doria has quite a "clientela" in Santos. I doubt if it is safe for him to return here. And

what do you think of German "needles" for curing rheumatism by creating surface sores?

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With cordial greetings to all Lanes

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Morn, July 25th 1904

The young people in my Sala are having their weekly hour of music with Mad, Mongruel & I may write letters, only looking up occasionally to see that everybody is at work. Yest. was my first sight of the Saraiva's & I am pleasantly disappointed. The young man seems bright & practical — talks quite like a C.E. at home. To our joy the Indep<sup>s</sup> consent to join in these extra meetings & we go there tonight. If there was any way of return except thro' the Valley of Humiliation I think most of them wd. return tho' perhaps with the idea of treachery & voting out Masonry after once in. We'll make it as easy for them as possible, but not let them throw the blame on the 2 or 3 Masons or dear Mr. Landes who Saved the Ship. We are overjoyed that D. Celina has her faithful Theresa, for she needs constant & affectionate care, Dr. has been devotion itself, preparing her food with his own hands & bringing it to her, while the servant cooked for the others. A new young Austrian doctor, as I understand it, tho't that D. Celina has a tumor, But he was called out of town to an enormously fat man who is ill & as D. Celina had an attack of intolerable pain another was called in, who was much praised before he gave himself to politics & spoils. He did some sort of operation on internal inflammation introducing curatives & wanted to do more but D. Celina wd. not let him. She is much better & more than delighted to have Theresa. Miss Kuhl sends some appetizing delicacy every day. I hope the many hot-headed brutes in this town will not discover what is the State of the new arrivals or they may be hustled, stoned etc. Some are quite beside themselves. That does not look like confidence in the justice of their cause. They are absolutely mad on the subject speechify nearly every day, send speech-makers to towns around & vow they'll have their rights! or go to war — with the Country? I shld. like to see the pamphlet of Dr. Antonio Piza. No, I've read Club of One. Will you let me keep The Gentle Reader for Mr. Bickerstaph to see? — perhaps 3 weeks. Cory seems plump & well. What very well bred children they are! Dr. Lino is delighted over Botucatú. When I gave him yr. complimentary & congratulatory message he smiled in a gratified fashion but pointed Up — as the Source of the Rescue. But what made the judge take so many months to decide! Wouldn't it have been better for Suzie to have staid & let her baby face the whooping cough with your remedy at hand? Ada Gericke writes enthusiastically of Miss Lottie. What enjoyable times Ada has in the country with her visitors — & how pleasant for them to have such a place to visit. What a fine force you are to have at Botucatú for Sch! That will help to straighten out the recalcittrants. Success to the School! Lydia Almeida

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Moura writes that she finds the Campinas Synodal Group stronger than she expected. They meet in the Chapel & srs. Flaminio & Vogel preach. We are so curious to know what Mr. Higgins will do!

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Two beautiful post-cards fr. Vital with his Paris address 85 Avenue d'Orleans. I wrote him Sat.

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P.S. This abominable Thereza is too luxenta! It's cold, stove's bad no water in the kitchen! Can't stay! Wants to go back! I wld. not pay a cent. Did you ever? I never! But D. Celina is much better. Is to have 2 more curativos. I wondered you did not tell of the 1000 Bibles burned in Praça Sta. Cecilia. Only 70 in a back yard!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Night. Aug. 22/04.

Dear Dr Lane,

"Grateful" doesn't adequately express my sense of your kindness and consideration. Letter & book, duly arrived & in proportion as I know you are busy is my appreciation of your favors. The Bickerstaphs & Effie have gone to Mrs. Withers to dine & spend the eve. Ella has her bi-weekly evening Eng. Class. Mr. Landes, just arrived fr. a Sunday in Antonina, is in his little room, & I, for once alone in the parlor, under our 4 glorious electric lights have finished some preparations for the exams. This week & turn to yr. letter tho' others are waiting. The few pages that I've read of Oliver Horn are eminently Southern except in having an inventor among them— they are literary, classical, poetical, but not usually interested in mechanical inventions. The Southerners, as a people, are very curious, if their own writers represent them fairly. Every thing about Japan is interesting. In one of the June Outlooks there in an admirable article on War in Korea, contrasting the Japanese & Koreans in the most vivacious manner. Really I don't believe that there is another nation in the world that wld. so pluckily have tackled the Russian Bear. Two articles that I have seen suggest that if Russia should suffer really dreadful reverses, it might lead to a change of party, and the Liberals inaugurate a new policy & both internal & external relations admit of peace, progress & amity. If not — I very much fear that Russia is the longest — winded, because her population is so much greater & the poor things have naught to say as to peace & war. Just before receiving your letter I had one fr. Luiza P. Camargo, of Botucatú — quite rose-color-jubilant over the new School, the return of some of the Independents, the secret sympathy of Lotufo's wife, the interest in S.S., Societies, etc. I tho't that three were going up — one of Sr. Lopes' daughters & Jessie Justice to help Miss W. And I supposed that they wld. make themselves a home as we did. But Luiza wrote something about the possibility of Mrs. Daniel Meriwether perhaps teaching in the Sch. She was a teacher before marriage. Your remarks about manner are most true & yet if dignity unadulterated by gush fail to win warm affection, it is often a cause of admiration & pride among the people at possessing a lien, as it were, on one of so much "loftiness". The individual is remembered with a sort of affectionate pride in the scene of former labors among rustics. Miss Nannie was full of interest arising I think chiefly fr. the passion of dominating in everybody's affairs. Is your newest man going to prove a great help? I pray daily that you may have first class help & that Mackenzie may be good, do good, & get good. — & as the woman said — "floom & blourish". Some one has insinuated that E — — — is following the traditions of his family & going crazy. Mrs. Withers told me the other day that Anita, the sister of D. Luiza, is the best music-teachers in Curityba, but does not look strong. The gentlemen had a most harmonious Presbytery in Fl. p. l. s. & constituted Dr. Lino

as one of their number, without deciding in what place, until they heard fr. Mr. Higgins.

Tues. Aug. 23. The Puritano says that Mr. H. landed on the 14th! — time enough for a postal. It also insinuates that owing to the sapientissimo example of the ilustrado Robert Speer, he returns true to the Synod!!! — But that is before he sees Ed<sup>o</sup>! His announcement of only staying 6 months suggests a return to Portugal to marry sr. Braga's daughter — says Mrs. (or Mr.!) Grundy. That will simplify matters for Dr. Lino. of course Mr. H. so long known & loved could do more to unite & build up the church. If he wd. give what help he can for a few weeks (since by invoking his name & known dislike of Masonry several were hoccus-pocussed out) & then go to Port. & marry, Lino cld. have a chance to take breath before another move. D. Selina has been very ill indeed, but is now up, tho' mere skin & bone. Their servant has at home a blind son & old mother & wants to go & take care of them — & all but Cory are down with chicken pox. Their S. Paulo expenses were heavy but there they had first-class doctoring free. A letter fr. Miss Williamson — philosophical & even merry, likes the young Synodical pastor, is impatient with the great Meriwether "boys" that they do not get up & do something effective. - - - Another pul — in the dead of night — at Oliver Horn. After my impatience of Southern drawl, sentimentalism & inefficiency. I found myself facing my old-time bête noir, — the horse-play of students- simply atrocious fr. a school-ma'amny point of view — dirty, ragged, unkempt, rude, often drunken — but now & then I was delighted as at those preposterous youth serenading, the hero of the Bronze. Horse with God Save the Queen.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Thurs. Sept. 15th. 1904.

Dear Dr. Lane,

If it were not for you & Ada, I should never hear from. S. Paulo, & your subjects being usually quite different, they give me quite a range. With yours came tw. fr. Mr. Higgins still at Rio — fr. lack of money, he says. It seems he speculated a little, buying up interesting things to sell in Rio, & till he re-imburses himself, he is fast in Rio. Meanwhile, even now he does not speak plainly! Says that the notices in the papers were partly right & partly wrong but does not say what. Intimates that the idea of his being interested in some damsel is not so far out, but that I am mistaken in the person — (daughter of the Rio Braga (\*) — I had heard!) I write him always that I shall not be sure of him until after has faced the bateries of Eduardo & the mother-in-law Silva Rodrigues & Lotufo, with the best of intentions succumbed, & he may. It is delightful to hear of Faxina 600 strong, all for the Synod. Eduardo got one man, but when he found himself alone he scuttled back! I wrote Mr. Higgins that both Board & Presbytery thought the Curityba Church his still if he is loyal, but that if he truly meditates going back to Europe in six months, it would be better for him to travel in Paraná as an Evangelist, for which I think there is money enough (for a bachelor). And it is very necessary. These isolated Stations get queer streaks if not careless. Adventism has curious authority with the ignorant. The Adv. preachers are hard-working men but they seem to spend their strength in unsettling our crenetes instead of going to

"pastures new". Then Dr. Lino will have at least a year more here. I am very enthusiastic over a delicious little book of Henry Clay Trumbull's on Work for the Individual. He must have been much such a man as Mr. Chamberlain. He quotes both H. H. Beecher & Moody as putting a straight man-to-man talk before the most eloquent preaching. His stories of his own experience almost always bring tears. What a wonderful influence has genuine sympathy & how often one feels reproached for feeling more interest in the charming than in the unattractive & forlorn. I wonder if you can lay hands on any idler & get him to hunt up Bulwer's Alice for me. I was inveigled into reading Ernest Maltravers & only in the end discovered that poetical justice is yet to be done, that so far the villain is triumphant. If it is in some forgotten corner in the bookstore & the man will only sell the two together. I'll buy the two. Now that Apparicio is dead will the Blanco Revolution fall thro' Luiz Ferreira Sobrinho tells dreadful tales of the Nero — like João Francisco who spends money like water in the Revol; & wld. kill his best friend if he were a political foe. I wonder of young Saraiva will try to pre-empt Brigida — s'pose he will?

With love to all Lanes,  
Mary P. Dascomb.

(\*) We tho't perhaps the Rio Braga wld. give him money for a church & salary here as an offshoot of the Igr. Flum.

The Landes family ought to be here next week.

Curityba. Paraná.

Tues. Sept. 27th. 1904.

Dear Dr. Lane,

1.º) Sweet Alice has come — so promptly. Heartfelt thanks! I send a postal to Crashley for the bill.

2.º) A letter fr. Miss Layonna Glenn. Rua Senador Vergueiro, n. 60. Rio asks for the Course of Study for New Missionaries that we adopted some years ago. I haven't the dimmest idéa of it. Can you lay your hand on it, as it were, & send it to her? They are inaugurating some thing of the same kind.

3.º) D. Celina's doctors bill is 300\$. That is one great disadvantage in Curityba, as compared with S. Paulo. Has Henrique Van Orden any of the blessed disposition of his Father as to spending money? Something must be done. It is impossible that a man receiving 400\$ a month shld. pay out 300\$.

4.<sup>th</sup>) A letter fr. sr. Carvalhosa stirred up Dr. Lino into inquiring into the absolute security of our possession of our Church property. It seems that Eduardo obtained fr. simple Mr. Howell his Power of Attorney as to the S. Paulo Ch. Prop. So I was made to write to Mr. Porter (in whose name our Prop. was bought) & to Mr. Speer & by consultation with Carv.<sup>aa</sup>'s friend Dr. Westphalen, an astute lawyer, some gyrançonça has been gone thro' with Camara or Tabelaão V now were "fit as a fiddle".

5 th. The Landes family are expected this week 6 th. New bishop is coming tomorrow, espec. told off to annihilate Spiritists & Prot.<sup>a</sup>

7th. Lotufo is expected soon!

8th. We hear that Eduardo does not reckon any more on Mr. Higgins. Will punishing ostracising Mr. H. "fetch him" to their side? Enough for once. Gratefully, Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Tues. 11.10.P.M. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. 1904.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I am sleepier than sleepy. 'Cause why — we had an early dinner & have been visiting for some hours! We have just welcomed the beautiful Landes' family who are returning to their old chacara as soon as their cart-brought-furniture shall arrive. If you could see how grateful Effie & I are for a glimpse at the Heart of Rome, you wld. think Kindness does pay! I am amazed that you make time to be so tho'ful. Effie & I gaze about at the hundreds of books & sigh like Miss Flora Mc Fl. for something new — to read (not wear!). Lotufo came last night & is staying at the house of Ernesto Oliveira's mother — "a poor place, but mine own"! Whether his not going to Mr. Cornelsen's is because Mr. C. does not wish to join Eduardo, I do not know. Now we shall see if, without waiting for Mr. H. the Dissidents split again. The Puritano last arrived says that Mr. H. has gone to S. Paulo. "The combat deepens, On ye brave"! — I am going to ask sr. Lotufo to call as he married my very dear pupil Amasilia. The papers admit flattery & scurvy reflections on the new Bishop, poor man! Much influenza about town. Two teachers in bed, one mourning a dead uncle & Ella Kuhl doing quadruple work.

11,30! Good night,

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Wed. Oct. 12th./04.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I am always as pleased as Punch to see your handwriting. The reminder of your judgment & strength is a great fortifier. Today as tomorrow we look for Mr. Higgins. Meanwhile Eduardo by Lotufo has taken the fort! Last Sat. the Dissidents organized into an Indep. Presby. Ch. — subject to Eduardo **spiritually** but formulating a paper that as to the Bens da Igreja the Congregação Owns no Boss but will look out for themselves every time! (How if they split again!) They form a large & active body but the lust of government has got... into the veins of the most ignorant & there will be much pulling & hauling in the future as since their Dissidence. The Board & Presbytery both say that if Mr. H. is loyal to the Synod he is to have the Ch. But my heart aches for Dr. Lino who has served so valiantly the cause (?) of the Synod. He only gets 400\$ fr. Board, Church & School. How can he live, say in Ponta Grossa, without the aid of the Sch.? There are to be Schools run by padres all over the city.

A letter fr. Miss Kemper says that their Boy's Sch. is running over. That the spirit of the Sch. is so good that her 5 hours of teaching are comparatively easy. Geo Lenington writes that Mr. Shaw is to teach in Jacksonville (Ill) College. A New Haven doctor says that Adèle may be entirely cured of heart-trouble in 4 or 5 yrs!. I never cld. see why they

were allowed to go home for health. What harm wld. S. Paulo climate do to heart trouble — it might to lungs with its fogs. Geo. L. had seen "Dr. "Porter who talks... both sides of the Burning Question, criticising all, liberally, (after his fashion!)

I have read with great pleasure The Heart of Rome. I enjoy Crawford. He observes closely & tells agreeably. Today I rec'd fr. Ada, Besants' Children of Gideon wonder if it's a Jewish tale! I'll send, back H. of Rome after Effie & Sta. Cecilia have read it

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The Bickerstaphs bro't a very curious & interesting Welsh tale — Torn Sails — by Allen Raine.

Effie Birthday. Lots of presents.

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Love to all Lanes, esp. Lottie. Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Nov. 14./04.

Dear Dr. Lane,

The letter & book & promise of Miss Lottie & Miss M. duly came to hand yest., & gave the livelitest satisfaction. How I wish I could meet Lottie at Paranaguá & tell her the Km.65 tale on the spot! She comes at a particularly good time for we are having perilous adventures with gatunos, presumably from the Argentine. Every night the papers gave 3 or 4 adventures — usually the "amigos do alheio" have to flee without getting anything. The Howells could tell you how I lock up in such circumstances-piles of chairs, great metal basins etc. The creatures won't get in without making a racket. It will be a joy to have so redoutable an addition to our garrison as Miss Lottie! Lotufo left us some days ago but has been busy at his propaganda at the small places on the coast reached fr. Antonina. Poor Fred. has been on the stretch for weeks expecting him & we cld. give very little information. For he was a long time in the Interior. Then Mr. Higgins took a turn to deepen the impression & now Mr. Landes has gone to see how much he can und. He was quite successful in Itaqui in spite of the personal popularity of H. & L. The best people there "wished to hear Gospel & not Anti-Masonic sermons".

Dr. Lino is not afraid of their trying for the church property because Eduardo said in the Estandarte that it was of no use after the Botucatu judge's decision that the civil courts could only take up the case after Prebtery, & Presbtery is not likely to ask the civil courts! Is that so? I have already made some progress in the book — Deliverance — you were so, so, so good as to send. If I had not known Miss Kirk & Mr. Dabney, & already The Fools Errand, I shld. think these Southern prejudices grossly exaggerated. I wonder how dear Miss is. Do you think it was really leprosy she had? What do you think of this antivaccine row? I suppose that one cannot trust most Brazilian physicians to give pure vaccine matter when there is "a lot of vaccinating to do.

I had lately a dear letter fr. Lotufo's wife, a most sweet girl. She did not mention division, but I hear that she does not like division. Are Miss Scott & the two girls coming here on their way down or on their way back? How fine to see them! It will be nice to know so many of S. Paulo — Misses Potwin & Justice are coming I suppose when Philip does. Two of our best

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teachers are breaking down! Does J. Justice's heart trouble require a narcotic on the spot to calm the horrid dilacerating pain? Should we have it in the house? What & how much?

What prospect of re-inforcement for Mackenzie?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Tues. Dec. 6/04.

What a pity & a shame that you cannot go some — where & rejuvenate as you best like! I enjoy more & more a vegetating vacation — rest, write letters, & take my outing in reading. I am immensely enjoying The Crossing, only I cannot find the places on the map. One could think that heroes cld. only reveal themselves in poverty & privation to read that. Why is Virgilius spelled with an e I wonder! Your letter, catalogues & packets for Miss Mitchell all came safely. Many thanks for the favors so constantly bestowed! They are more than appreciated — enjoyed. Yesterday we had a drive to show off Curityba. Last night we went to the Landes Chacara saw the beautiful family & had a truly lauta ceia. Today after a walk the visitors settled down to sewing for the small people in S. Paulo, & I read to them 2 of Howells' comical little dramas of The campbells & Roberts. — Adam's Diary by M. Twain & Jacob Reils' noble eulogy of the elder Theodore Roosevelt. People here are afraid of R.'s Imperialism — Here's Cleveland coming to the north of Brazil where much N. Am. Capital is invested & Germany casting wishful eyes on S. Brazil! Tonight we take tea with Mrs. Withers whom our ladies already admire very much, Isabel who helped so much in Desterro is now at home — so charming & graceful, & Alice the younger, but now the taller is a brilliant pianist. There are several sons doing well in business.

Ella is poulticing her cold & enjoying The Crossing — The letter a luxury enough to make one welcome the obstinate cold. Miss M. wants to sail for Europa on the 20th. & leaves us soon but dear Lottie will stay till along in Jan. I enjoy every minute.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Jan. 30th. 1905.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your letter mailed the 28th arrived on the 29th, ' Addie Lenington's to her husband mailed the 12th. came with yours. The steamers are all out of joint. We had such a huge mail yest. that it gave one a rush of blood to the head! (Sign of a vacuum there said my facetious Papa!) A card fr. the moças says that they arrived the day yr. letter was mailed. Fred. had a worse time than they for he went down on a Mond. ' returned that night, because his impeccable Lage steamers wd. not go until Sat! He is a very enjoyable chap-plays all sorts of things, learns all sorts of things, is ready for a laugh or a joke, but works as tho' that only was to be done. They with Effie & Maud Landes are to be in Rio about



Apr. 15th. going home by Europe. I send you Scribbles of the Mission Meeting. Some appalling things discussed. What is Mr. Higgins doing in yr. town besides Preby.? Getting money to prosecute us about the Church building? I hear that he is going to open a Sch. here! If he takes all our impecunious Indep<sup>s</sup> — he won't get rich! You already have the Kolb girls? pretty & pleasant in some things very capable. They did well in study here. Ida is as good as they make 'em. Nannie cooks deliciously Does marvels in cutting & serving out the family — but flirts a valer (?) & her pious parents have not the faintest idea of such a thing — the girl will play & laugh in prayer-time & the parents don't believe it! If any one criticizes their infants as nice Brigida did João — worse for the critic! I too noted Mrs. Lane's birthday. Didn't I write you of taking on Mr. Gammon as vice — — a splendid idea. You know him like him, have confidence in him & cld. initiate him easily so that you wld. not feel so loaded down & cld. at any time leave things with him for a trip. — — But Miss Walter does not know Port! How can she begin right away?

Love to Lottie & Fanny & — the rest.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Thurs. Mar. 23rd. 1905.

Such a glorious mail! Your eagerly looked — for letter & two such good fat books besides a heavy States, mail. I am happy to say that the Gato Preto (Bento) has taken himself off — to hang by the gills in Anonina until a steamer comes to take him to pester S. Francisco. We had heard that he intended to propose to Mr. Landes to refer the right of possession of the church building to a certain number of lawyers & that the losing party shld. pay the costs! But Mr. L. is up country & Bento has actually gone off without springing some attack on us. Mr. L. is yet afraid, but I think Dr. Lino has drawn a long breath. — — — Sat. Morn. Cld. not finish before! Just heard that Bento, tired of awaiting in a rat-trap (a hot one!) has started to walk to S. Fr. some 21 lg. unless he gets cart-rides! Quite like a 'Melican man! We ought to telegr. Fred. I have finished Owen Kildare & ask to keep it rather longer than usual for Ella & Mrs. Landes to read. Where was Mrs. Grundy when the delicate sch. ma'am & the big rough walked together so constantly? How did it happen that none of the gang "caught on" to the sweetheart business! How I wished he had given us his red-hot abjuration at the "Swell Dinner!" I feel a little skeptical of the non-existence of so much dreadful slang. one can understand the lark of putting on a lot of roughness before the Swells, but that there isn't a thief patois etc! Here it is Sat. & I am amazed that in the midst of the Masquerades I can write you & Sister Annie & study the S.S. Lesson! That is a far more difficult thing than the Kildare personating a gentleman. Twins can often deceive their friends even their own parents. — but they have always shared the same surroundings & are in no danger of a "faux pas". But this recluse, set suddenly in the midst of society, of the stress of political whirl & even more difficult — of the unaccustomed ways of family life — how strange it all was! They all felt a great diffce but never tho't of being suspicious. When the recall came, I was conscious of a wish that it shld. be to find Chilcote dying of his abominable drug, I wondered if Loder wld. quietly go on in his impersonation. I am about as disappointed as Loder was. We went to the Station to meet lovely Isabel Withers. She left Maria Ovidia doing

nicely in Desterro. We have a number of young teachers & welcome Isabel to Effie's place. Fred. intends to pass Paranaguá Apr. 20-22 & to sail on the Oravia May 5. Maud Landes goes too. Unified Sch.

Direction means that you are the Chief (Escholar) of S. Brazil & that we are to do as we are told. Our Church has 2 fine old recruits alferes one fr. Fred's Church sober & yet enthusiastic.

I need another picture of the gr. children. Mine has 5!

You do not say what you think of my Gammon suggestion, you must have some body to share care & work.

Curityba. Paraná.

Sat. July 22/05.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Want some taffy? I'm sure it won't hurt you. Last night we were surprised & pleased by a visit fr. Mr. Domingos Oliveira, husband of Christina Braga (whom I never knew — we had only José & Anna.) He proposes to found Clark (American) Shoe Agencies in suitable points fr. here to Buenos Ayres. I tell him that we are so provincial, he will not find a market for y. ladie's shoes. These people are so far behind the times that they prefer the high heels & narrow toes of the French shoes. Men & old women may buy a Clark shoe. We talked over Rio & S. Paulo friends & I was overjoyed to hear his enthusiastic praise of the Am. Sch. in wh. he includes everything. He says the young men formed by Am. teachers are earnest, active & intelligent. That their influence in the city & State of S. Paulo is most beneficial. He tells of the young doctors of the Gen. Hospital in S. Paulo exclaiming one day when they had a little leisure.

"Let's sing 'Forte Capitão!'" He says that Vital was very well rec'd in Paris. The Presbytery is in session. From Dr. Job's letter together with the attestation of Dr. Doria here, the Mission voted that Mrs. Bickerstaph go home for the operation. In ans. to the question whether she was likely to get well after the — operation, Dr. Doria wrote: — Yes, on acct of her magnificent dispositions physicas (he wrote in French.) Her heart & lungs were declared sound in N.Y. but it seems as tho' she had pretty much everything else — frightful headaches, long attacks of...

... manent. I wonder if Mr. Van Orden could & would help again in the moving. The Board will of course continue their 200\$ The Fl. Ch. will give 130\$ The Sch. 15\$ & Mr. Landes says the Curityba Church might send 40\$.

Have you read Wagner's Simple Life? It is rare rich, clear, fine & high. I do not wonder that the States went wild over him.

Mond. Morn. er. Curityba.

July 31st. 1905

C. I say! Rank Southerners fr. Wellington, O. only 15 m. fr. abolitionist Oberlin? Impossible! It must be Wilmington, Del. where at last accounts there was a whipping-post still in use! Truly Brazil is the last country

for people who do not wish to meet a touch of the tar-brush in Society. You remember the experience of Capt. Codman a Democrat (!) fr. Boston with a rich be-diamonded black woman & five young fire-eaters fr. the South — the lady was served like a queen in her cabin! But you could hardly do like-wise in Sch.! Yr. letter written the 20th reached me the 30th! What rapid communications! I am rejoiced to hear that Miss Lottie is still in S. Paulo. Even if there were no little people to sew for the society of so bright a 3rd. wld. be an estimable boon to the young wife whose hus and is away long hours. But with the babies thrown in, surely she will never get leave to cross the ocean again. We greatly enjoyed the visit of young Domingos Oliveira. He was so sensible, simple cordial & knew so many that we knew & was so magnificent an ally of the Am. Sch:

It was about decided in the Presbytery that Dr. Lino shld. go to Florianopolis about Aug. 10th to help Mr. Kolb in the hope that the warm climate might help D. Celina. His youthful Timothy is circulating a Petition for him to stay. Did

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Mrs. Baillie is walking up & writes delectable epistles.

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Mary P. Dascomb.

No place as guarda-livros for sr. Fiaux?

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Sept. 18th/05.

How sorry I am for the long siege! It was enforced rest to the body but perturbation to the spirit. Was Harrow too late for your rest-time or didn't you care for it? Thanks for the amazing Illustrations I had meant to get them here & only wished you to see the oddities. But our handsome Gallio of a book-store man hasn't it & I am rejoiced to have it & send the money enclosed. I also send a newspaper scrap to show my surprise that a man shld. ever play the invalid for 10 days as long as there are lemons in yards & stores. — Vat you tinks, Hans? — Mme. Fiaux has been mystified by 10 days of no news fr. her devoted husband, who writes 2 or 3 long letters a week. Of course it is "irregularity of the mails". Today a letter came urging her to come immed. & for all instructions referring her to a lost letter. She managed to get her money out of the Ca.Ecn<sup>a</sup> without the 8 days' notice usually demanded. I shall ask her to visit you & you will find her bright & "sympathica". I asked Mr. Tucker to look out for a place of book-keeper in Rio & he writes that several have appeared in the Jornal, but by the time he gets around people in Rio have secured the place. Some people here are prophecyng prosperity for Paraná, & Brazil generally. Owing to the selfishness of the Argentines & floods in their country our matte business thrives — the gatherers get a double price & the matte mills work night & day with three "turmas" of workmen. Mrs. Baillie still writes most enjoyable letters. Mr. B. was ill for weeks, a very bad case of blood poisoning, probably due to eating fish not fresh. What next! Truly, in the midst of life we are in death. A man here died in a few hours fr. eating "macarrão" coked in a halfclean copperas Kettle. Mrs. B. went to hear the distinguished author of Fra Paolo & — didn't like him one little bit — tho't him narrow! The Spiritists here have been trouncing the Bible as immoral! Two of our men attended a session

& made the good point that the countries where the Bible is read & obeyed are the most moral countries in the world. Tonight's paper gives a lot of chapter & verse in different places in the Bible & dares 'em to print them in full! I don't suppose that the unclean creatures who write about this recognize any difference between unveiled talk about the body & its functions & modern grossness. Worse for them. Mrs. Baillie was disappointed at not seeing Vesuvius do something really appalling. She shld. visit Calabria now! How dreadful such things are! Mr. Bickerstaph has travelled over 200 miles since his wife left & preached in 10 diff. places. — Chega? —

Good night,

Love to the Lanes,

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Thurs. 28-12-05. (Eschola Americana) — Curityba.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Thanks to Miss Kuhl's Christmas gift your letter shall have plenty of room. I have been thinking of you as the Monte Christo of the poor yellow river people, to whom you dispensed a variety of forms of Prompto Allivio on your way to your Paradisaical Wilderness. And you were toiling and molling over that conf — will you give me 25 cents if I'll write it all out? — report. How I shld. have liked to see the Lane X<sup>mas</sup> Rally! Did you count! 'em? Wherever was the Chr. dinner held? Miss K. and I also had a Rally — fr. 7.30 to 10. Four Sch. Salas were crammed, with people Church. S.S. & Esf. Ch. — were invited & dozens of eager boys fr. the Great Outside presented themselves with insinuating smiles to partake of the joyous Festa. The salas were splendidly trimmed & the two trees sparkled with glittering ornaments (kept fr. year to year. Supper was somewhat awkward owing to the crowds, but hymns, songs, poems & splendid piano — playing kept all happy until the final March thro' all the salas & the recg fr. a great bushel basket of gay little bags of doces, as a sweet remembrancer! I smiled them all off before 10! Isn't that generalship? Sister Annie sent me Nancy Stair a queer impassioned, old-fashioned tale wh. I hoped to find outlined in the encyclopedias, — in vain. If I cld. only get it to you for reading in yr lone outing you wld. certainly appreciate it. Madame Rose Fiaux also wrote this mail admiring the yards & gardens of S. Paulo, but sad about no lessons. I too advised her see Rufus. Can Caperan do nothing? Is that bright Albuquerque in S. Paulo? Who was that brother of a young theologue who wished a teacher for his fazenda? Privately what do I think of the two teachers at Fl.?

Bright & talented but not the type I like to have in Sch. There is a tremendously strong Society current here wh. often involves children from 3 years old up. I do not wish our tall girls just entering their teens to have that style of teacher. Some of yours go to dances & theatres occasionally but are in the main serious & dignified. Fred. complained bitterly of the goings — on of out tall fair Isabel — & Eugenia — always kissin & embracing & leaning on each other, even in the street. I think with him that it is abominably bad taste, but I, who avoid kisses as a rule, agree with Eugenia that Isabel's are something especial — like the rose leaf satiny touch of a little child's lips. We had a call fr. Mr. White

& found him very pleasant. Why shldn't Mr. Derby & your Will & Susy husband be making each 12:000\$ a month! It looks easy! In the States Mr. White spotted, so to speak, several coal mines petroleum wells thus helping millionaires make millions — & no doubt he made his thousands. I have always wondered why geologists didn't make more money out of their knowledge. Have you seen Stead's article on Russia in the last Rev. of Rev The Curityba Republica had a tremendous article fr. Max Nordau yest, inditing modern civilisation for its criminal indifference to the unspeakable horrors practiced last Nov. against jews in Russia? Journals, people, gover<sup>ts</sup> all frauds!

Mr. White met last year, by request, the Visconde de Barbacena a man of 105 years — 60 yrs. minister to Eng.! Don't let's give up yet! 20 years more in the Visconde!

Fred, has a little Kenneth. Pierce on the eve of sailing found he had appendicitis & was successfully operated.

Mrs. Bickerstaph is all right. Mrs. Chamberlain goes to the States in Spring to care for Geo. & Helen & Mr. Ch's 2 sisters. I hope to hear oftener now that Sch. & Report are over. Mr. Bich. Comes tomorrow Mr. Kolb on the 4th. the day last fixed for M.M.

Love to Miss Lottie the girls & all Lanes.

Thurs. Jan. 11/06.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Here come notes of the Mission Meetg. to await your return from holiday trip. Mr. Kyle did not come. Was in S. Paulo with his translating. Hopes they may finish the New. Test. this year. Msrs. Kolb, & Bick<sup>ph</sup> go together to various Stations West to preach, to cure Mr. K. of his dreadful cold, & to choose a place for Mr. Kolb to settle in, as he says he cannot stand Florianopolis. His stories of work are most interesting. "This one thing I do!" Mr. Landes has travelled 700 m. & Mr. Bick<sup>ph</sup> 1600. But Mr. Kyle with his three preachers (only two reported is in the front rank.

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As neither the Board now yourself noticed our request to be taken under the wing of S. Paulo — that is yours — we concluded to follow Mr. Waddell's example. and ask for a resident man to take charge of Sch.

work (here & in Santa Cat.) & for two ladies to take Miss K.' & my place leaving us free for evangelising & translating. Mr. Kolb asks for a lady both teacher & evangelist! Keep her busy! We voted money for Effie to come back & for Miss K to go with. Aren't vacations jolly inventions? Next Tues. (16) we begin again. Do poke up Miss Lottie to write me a bit. I'm hungry for a letter. Love to all Lanes. A Mr. Hiram Smith (in the paper Smiles) and wife are here in a beautiful chacara.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I am so sorry that Fanny is not well. Does she suffer pain? Can she read and knit? It is so good that Margaret is with her. You forgot after all to enclose little Ellen's photo. What a rest it must be to gaze in the intervals of pressing work, at the charms of the lots of little Lanes — "you pays yr. money & you takes your choice! — We heard that Carvalhosa was going — to Europa or the States — & immed. supposed that the generous Rio Braga intended to pay his expenses. None of the gentleman seemed to know any more. The Board said nothing of our request to be under yr. direction; so in connection with Ella's & my application to change work, & also in view of frequent applications to board boys, we tho't it well to imitate Mr. Waddell & have a man on the spot, to superintend & run a Boys' Boarding Sch. Now many people send their boy' to the Cath. Sem. purely to get rid of them — not because they like it. Effie's head-aches have to be reckoned with. She may at any time fail one or two days, whereas Ella & I, tough as old shoes are never off duty. I wonder at Ella. She is Sup. Financier, House-keeper & has extra Eng. pupils, & sometimes does some Church visiting. She is to go home this year. Can the School Ship sail without her? It did before. What do you know of Ant. Teixeira's being turned out of Church? It must be that he is off his head. I was told a secret the other day — that Alvaro is coming here before very long to hold extra meeting. There is a "Young" Church in Paranaguá of 120 members. The ex jeweller Mello knows but one thing — religion & that he does zealously. Kolb & Bick. at Guarapuava — hearty & well!

Haven't seen Mrs. Emette again? They go soon to B. Ayres.

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Bryant. representative of a Syndicate has been a good while in Rio Gr. & S. Cat. Going to do something.

Love to the Lanes.

Mary P. Dascomb.

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Tell Sr. Modesto that the Maragatas are flourishing!  
Rising fast.

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Our charming teacher Isabel Withers marries this month, Ai!

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Curityba. Paraná.

Thurs. Feb. 15th. 1906.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your letters, multum in parvo, are always a very great treat, & I always hasten to answer — partly for the pleasure of talking over things & partly

that I may begin to look for another. I am more & more amazed at your wide intelligence as to the details of the work in Brazil & your great perspicacity. Once in a great while I differ somewhat, as in the desirableness of Mr. Kolb for a Sch. Sup. For one thing he follows the Fluminense Santos in making all plurals of *ão* in *ãos*! And he will call all the magnates of the land *tu*! One of the especial reasons for desiring a Sup. is that he may have a Boys' Boarding School, but hitherto Mrs. Kolb spends nearly all her time in missionary visiting — a magnificent thing for the Church — not even fine preaching helps so much in securing a large attendance. Moreover, Mr. K. has about decided to move to Guara-puava — a fine climate & desperately needing a peripatetic pastor for the 200 or more scattered sheep. This idiotic custom of burning roças & going a long journey to plant & reap, is ruining Paraná, destroying their valuable woods. I suppose that the Sup. shld. be independent of the Mission but suppose he shld. be "queer" — who is to send him home? I too never understood why the rich School at Bahia failed to be kept up, unless it was because the founder went to Europe to live. Mr. Chamberlain had *carte blanche* as to religion in it. I wish, wish, wish that you could have secured Mr. Gammon for Mackenzie when he left the charge of the Seminary, & that would have headed off the new departure. He is a man like Mr. Tucker, to please both saints & sinners. I have just finished reading Gen. Armstrong's Life. It is absorbingly interesting. I know a man very like him, Rev. Eduardo A. Paddock who after various fine frontier achievements, founded Weiser Academy, Idaho (?). & finding that there was a great deal of "splendid material" in the Great West, unable to pay the moderate prices of the Academy — with the same tremendous dislike to begging but similar success as Gen. A's, he canvassed the East bo't lots of land including a lake, put up some plain buildings, induced able people to help & has some 60 fine y. people of ambition & energy, working & studying turn about. Some things gained prizes at St. Louis. And he now is exhorting the East to do likewise, to blend intellectual & manual or industrial training. I will get Bishop Leopold's book. I have long wanted it. The oddest fish fr. Rio came here — a Frenchman — an egoist, a super-evangelical, who yet sometimes has to tell lies!!! Maybe he's cracked!

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I ask Ella if she doesn't think it would be a nice change for Fanny to come here. She replies: — My heart says Yes, but my head says that she ought not to leave her Father. What do you think?

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We have been having very hot weather. Just now it is cold & rainy. Susie's dainty little ones are exquisite & Rufus' little Mary bewitching.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Tues. Mar. 6/06.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I am so pleased to be able to send you a book! You are sure to like St. Ives & the pictures of Castle Rock & its View; tho' if I tell you how horrid is the Bull fight in Castilian Days with the poor horses running madly about tripping up on their tripas, you may retaliate with the Scissons episode in my book! Dear me! Is the world coming to an end! The meths have always been too tolerant to have squabbles & I didn't suppose that their Br. pastors were educated enough to criticize any one's

Port! Mr. Landes' is much like dear Campinas Lanes'. We are to have Alvaro soon I hear. Meanwhile I actually went out tonight with a very pious family (Rom. C. 1) to hear your Americo Novaes fr. S. Paulo preach in the Cath. He's not bad tho' not over fresh. Argues like Paley that Somebody must have made our soul & body, & called miracles (lumping Lourdes & Jesus' miracles all together) proven facts. He told quite dramatically. The Bible stories of the some Episc. & do, because of the anointing. The Cathedral was full & the Chinese umbrella over the Host & the shining tinsel & the genuflexions all looked like the Middle Ages! Speaking of squabbes there is trouble in the Indep. Camp. There has always been much dissatisfaction with Mr. Higgins' engagement to the fair young daughter of his elder, the chief mover in the Secession & latterly it has come to a head fr. her unbecoming levity " at Church. Neither mother nor daughter are members of any Church. So Patience & discretion & toleration have gone to the wall & things have been said & we hear that neither Mr. H. nor the elder & family go more to the I. Church! One of the ever ready lay preachers an ex-colporter is also out for the running for some reason & the the service fall upon a German Braz. who finds them such a task mentally that at any time he may throw them up, Mr. Higgins to go to Rio or S. Paulo to be examined & see what is the matter of his insides — some say consumption. I wonder if he ever doubts the wisdom of Secession or of his unkind attacks on Mr. Landes. We have 174 on our list every room but one with fresh seats, quite a number of tall girls & lads. One Robert Haver with whom you & Fanny crossed the Ocean is going to send you his nice son Waldemar, a tall boy.

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Our Curitybanos broke out the first Sunday in Lent & had Carnival! — 'cause rained before!

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12 o'clock! Shade of Cinderella! I must run! Love to 'em all! Parabens to "golden tempered Lucinda" as Rufus called her, Fancy you & Eduardo hobnobbing at the wedding!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. March, 19/06.

I hope that Frid. & Sat. were good restful days & that you enjoyed St. Ives. Castilian Days is delightful but somehow takes longer to read than a story. I have put on a stout cover so it will not come to grief by the delay. I am so amazed & so sorry that you gave up the Outlook. It has such invaluable articles. Here is a bit about our Seminary question. Says a Mrs. Dew: — In Sept. I shall have an extra hundred & that I will give, glad & free to any theol. Sem. whatever that will agree to let the students see a little of real life & learn at first hand what common mortals have to face & fight with, & not pamper them up to think they are made of diff. clay fr. the men & women that sit in the pews. Let the boys know what it means to earn a dollar by hard work, & what it means not to have a decent coat. Let them know what it is to stand friendless (I don't like that) before the temptations of a great city where, if the good folks aint? on the lookout, the bad ones are. Let them even go to the theatre & the races & play cards (!?) You'll have fewer empty pews & fewer lifeless churches, I presume to say. Now the only thing the poor



lads are permitted to do is to flirt & that's the reason they all (?) come out of the sem.<sup>s</sup> conceited with themselves & in love with some pretty face that may or may not be cut out for a minister's wife. — I wonder if the falling off in the Fl. School is chiefly owing to the use the beatos make of Dr. Lino's being an ex-padre. Fl. is a very fanatical place but the people were not much afraid before, of the unbelligerent, rev-erent, (?) beneficent piety there taught & practised. Here we are having lively times. Mr. Landes & most of our men have attended the padre's Lent Sermons & Mr. L. is answering him in the Diario rather after Elijah's fashion with the prophets of Baal. — You say the Church has still the power to work miracles, that, as priest, yr. hand as the Hand of God, your voice is the Voice of God. Work miracles then — cure the paralytics in Curityba, come & tell my little fig trees never to bear fruit. I don't quite like this, & still less one of our young man who gives anonymous flings, rakes up the Borgias & calls this comparatively good Pope the prince of darkness. But I like Mr. Landes' published extracts fr. the admirable Noites com os Romanistas. Aren't you ever coming to our ranch? Can't you take Sem. Santa & bring Fanny? I wish you cld. see Paulina Landes' last letter. It seems as tho' I never know any one fuller of vitality. What a wonderful thing that N.Y. City Mission! I knew young Schauffler — 2 of 'em & how useful they have been — one in N.Y. — one in Cleveland. So have you! Have you any idea how many pupils have been in the S. Paulo School. By the way

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I see that you like ourselves. Kept to the h. in Eschola. People here make fun of us! What floods in Rio! Good night.

Mary P. Dascomb.

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Why does not sr. M — — — take dear. dear D. Mary with her shocking heart disease rather than Elmira?

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Eschola Americana — Curityba.

Wed. Apr. 11th. 1906.

What a pity that you did not know that Mrs. Withers & handsome Alice stayed until today at the Parque Balneario (I always tho't that Balneario had something to do with whale's in Santos & only sail today on the Clyde — if Mrs. W. is well enough — for the miserable Sirio gave people camarão that induced dreadful colic. Mrs. W. & Mr. Gomm, the new son-in-law were very ill, as well as others. The girls did not eat them. I see you have not yet received my strenuous request & until I have an answer to that I will keep your nice message. I hope some way will be found by wh. a break in the new — married harmony may be avoided & yet my change suggested come about apparently naturally (what a concatenation of sounds!) I had hoped that you & Fanny wld. skip down here for a week or two & I wld. show you how different a type are our young people — the sort you hope the girls will imitate. One only, a heavy German has something of the same bias & of all unfortunate people in love-affairs. She is the climax. I have talked up hill & down dale against two of them — lying Lotharios. What next! I rejoice that our Protestants have stopped firing. Now the anti-clericaes have taken up the fight without gloves (must be a sword or fist set to for people don't fire with gloves!) That I enjoy. I've no objection to seeing the Papists badly mauled only I don't think we ought to do it. There is plenty to tell here in Brazil

— in Rio, in Blumenau even in Curitiba & I am much mistaken if padre Novaes could not furnish an unsavory bit. I answered a letter fr. Miss Kemper & gave her my views on Seminary location. She says that Mr. Gammon is working at high pressure, tho' still well. How wld. it be with him if the Sem. were added! Wonder if they expect a new man out! Wonder if Fred. will return in time for Synod! A card fr. him dated Oberlin came a few days ago. He visited Mrs. Monroe & Mary, & said he wld. be back soon. He wished so much to move to some Station in Paraná & travel in the two States. Mr. Kolb wishes to go to Guarapuava & Dr. Lino deems his pastorate is here. Our feeling is that the Church here cannot properly pay a pastor. Dr. Ferez. the Austrian physician who carries all before him & is I judge, the best prepared of any here, goes to S. Paulo for a little rest. I hope you & Job will look him up. He used to attend Ella's Evening Eng. Class, but his increasing popularity left him no time for it. He does not seem to me a happy man, but is a fine doctor. I dread to have Joe E. come to be called an Am.! But I do need some one to take out 5 teeth & make me some new plates. I hate the work here. The teeth are ghastly. I hear that Mr. Higgins is to marry next Tues. the 17th. & as he wants his house probably means to live here. The last word on his health is that lungs, heart & stomach are all right but that he is nervously broken down.

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Basta? Hurry, please, with yr. answer to the strenuous request lest the crisis be upon us. Several days have gone. The people may return soon. Mary P. Dascomb. Mrs. Bick & Mother is very ill. I suppose that she will wait till the End.

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Alvaro said he would come after Passion Week. Veremos!

Eschola Americana — Curitiba.

21-4-06 Sat. 2,30 P.M.

My brain is going, my eyes are like boiled goose berries, my right hand-fingers (German style-see Mark Twain!) are like claws — 'cause why, I've been toiling & molling over Exams. & Boletins. I've just time to race off a letter to you before the early dinner wh. gives Ella time for her prosperous Juv. Soc. She, poor thing, with her gentlemanly Adjutant, has been toiling & molling over Sch. accounts. Most people are so short handed that it is more convenient to pay monthly & there's a hullabaloo to get the bills out. Just now, our trump of house keeper has bro't in a glass of lemonade. In the midst of our Exams, I wrote Lottie a card to catch her at Chiquita's. As soon as you know Lottie's States' address tell me — This letter goes with our dear Mrs. Withers & Alice who are suddenly off to catch the Clyde for Eng. who Mrs. W. has not seen for 30 years. What will Britons say to our tall handsome unembrassed Alice, with her pretty accent — she hates to talk Eng. — & her splendid playing. She will stay & study music. By the same boat goes fair Isabel with her rich Eng. spouse to Rio to take a fine boat to the Arg. for a short stay. In 2 months they too will go to Eng. I send you a Diario with a second horrid effusion fr. some hot-headed y. men, who call themselves many Prot. only 3 or 4 I am glad to say. In their eagerness to club padre Novaes for his lies they expose us all to loss & danger. Tomorrow there is to be a big procession & if Poles & Italians come in, I shld. think it wld. be easy to get them to stone or burn Church & School. This attack is more the childish rage of Samson than the marvellous courtesy of the fiery Paul. O I have no patience with them & am provoked that Mr. Landes allows it.

Who is Mrs. Dew? She is a made-up lady by Sara Shafer in an article entitled After the Symposium in the Outlook of Dec. 30 wh. also has Pastor Wagner's admirable & sympathetic opinion of the Simple Life in America. My sister is staying in Hartford, Conn where the dear Brownies are. He is again without employment-how I do not know — has one fine son in Yale (now, I believe, working for the family) a charming daughter, & a younger son who is a conundrum — ought to be sent to a ranch to rough it. Mr. B. hankers after Brazil knows some Port. Mr. Landes thinks him cut out for a newsp. corresp. because he writes with graceful, humorous facility. I wd. like him to be a consul. His wife, tho' deaf, is most lovely. Brownie seems somehow to have lost a spring (mola) out of him, — has fine capacities but no go! Is it true that a dentist Emerson is coming to Curityba & is he a good one? I read about yr. trump girl & the disappointment to my Sala. My first five this month with exception of the 3rd. are girls. The 3rd. is the nice Waldemar Hauer who wants to go to you in Feb. One of our richest men sent his little idol José Macedo to

S. Paulo by the Guasca — hoped to get him into Rufus' establishment. Dreadful Vesuvius! Why can't you run away with Fanny for a short time. Come! There's dinner.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Sat. May 19th 1906.

Dear! Dear! what a weary time awaiting for your letter! But how satisfactory when it came! We are so grateful for your intention to arrange for the young lady next month. Our beautiful bride showed unexpected strength of character in not asking her "Dear Devoted" to live with her, until this week when Mr. Gomm is away for 10 days. Meanwhile Eugenia has one little pupil in town & rec'd from somewhere (you?) money. Isabel quite agrees with us that there is no future for Eugenia here, since so talented a woman as Madame Rose Fiaux did not succeed. So she will advise her to accept your offer when it comes. Who is succeeding here is D. Annita, sister of Eduardo's wife. She is much liked as a music teacher tho' I am horrified at her insisting on an abnormal & horrid position of the hands, much like the affected ridiculous style of shaking hands in vogue, or the odious Grecian bend. I have no doubt that Alvaro is ambitious to gain influence but I do not think him intriguing like Eduardo. I said to him: — What is this about moving the Seminary to Lavras? Miss Kemper writes me that Mr. Gammon is already overburdened. We in the States are more & more of the opinion that Theological students should be in a city where study can go hand in hand with practice. — Yes, — said he — there was some talk about it at a time when it seemed impossible to live in peace with the Ind.<sup>ts</sup> But now there is much less animosity. People speak to each other. — Quoth I. — I suppose that Mr. Gammon has much more idea of personal & pastoral work — that Mr. Smith will not let his y. men work in the A.C. or C.E. — Not altogether so, — ans<sup>d</sup> he, — but study first — some other work permitted. So, I rec'd the impression that A. would not urge a change. Neither of us mentioned Mackenzie or you. Last night I met a very well-informed gentleman albeit a dyspeptic & a gamester, who told me of a certain cure for tooth-ache the most aggravated! If I understood the word it is Pyramidol. One gram usually in an hour or two. But certainly the second will cure. I asked if it had not a deleterious after effect as Antipyrine. He said No. What do you know

of it? I have discovered an author for tired School people — Oppenheim. He is very Bohemian but for mysteries — to judge by the one book that I am reading — A Maker of History — & by the notices I see, he is capital. I am diverted at your embarrassment in hearing the recalcitrants praised as tho' they were ours. Bento is fluent but I shld. hardly suppose a literary authority. The other I do not know. I hope you will go to the Pan-Am. & can privately give Mr. Eliath Roth the benefit of your experience. I am not so altruistic, as to be an enthusiast for the Monroe doctrine. Let these boastful little crowing cocks defend themselves when the great Prussian eagle shall swoop down on them. They are so "confoundably" suspicious

& ungrateful. I, were I Uncle Sam, shld. let them soundly alone! Is Mr. Speer coming or is it a false rumor? Will Mrs. Harris visit Brazil now? Glad Lottie & Susie are safe at home

Health, enjoyment & prosperity to you & Fanny & all the rest. Effie's last note was Los Ang. Mar. 26!

Curityba, Paraná.

Wed. June 27 th. 1906.

Many thanks for the Pit. If Mr. Gomm did not go on a flying trip to Buenos Ayres this morning he shall have it forthwith. I have covered it & marked it within & without with yr. name, so I hope it will not stray. Thus far Isabel's married life seems very enjoyable. I imagine that he understands the art of taking himself off frequently so that his company is always appetising. Mr. Bickerstaph & I called at about 8.15 the other night & found an ideal home picture — the handsome dining-room the bright fire in the grate, Isabel in white tall & fair with splendid rings in a deep easy chair on one side of the fire, & Mr. Gomm — that afternoon arrived fr. 36 hours up country — stretched on a sofa after a luxurious dinner with a fragrant cigar. I rather wondered how he & Mr. B. wld. get on as he does not seek (to put it mildly) the society of religious people. But all went comfortably. Isabel spent some weeks with the Bickerstaphs & he considers her the most beautiful girl in Paraná. But, poor man! he is almost crazy that his wife does not return. She left her 8 tumors at the N.Y. Hospital & then went home to be the Cinderella of the family — cared for her Mother, so desperately ill that she cld. not lie down for 3 months before her death (My Mother was so for 7 wks. but we had a day & night nurse) & now stays with her Father who is almost helpless fr. rheumatism) & a young unmarried brother. There is a brute of a husband & a married bro. who might & ought to care for the Father but do not. Mr. B. is so afraid that all this will make his wife ill that he cabled her to come with Fred. The Tennyson shld. have been in Sat. but we've not had a word fr. any one tho' I have a Century that I suppose came by the Tennyson. Why did not you tell me of Effie? Does not Winnie hear fr. Adele, One letter must have been lost. Geo. Len. writes: Effie is getting better. It seems a pity that she shld. have had this experience when she shld. have been resting. She expects to sail Aug. 2nd. (And here poor Ella expected to go in Aug.!) Whatever is this experience! We imagine that she went to S. Fr. to be present at the Miss. Y Meetg. to open on Apr. 18! "The Shaws are just like brother & sister to her", says Geo. Sorry you did not rec. the telegr. in time. Blow up the man!!! It was sent the day she sailed & shld. have been in time. Do come here whith Elihu Root & see our School & our young teachers. You will envy us!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Wed. Aug. 22/06.

Dear Dr. Lane,

You are "better & betterer"! This morn. came the illustrated Root Magazine. I am puffed up to have it to show people. Brazil is surely coming out ahead in the Root business. What with rains & stones the Argis way behind & tonight's paper says that the unpopular Pres. of Uruguay was valado when driving with Root. Your Mag. makes Miss Root a scare-crow, older than the Mother. Tonight's paper too, tells of "bludgy" doings in Bahia by a great band of blackguards. Hope they won't cross Mr. Waddell's or Pierce's track! Yesterday Mr. Landes had a telegram from Fred. They may be here on Sat, or may go on to Flor. Nothing was said of Effie who firmly expected to come with Fred. Listen! Have you saved a place, for our Waldemar Hauer in Feb./07? He is a very satisfactory pupil as far as study goes — well up in Eng. Fr. Ger. Port. & will be half thro' Alg. Does his work handsomely, but if allowed, may possibly join others in painting the town red. He does not like jokes on himself, but on other people. My relations with him are very pleasant. Dr. Ferenz is back & up to his eyes in Humanitarian work. People whom he has relieved actually love him. He took an excrescence from inside the nose (Irish!?) of one our girls by electricity; Much less painful than jerking it out. A letter fr. Mr. Kolb today asks for a teacher! Dr. Lino wanted our D. Camilla, who has some magnificent qualities, but not enough education — the only one of our teachers who did not study in our School. Lately Ella has another letter from a Cal. Colonisation Agent. He says that the earthquake has devoured maps, statistics etc. that she caused to be sent him, & has dislodged more people so that fr 20000 to 30000 Prot. Finns are ready to emigrate to Brazil, & in preference to Paraná! She has lent the letter to Isabel Withers Gomm's spouse for his opinion etc. If any one could put such a scheme thro' he could. These colonists wld. bring an electric plant, preachers, teachers etc. But this pódre Gov. wld. be only likely to kill them with taxes. It wld. be nice to see Paraná boom!

Mary P. Dascomb.

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I sent for some law-books for our Juiz Federal to crib things(?) & with them came a most tantalising announcement of Winston Churchill's Conistan.

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Tonight in Church a presumably drunken man groaned 2 or 3 times. After Service Mrs. L. says it reminded her of that other who when the preacher inquired for drunkards stood up swaying—Here I be sor! And when later he asked for liars, he nudged a friend: Get up John, he's calling for you!

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Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Aug. 27/06.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Forgive me for waking up sleeping dogs! I tho't they were not asleep but that lately they had been yelping. Just a word that you knew would be quite sufficient. Is there anything more uncomfortable than the gratuitous ascription of base motives when one does one's best! I am so glad to hear about the Am. visitors. How did poor Lloyd Griscom ever fall into such evil case? How very unrepubli-can the airing of such pretensions! How

unlike our splendid President! Are the Power & Light folk educated people? Fanny wd. make an elegant hostess. As for the Pomade I consider it sober truth & say Apolada with all my heart. I am eager to hear of the Instruction Conference at Rio. The Leningtons came in 18 days with my admired Cap. Ohls Ohls of the Tennyson. All look well but Peachblossom Addie, who is slenderer than I like to see. Truly the mother of young children has a very hard life. It is a beautiful-looking family, & all we have seen seems to be equally charming but Effie says they are sometimes too fight-acious! They can only talk Eng. Effie says that she would rather have them bright than stupid. She says she is marvellously better & chiefly by the experience & still of a womam doctor, a species with wh. she never sympathised. It seems that her insides, to speak in general terms, instead of being properly tied up, had turned over & was pressing unduly on the spinal cord (I tho't that was protected by its bone canal!) — now that is straightened out her nervous sufferings have ceased. Her opinion that her stomach is all right is verified, the headaches had nought to do with it. She can eat what she likes. Adèle too is much better — no more megrims. Miss Potwin also. Her heart affection was largely fr. other difficulties. Now she attends to two telephones. We met Dr. Ferenz on the bond lately & he said he did not meet either of the Drs. Lane, nor did he go to the Samaritano but to another — was it the Misericordia. Too bad! I wanted you to meet. How much good doctors do! What a saddening life! One gave them advice to visit well people frequently, to keep in good spirits.

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We hope that Ella can get off by the 1st. of Oct. Her poor famly has waited long. We shall be sort o' like Babes in the Wood when she goes.  
Mary P. Dascomb.

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Lottie & Hattie Mag. came to the steamer to see the Len' off. Edith Mitchell is keeping house for a bro. in Los Ang.

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Did you get my letter about Waldemar Hauer? Have you a place kept for Him? in Feb.

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Curityba. Paraná.

Frid. Sept. 7/06.

Fenwick's Career is about to return. It is interesting as are all of Miss H. Ward's but, like the rest, leaves a bad taste in the mouth. I have at last caught sight of The Pit which had been swiped off by very intelligent. Will Withers to his lonely place out of town & kept & enjoyed till now! Yesterday I found lovely Isabel Withers Gomm reading it as she obeyed doctor & nurse staying in bed. She was a trifle out of sorts & her brilliant doctor diagnosed lumbago — to be surprised that eve with the arrival of a tiny little son! It only lived a day or two. Her admirably capable spouse knows so little of such exigencies that he tried to coax her to eat strawberries on the second day, assuring her that fruit never hurt anybody! Meanwhile I am greatly enjoying some books of Henty's that Mrs. Fenn sent me by Effie. It seems that he is a popular writer for boys. I had never seen anything of his before. The Australian story dates when Sidney was a small town! but is very interesting as is also The Crimean story. Poor England was very unready & had some incompetent brutes in

high offices as indeed I had read in the biography of my cousin's very talented husband Dr. Cyrus Hamlin who, cured cholera made bread for the arms & contracted for their washing! What those manly Eng. soldiers endured before his coming to the rescue is dreadful. I am so sorry for Brazilian boys who have so little interesting reading. — O Peregrino, Robinson Crusoe! Don Quixote & some of Jules Verne! There are French versions of some of our good books for boys, but I have seen only one — a sea-story. I had some truncated romances of Walter Scott, that by lending have become still more truncated. What have you for Mc.Kenzie? People are sending us floods of little cards. Why not money to buy Port. books to lend! Effie will not be able to work for a good while so Ella is staying on,

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I hear that Eugenia learned her attacks from a girl in Florlis. I shld. think that heroic treatment might put an end to them.

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Poor Luiza Camargo is tired out with measles & tosse comprida in the family. Lost one child.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Th. Night. 27/9/06.

It is an "oderous" necessity that takes Fanny off travelling & leaves you forlorn. But I fancy that Fanny is something like my sister Annie, enjoyings going about & studying or amusing herself with life in different aspects. And you like me enjoy staying at home & hearing of adventures. We are on the qui vive tonight with a swell wedding next door. On Sat. Ella & I go to a wedding & even to the Cathedral. Meanwhile it is exam. Week, & the boletins & SS. lesson, & 2 regular letters all come on Sat. to say nought of an imminent visit of a beautiful old lady fr. Castro. So time goes! I find it full, full, & so interesting — people, books, work, play. I have been in such a hurry to hear fr. you, because — I wanted to write & discourse about Ada. How abominable to come back after so long an absence to find that malandra Karen established as head of the house & not made to give way to the wife. I think Mr. G — — — tremendously to blame. Is the wife to come back as a boarder? I suppose that the excuse is that the townhouse is the property of the girls fr. the mother. Naturally Ada would not tolerate that! She asked for a separate house for herself & the little ones. No. At last it was arranged that she shld. return to Europe till Karen marries. What a solution! It is going back discredited! She was allowed to take little Elsie, Mr. G.'s "idol" & Elsie may be the means of her fathers coming to his senses, for he will miss her immensely. Mr. G. took Ada & Elsie as far as Pernambuco. They were to spend a month with the Carvalhos in Lisbon & then perhaps go to Switzerland. I would not return to Eng. to figure as a grass widow!

It's ill interfering between man & wife, but as once Ada's teacher, couldn't you do something? Isabel just came in fr. the swell wedding to sit down a bit & have a cup of tea. She was exquisite in a shining cream-colored silk beautifully made. Mrs. Withers & Alice must be in Switzerland now. I am reading in installments a dreadful book Parochial School by Priest Crowley recounting ad nauseam the frightful scandals hushed up by Mother Church. Mrs. Houston (Sophy) & Mrs. Landes have always

been pessimists as to the R. \* Cath. Ch. & this book wld. seem to justify it tho Priest Crowley hangs on like the Old Catholics to good that is in Mother Ch. Effie bro't me a lovely little book detailing the pains Uncle Sam takes to make his immigrants, big & little, healthy happy, intelligent & good. It is charming. I shall be delighted to see a nice Melican man & any one else. I have.

felt such curiosity as to where Fernand Abbott got his name. Our Serra is well worth seeing. Ella is so pleased at the tho't of seeing friends in S. Paulo again — if possible.

\* He represents the hierarchy as always intriguing against our public Schools & our liberties.

Curityba. Paraná.

Frid. Oct. 12. 1906.

Viva Effie who is having a birthday, & Viva C. C. who in 1492 made plans for us to have a holiday! The Landes' family called to get Ella took her off on a delightful allday picnic. Most of the children have gone to visit friends. Effie after inspecting her dainty presents is examining the beautiful, but I fear sad Custer book that came from you this morn. & I, with solid satisfaction answer yr. multiwelcome letter. And first: — Where is Fanny going? I have just rec'd a long letter fr. Mrs. Withers dated Pension Favre. Genève. Swd. 8 Rue Carouge. She expects to stay in Geneva 10 months., that handsome Alice, who enters the highest class in the Conservatory, may study music until June. It is not certain. I suppose, that Mrs. Withers will stay. She suffered fr. cold in an Eng. Spring & a Scotch Summer & 2 of her sons here are urging her not to dare a Swiss Winter. But the rooms will be warm. I am more afraid of her getting "aborrecida" with nothing to do & only French about her. If Ada were wise she would go there rather than to Eng. the home of Mrs. Grundy. And if Fanny would go, the three, four when Alice was not busy, would not be lonely. Mrs. W. is a woman of splendid business capacity, accustomed to work at high pressure for many years. I have written Mme. Fiaux who may send introductions. - - I have finished Coniston! Effie has it now, & I'll not let it follow the Pit wh. I hope to get back soon. Until about half way through I was partly pleased & much troubled. I have lived out of the States so much of my life that in reading an Am. book I always think of its impression on foreigners, esp. by Eng. I have lived in N. Eng. country places & never heard that dialect talk. I have been much with people who have spent years at the South & never heard Cable's dipshod planter talk. Eng. reader, esply people who frequent the theater, wld. suppose that all Am<sup>s</sup> talk thus. Then the unscrupulous wire-pulling, the tremendous bribery & corruption wld. be ascribed to Republican institutions! But as I went on in the book I was taken fairly off my feet. One can no more say that a woman may not have a keen sense of commercial honor impeccable integrity. And what absolute turning that of Jethro, yet without explanation even to Cynthia. That is almost more than human. He could have set himself right in her eyes. Do you know who he is? So his enemy the judge, Jay Gould? Maybe I shall know more after reading the Custer book. - - How could you give up the Outlook? There's Baxter's voyage with Neptune's pranks, & a real R.R. fight by Winston Churchill. Have you seen the Harper's Weewly of Aug. 25th.? It has a tremendous article



about the row in Mexico — One ambitious man & a lot of roughs pulling the string of Jacobinism to unseat the heroic President & likely to cause war with the U. States. How strange that these rich but uneducated Mexicans cannot see that what enriches the Country, sooner or later will enrich individuals. What are Mr. Derby & your Will doing? I hope the Fenns met Elihu Root in Paraná & told him a thing or two. He must have gone away with very superficial, not to say wholly wrong ideas of Brazil. Eugenia writes Isabel that she supposes she shall not have that Room next year (Bella back?) & that the naughty boys tire her dreadfully. Perhaps they need to be cared like the Mackenzie turbulents. (Eng. word?) We hover round our young teachers so that the boys feel who touches them, touches the apple of our eye! — I wldn't be Vigilante over boys for any money! I like 'em at Sch. but afterward — nada! There ought to

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be some of those marvellous beings in the States that make the young human steam-engines & govern themselves! I never could do it, but some can. Hear fr. Geo, Ch? Isabel says she has sent you The Pit Good!

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Do you know that Menezes is so disappointed that Polly did not get any inheritance — of the land, house & contents that of breaking the will & will not let Polly

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write to her people! He must be sort o' cracked! Poor Polly! - - Just seen Geo.Ch.'s article in Harp's Wly. When! He has Braz. blood!

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Our cook, a perfect y. woman, is driven by her ambitious mother to marry. Leaves tomorrow! Have a temporary substitute.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba, Paraná.

Mond. A.M. 17-11-06.

There is no more agreeable incident in these halcyon holidays than receiving a letter from you, & I may sit right down & ans. it. I rejoice that the last news fr. Fanny is good & espe. that she is near such nice people as the Grays. I hope that Margaret will have as delightful a passage as Miss Kuhl. She wrote fr. Bahia that she had not been ill one minute, enjoyed her airy deck stateroom, found the 12 passengers agreeable & the cuisine excellent. One passenger an Am. ship-captain has just bought 40000 acres of our Paraná coast, boasts of a fine beach 21 miles long where he means to put a hotel & electric bonds & establish himself & some friends near. Meanwhile Mrs. Withers & her son Will are much excited about Miss Kuhl's correspondent the agent of 20 or 30000 Finns in Cal, who wish to found a colony on the Western frontier of Paraná, bring an electric plant. pastors & teachers. Mr. Gomm. Isabel's husband has written them to send an agent before deciding. He thinks as I do that much of the land is so poor, transit is so expensive & taxes so exorbitant that they wld. be crazy to leave the States, so full of facilities for the difficulties here. But Mrs. Withers sees money in it, & says they can send all their produce down to the Argentine by boat. Well. We shall see what we shall see! Won't Nannie & Ida be pleased to have escaped the Botucatú earthquake! Effie understands that they return to their teaching, Grace goes to you & the 2 little girls come to us. If there is anything left it goes to Guarapuava

with the family. Many thanks for the Gazeta, Mr. Lopes gave me his but I want one to send Geo. Len. & Ella. He poor man, is much distressed over the tribulations of his nice daughter, but I tell him not to worry, it is only a part of the insensate war against Mackenzie, that Christ Himself was vilified as consorting with drunkards & other sinners. And see how Roosevelt is traduced! When envy-hatred, malice, & all uncharitableness tread on one's toes, it is often hard to say: — Father forgive them, for they know not what they do — I generally shake myself as a duck in a rain, & trying not to care for the personal part say to myself over & over again: — He watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps? — Mr. Landes gave us some wonderful figures last night — If he's not out, & I do not cite wrong, 200 millions converted in the last century, more than in the 18 before! I'm afraid I only laughed at your wrathful disgust over the perfidious black cook. Almost any woman sort of chuckles when one of the lordly sex has a bad time running the domestic machinery. It's good for their souls to eat humble pie now & then. Think of so saintly a man as Mr. Simonton exasperating me by declaring that in every conceivable branch of knowledge or action man is superior!!! Ho! — We had lots of the Miró connecions, gr. Cha of D. Maria Antonia. Maneco Miró died awhile ago after suffering a great deal. That family intermarries too much. One of them took a half German expuppl of ours & has beautiful Cha. The Light & Power are getting hold of R.R. contracts & will no doubt do something. Km. 65 refused them our Water & Drainage Contract & as a consequence we've been paying for 2 yrs. & nought finished. Money by the jugful goes to the contractors & nothing comes of it. - - - O My Effie & I have had visitors for 4 hours! Most dead!

Do you know that Miss Potrwin is well! Teleph. girl in Hosp. f 6 A.M. to 9 P. M.! Stayed still for 3 wks. rubbed with cocoa butter!

Curityba. Paraná.

Thurs. Nov. 22/06.

For days the Jupiter was announced to be in Paranaguá on the 17th. Ella went down on that day, well accompanied & only today has the despicable Thunderer come in! Your Schools end before ours, don't they? You will go to Rio to meet Margaret, won't you? Well then, do go a little early & see Ella before she sails on the Byron — on Dec. 4 or 5, is it? Do! She was never so short of money before on going. Fortunately she was entertained these 5 days. Paraná is a rat-trap. Hard to escape. We are to have Preby. & Mission Meeting here at the close of Sch; Glad to see 'em. The camp will be started to have a Theol. branch to Mackenzie. If not to Smith why not to Gammon. It seems a pity to multiply places of Theol. instruction. It is like having lots of little bits of Churches instead of a few strong ones. I am going to send you our photo of teachers. Well taken. Dr. Claudino the charming little man at the left is to go to Rio as aid to the Chief of Police & we are to have a very accomplished man who taught for us once before but was called away, Dr. Carvalho de Mendonça, Federal Judge. I think him far & away the most learned man in Paraná. I believe that his time is up in May & if nothing better offers he would immensely like the post of lawyer to the Light & Power Co.

He is most enthusiastic about America & The Am<sup>a</sup>. & reads Eng. with the greatest ease tho' he needs practice in speaking it. He is a scientist & literary man as well as profound in law. Do you know these L. & P. people who have their center in S. Paulo? — Do they need such an one to defend their rights in tricky difficulties? Km. 65 is back & indignant as one is at his criminal past one cannot but be pitiful to see such a wreck — takes food thro' a silver tutu in the neck, is emaciated & feeble. What a fight for life he is making. God must love him to give him all this time to think & repent. We are reading Marie Corelli's Treasure in Heaven, stigmatizing the rich, eulogizing the poor.

Will you find out or is that settled in the States?

Health happiness & prosperity to you & all yours.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curitiba. Paraná.

Tues. Dec. 4/06.

Dear me! On retiring with your troublesome papers to the private life of the Sitio, you say farewell as tho' mails did not reach those remote parts! Didn't my nice teachers find you? Ella went on the Tintoretto so as to get home a week sooner & so lost the last word that I sent to the care of the Byron's Purser. I sent Ella your lovely words of appreciation — They won't hurt her a bit after the dissabores she has so mysteriously been made to suffer. What a good time she will have at home with so many people to make much of her! Presbytery is in session. Mr. Kolb came up ill & has been in bed with intermittent fever threatening to return into pernicioso. When he feels very sick he will take a little medicine, but when he begins to feel a little better he calmly refuses. Mr. Kyle arrived last night. He is fabulously thin. Gossip is flying about Rumors that Bento, ousted from his Chair of Gram. has been given that of Literature; & that even the comic paper of Campinas came out with a tall, lank, bow-legged figure with a book marked Literature under it arm, called the seraphic frade bento. We hear that he is going to spend a year in Rio, probably to try to undermine Alvaro. The Southerners have accepted the offer of 15 contos for the Campinas buildings, but between offer, payment & mounting a Seminary with Smith at the head of it "is a far cry". Mr. Kyle wants to go home to see Jessie graduate. Mr. Kolb wants to go in a year or two. Mr. Landes' turn is next year. The people who really mean business seem to me to be Freds Mr. Waddell Pierce & Finley. Why does not Mrs. Finley come back? Is she ill mentally? After Mr. Kyle's sermon tonight our gentleman talk of going to hear Mr. Higgins at the Com. Club answer the atheist Motta speaking on The Existence of God or Creacionismo or Determinismo! Did you ever? I never! How will the Commercial people enjoy such sublimities! A postal fr. Miss Scott says that she is still feeble. I am so glad you are happy about Fanny & soon to have lovely Margaret make home seem like home. What will she say to the flood of little.

Lanes! What a delightful laugh Fred. has! It is a benefaction to Society. May you have a pleasant VACATION!

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Dec. 10th/06.

Ha! You retired into the Country saying to your buttons & half-saying to me: — Goodbye to letters for one blessed while! — But our young teachers "fetched you!" They are dear! They would have been married long ago only they are more intelligent & fastidious than most of the girls here. But three of them may be married in a year or two. Our Isabel, Eugenia's friend, has married wealth & business capacity besides unusual delicacy courtesy as a husband, Isabel charms him, as well as Messrs. Bickerstaph & Lennington, as well as all the rest of us her admiring friends, as well as her pupils & her servants, by her exquisite manners. They are a part of her fair beauty & grace.

Walter S. Ballie.

Comml. Bank. Nth. Bridge. Edinburgh

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Mrs. G — — —

Dalkeith. 82 Thicket Road. Anerly. London.

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A letter fr. Ada rec'd yest. spoke of going soon to Paris for a month. But the above address will always find her. She writes that her friends rec'd her with more than kindness, very indignant, naturally at Mr. G. tho' his coming so far with her made a good impression. At last Mr. G. entreated Ada to return with him & he wd. make an effort to make Karen respectful — but Ada will not tell he arranges a separate home. Then will he do like a Mormon — a little while here & a little while there! I am copying the Notes to go to you, Miss K. Geo. Len<sup>m</sup> Mr. Kyle, the last of the Mohicans, goes tomorrow. He looks like a spook. Most cavernous eyes & gaunt face. He asks first for self & wife to anticipate for laugh & second, for the wife if both may not. He does not mention health, lest, like Mr. Porter, it may prevent his return. If you go to Iguape get some one to forward the fat Notes to Ella Kuhl 76 W. 46th. St. N. York. City. so that she may not wait too long. Geo. Len. is so very eager for news fr. Brazil. Ella had a stateroom all to herself on deck. I rejoice that Fanny is so much better, & that Margaret is so near. What if she & Miss K. shld. meet in some port! Wishing you & Rufus health courage & a good rest.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Yesterday was the anniv. of Mr. Simonton's death.

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Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Dec. 24/06.

I shld. Like to punch Dr. Strain's head! One who knows you need not cry out! Fanny has been cared for & will be, — & the change will benefit her. A long-long procrastinated letter fr. Mrs. Ballie (you rec'd the address?) says that Dr. Strain is established in London to treat espily Braz. & Port. people. Her husband has again had a long illness & she is unhappy with horrid indigestion. This mail bro't me 2 warnings — this & the remarks about Dr. Kyle. I know theoretically that old people ought to hold a tight rein over appetite — but practically! — only this morn., rising at 5.10 as usual, bath, tremendous gymnastics, 10 min. of ball-playing "all by my lone" Mary(?) a girl, etc., then a 10 min. brist walk thro' our pretty little Praça & I — was — not — abstemious towards coffee, warm biscuit, chicken

rice & chopped meat, Ai! Ai! Mrs. Demonest & her daughter are in London. Isn't the former a puzzle? Wonder if Lily is as plous as when a child. I always liked "Jim" D. He seemed to admire his wife & she not to care a rap for him. His daughter had a very good influence over him but I do not know what years of her mother's influence have for her. So this dreadful, dreadful story about H — — P — — is true! I wld. not believe it but now it comes with all the horrid particulars — tardy divorcement, tardy marriage — how odious! - - - Wed. Dec. 26. I who "never" go shopping, except on Dec. 24 spent 2 h. on Mond. towed into shops by 2 girls & an aristocratic y. man. Soon after dinner a man came with the news that Mr. Landes had a paralytic seizure — not a fulminating stroke but a gentle sleepiness ending in the paral. of the left side. The doctor says due to indigestion! I shld. hardly think so. However it is yielding to remedies. He speaks & moves, I believe, as usual, but is still abed. We shall all be relieved to have Fred. tomor. night on his return fr. a trip with Mr. B. But Fred. has his mind made up for a speedy rush home & to other engagements. The question is, will Mr. L. get quite well as did Miss Kemper after her much worse seizure or will he speedily have others. A young man in Paraná, had a bad attack & in 8 days was perfectly restored by 2 or 3 electric shocks a day. But Effie thinks that treatments is according to the cause. Today Fred. returns fr. a trip with Mr. B. & may stay awhile tho' he is very anxious to return home speedily, (It's tomor. he comes). Today comes another long letter fr. Ella's protégé J. Albertins 546 Castro St. S. Francisco. He's a crank; His is a vast Co-operative Scheme. He think Cal: a Gomorrah for graft corruption & crime. He wants a vast wilderness with a river outlet for his hundreds of Finns & they will do everything for themselves — only they must be let alone — a Commonwealth in themselves. He cites Mormons, Jesuit Missions in Paraguay & Paraná as practical examples of the success of a State within a State until attacked by the Commercial Greed that has invaded their isolation. In Eng. there are some 2000000 Co-op Members & their aggregate business last year was ..... \$4000 000 000 But merchants are beginning to count them foes & to wage war upon them. The same wld. be in the U.S. Mr. Albertus says that the Co-op. Soc. has agents in B. Ayres, Montevideo, Rio, London, N. York. I suppose that even if at first they were "let alone", that later they wld. excite jealousy. I have been sometimes afraid of a wholesale attack on the Turks here. They too combine to buy & undersell. Mrs. Withers is much interested in them. Finns Perhaps thinks there's money in it.

A Happy New Year to all Lanes, littles & big.  
Mary P. Dascomb.

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P. S. "Most important thing in letter!" We need rubber footballs — the leather is good yet. How does one tell size?

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Jan. 4/07.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Your two boys are trumps & Dr. Alexander is another & I'm delighted that you are to get out of harness & look after Fanny & drum up fine men for MO Kenzie. It's a minor point, to be sure, but what am I going to do without the chatty letters! Cannot Margaret & Rufus & Job combine to fire off one now & again? I showed the first four pages of your Report

to Dr. Mendonça, lawyer judge, literary man, scientist, Comte-mad & he tho't it admirable except the influence of Rome & the probable Re-action. He deems Brazil the most emancipated country on the face of the earth. Perhaps I shld. add that with his urbane manners & wide information, there is nothing in his non-religious position to prevent his being a devotee of graft! Where would the country go to if all were thus!! I hope you will get two such fine men that Rufus can have a year or two of travel. How long he has been tied here — Abdiel! Tonight we are to have an Assembléa & among other things to vote Whether we shall cut our own throat by lending 300\$ to impecunious Castro, I say No, a thousand times No, & am tempted to tell of the answer of the old woman when asked to lend her kettle: — 1st., she hadn't any, 2nd. it was cracked, 3rd. it was lent, 4th. she wanted it herself. So we 1st. we want to have electric light, 2nd. we ought to paint the church. 3rd. we have a never-ending tax of agua e esgotos. 4th. If the Indep. go to law against us as they threaten, we shall want something on hand! Waldemar called the other day & said that the injury to his arm was bona fide & only 2 weeks ago, but that he hopes to go by the 7th, only he wishes to live outside of MO K. with his cousin — & I am sure it will be letter for you for he is pretty sure to cut up pranks! I am waiting for kind Rufus to send me the bill, to pay for the ball. So Mrs. W — — is in Rio! I hear sad stories of her moral. It seems impossible. I am dreading having to go out in Carnival time but rejoice at the 3 days for writing letters. Mr. H — — took his girl-wife to Rio etc., & returned with the same Capt. bringing Pulito & Branca who call Maninha Mama! The Capt. was abysmado until Mr. H. spoke

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of their being of the primeiro matrimonio.

A thousand congratulations on your trip! Do help Miss Kuhl to send us out teachers.

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Miss K.'s Address is 76 S. 46 St. N.Y.

Curityba. Paraná.

Tues. Jan. 15th. 1907.

Our first day of School! I do not know the number, but there seemed floods of little ones. My older ones are leaving me prematurely because of a mania for the Schools that act directly as feeders to the Normal School. One handsome Captain is always urging me to adopt the text-books there. I tell him that I don't like some of their text-books — they are dry, & too old for my children. I have classics of lively interest & beautiful easy English & undertake to turn out pupils that know Eng. a hundred time better than theirs! Mine have always done better than any one else till a little son of this Captains' was asked to conjugate verbs I have never done that — do you? We have a working use of them. The boy is a beautiful child, lazy & tho'tless but bright & more mature & generally intelligent than most fr. association with his parents & uncles, very superior people.

Sat. Jan. 19 Mr. Kolb & the girls come tonight. Better late than never! The 2nd. day we counted 133 & they are constantly coming & will on thro' Feb. My children are willing & sweet-tempered — all goes delightfully, except — . An old man with a white beard nearly to his waist who lives off somewhere, brought his son of 13 or 14, paid for 5 months & went away.

The boy lives with an uncle who is away all day. Luiz looks like an Irish boy capable of any dare-devil monkey tricks. He is here for 3 days without buying his books. Much of the time he leans on his two arms spread before him & stares, stares — either like a solemn bull of Bashan or a grimacing ape. Yest. I devoted much time to him & got a good deal of work out of him: He writes fairly, does fractions well, & knows a little Geog. He goes into other rooms for languages. We cannot yet make him out. He has been at a priests' School. Ada's husband tells her nothing of the little boys. She is hoping that they will go to the Am. Sch. & be taught to be good. Wld. you really advise the horrid publicity of a divorce? She has now plenty of money & is free fr. his pranks.

Dr. Doria, one of our best doctors, a politician on the right side (mine!) but not a scrupulous man, has put his little daughter in our family because her Mother is too nervously ill to have her at home. At home the child is spoiled. With us as docile as a kitten; The Mother called last night so beautiful but so very deathly ill. She keeps her poor husband awake night after night with her tantrums. How nice for Fanny to see Grays, Mosy, Jones & Hammond. I have always been mournful over Mrs. H's sudden desertion of me to whom she had always been so friendly & attributed it to some intrigue of Miss Nannie's whose idea of rising was to lower the rival. If Derby comes down here he **must** come & see us! A keen little Frenchman who taught years in Eng. on hearing me exult over the S. Paulo & Rio Grande R. R. in the hands of foreigners, asked: — Cui bono? there's nothing down there to come up but gado & they can come on their feet — Do you remember the funny Rio paper, Vida Flum. was it with pictures of Mr. Greenough piling gold into sacks, & Rio capitalists eager to do the same with offers to build a street railway to desolate Copacabana etc. without the faintest remembrances that bonds must connect populous places. How nice about Mr. Root! One other thing has leavened Brazil besides the Schools — the Churches. However frequently one crente or another trips — the influence of people who fear God & keep His law is far-reaching. It is so hard to stop. I have a thousand things to say. But I must write Annie, Ella, Ada, Alice Withers & Geo, Lennington & get my S. S. lesson! Keep up heart, your beautiful shiny, mother of pearl heart!

Mary P. Dascomb.

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Be sure you give Waldemar the strongest teachers you have. He is very well up in Port. French, Eng. & German, & half way thro' Alg. He may give trouble as a boarder.

Curityba. Paraná.

Tues. Jan. 21st./07.

Dear Dr. Lane,

If you could see our new Young Ladies who would be tempted to take the first steamer down & rob us! Ah! but they are nice! They are fine, vigorous, optimistic young people — one of them a fine musician. They come, full of life, from the Fleet Festivities at Rio where they "had The Time of their lives", as one had a step-father as officer on the Georgia. By the way one of our journals last night had a most pronounced Yellow tone (artistic!) saying that owing to a rumor that Japanese plot to blow up the Am. Fleet in the Rio Harbour, the Government had holophotes &

launches constantly working! And moreover these inquisitive Japs. have been making plans of cities on the eastern coast of the Est. Unid.! The papers are certainly trying to bring on a war! A thousand thanks for the Catgues. Report. Do give me a copy of the Report to take to the States. I hope to go on the Tennyson in March, unless the fine new steamer shld. be going at nearly the same time. Did you or Dr. Job meet our Dr. Ferencz lately? He expected to go to S. Paulo & visit the H. Sam. He has been giving me electrical treatment — just what for, I do not know. I have no pain but am much thinner (a good thing!) & my joints seem reluctant to go down stairs. He once said that my heart was very bad. I rather tho't him joking, but do not know. I do not expect to go to him any more as I must save my nickels & do not wish to impose on him for nothing. He does wonderful things & asks much less than the other doctors whereat they are full of malice etc. Tho' acknowledging his superior surgical skill. How he can work so constantly & yet keep a steady hand for operations I cannot understand. Dr. Kolb is here. He is undoubtedly canny. When N - - I - - & left us we heard of their making many complaints. Those fair faces cover urubú hearts. The Kolbs seem to have captured Guarapuava. Mrs. K. has a Woman's Soc. of 70. & a Children's Soc. that ranges fr. 50 to 100. We hear that Dr. Porter is to go to Campinas — to the Sem. — object of his ambition for many years. And in spite of my desire for a miss. F. here during Mr. Landes's absence say, Fred. who is everywhere so much beloved. I hear that there is talk of sending a Myer (is it?) of Nova Friburgo — a man with a family but has not finished his Course! We cannot support him! — I wish you could see these girls! They are nice. Waldemar is.

very enthusiastic for Mackenzie & for you but not for the board. How I wish you had Miss Lottie with her doughnuts! pies! We have first rate board a great variety & a plenty.  
Love to Fanny & Suzie, Rufus & Job.

I have already, sent you thanks for the beautiful grand-children!

Do have the Report printed & sent to the States—except one or two personal bits.

Curityba. Paraná.

Tues. Jan. 29/07.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I suspect that you are right about Waldemar's flimsy excuse, but he will not lose as another would by absence. He is a brioso student. You ask if I am never "low" in my spirits. I whisper the answer! — Sometimes I hum to myself the sad little prayer of the slaves — Keep me fr. sinking down. — But I always have the grace to be ashamed of myself. I say "nothing to nobody". I know it is fatigue or stomach or something, so to speak, extraneous — not anything in my lot unusual or impossible to bear. And I remind myself that all the treasures of Heaven are at my asking & if I am poor & miz-able" it is my own fault. & I right about face — drop my worries—straight on up & off I go — "all right". I suppose that I am as much duck as woman. I don't like to be uncomfortable. I shake off the waters of affliction (that figure won't do — ducks like water!) Two letters



from. Ella are most interesting. The Tintoretto had to mend her machinery — found no coal at her coaling place (300 ships before her) & had to find another — at N.Y. the first-class pass. were taken off in Gov — launch, so that the ship old. take its 300 immigrants straight to Ellis Is. & Mrs. Hughes disappointed returned home to find Ella there! A splendid letter fr. Mrs. Fenn tells of Roosevelt at Paraná talking with everybody peering into everything not seeing! (?) Ada sent a photo — beautiful but thin & sad. How drall about Both! What is Fanny's new address? Isabel Gomm has been in a Nurses' Home in Bue. Ayres. Wonder if her Lumbago doctor here failed to look after her properly. Ella found traces of an Am. Higgins who old. not talk Eng. Maybe the lost brother! Wonder if Mr. H. has gone to S. Paulo to get thunder to fulminate us & take away our Ch. building! He says he can! What saudades I have for Mrs. Hammond! A charming woman!

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Love to your new treasure, Margaret,  
Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Sat. Apr. 13/07.

Your Vienna letter of Mar. 20th. came this morn. — quick work that! & also Sir Nigel, wh. I will forward to Rufus if he has not read it. You say that when Fanny is quiet she is comparatively well. Effie says why not treat her as the Calif. nurses did Miss Potwin — put her to bed for 5 weeks, no visitors but Adèle no books, no letters, fed by mother, rubbed often with cocoa butter. For a year she has been telephone girl at the Hospital. For sometime before she had those swellings & Adèle used to do everything for her. This style of cure seems to be the old appeal to Nature. I do not know if it wld serve with me. As pretty Miss Cristie said of me: — She must have few resources within herself to take a book every where with her! — How old. I live 5 weeks without a book or a letter! Weren't you glad to see snow? I pine for it. Ella K. has fine blizzards & things. Drifts in N.Y. 6 feet deep! I was entertained to see that you were not so miserable, misanthropic, m— (how do you spell this dreadful thing anyway!) misogynistic — as to fail to appreciate the curious glances at your "shocking bad hat". For me, I prefer a soft wide-brimmed felt to any of the stiff erections that men affect. My Father was the delight of my eyes as he potted about garden & orchard in his. I hope you will find two good men, & help Ella K. to get two good women to send out directly to be learning. Por. I hope you will put a stopper on any ill-advised move against Mr. Waddell. I tho't that the Brazil Mission had learned better of late years! I hear conflicting reports about Mr. Higgins — one that he has applied to be Greek Prof. in the Normal Sch. & then will give his services to his Church — the other that he is so disgusted with criticisms & dissensions that he talks of moving away — maybe try & get a place with Bento Ernesto. The Vice Pres., who is now acting Pres. of Paraná seems a very decent sort of fellow — has stopped the taxes for Water & Drainage that for 2 years have been draining the people's pockets without any prospect of success, in spite of the eulogies of the Gov. paper. Hoping that Fanny is better, & your heart at rest, & your plans for Mackenzie successful.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Thurs. 16/5/07.

Dear Dr. Lane,

However did your letter come! Dated Off. Newf<sup>d</sup>, there was no "carimbo" but that of Rio & Curityba! I trust the letter is a sign that you got to N.Y. all right. We rejoice that Fanny is better, Miss Kuhl was always a great advocate of salt baths to strengthen one. So it is a remedy for rheumatism. Rather more difficult to operate than the singular remedy of the old doctor of Buenos Ayres who orders carbonate of soda in the stockings! I hope you will call on Mrs. Chamberlain at Bridgeton, N.J. She is very pleasantly situated-house only \$30,00 a month 3 storeys, present of stored furniture. Poor Miss Mary is again suffering nervous prostration. Breaking one's bones is nothing to that. Gives leisure for reading. Your surfeit of Romances is because they are poor. I have read two good ones lately of the time of the frightful French Revolution — Reds of the Midi & Scarlet Pimpernel. I wish you could have seen Ada. Her photo. looks thin. We are thinking of asking Rufus for a teacher as two of ours marry & one goes to Rio to experiment as a nurse! Hope you & Ella will get 4 fine teachers.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. 15/7/07.

Welcome back, Herr Doctor! I am immensely grateful for the winged messengers that gave an idea of where you were & what doing. You are a Hustler! Fancy harvesting 4 teachers in so short a season! I heard in various ways here the Normal School authorities have a grudge against our School because we will not enter the Equiparação business & one examiner at least has declared his determination not to pass any of our pupils **however fine** their exams. This will not really do us much harm. It only means that students passing fr. us must spend a few weeks in some Equip: Esch.

A bright Frenchman said to one examiner: — But you **must** pass my daughter! What will you take to do it!!! — She paid money & studied 17 days with the scrupulous examiner, to know the points likely to come up! She passed, while her cousin, of the same class, studying alone & not offering money — did not=! Some time after, our Diario said that the Minister of the Interior is studying Reform in teaching **esply. to acabar com os estabelecimentos de Equip.** — & had handed in his papers to Affonso Penna — who I trust has some sense! Hurrah & Hurrah! Will it make an earth-quake? Congratulations to Fanny & love to Margaret & Fanny.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Sept. 9/07.

Dear Dr. Lane,

I suppose you never trump up holidays from one minute to another! The much-written about Vice-Pres. & to be-Pres. of Paraná, João Candido at last arrived on Sunday, a chill, dour day, & was met as planned, by

hosts of people, including hordes of shivering, thingly-clad sch. children. Only once, years ago have we gone to any function as a School. Today one of the teachers said that all schools were closed in honor to Mr. J.C. & the noon recess the children pleaded for a half-holiday. The teachers were in favor. — Dito e feito! I write to you & to Helen Magalhães whose birthday came yest. Our steamer service is horrid! your so-easy-to-answer letter, written on the 4th. arrived this morn! Didn't you get a y. woman, as well? I've read lots of scraps about Moravians. One of their most useful points is lay — industrial — mission-work. The Aug. Miss. Y Review emphasises the good that industrial teaching in connection with Mission has done. It is a splendid number. Such a fine article by wise Jacob Chamberlain of India. The Christian Herald too has always jewelled bits, & The Outlook is indispensable. Some one wrote that Mr. Donald McLaren & wife were coming to visit Brazil: The St. Louis Porters were in Santos. He, a coffee man, a typical Southerner, tall slender, dark, hot, & melancholy both — with a bias towards some forbidden things, but mostly with held by the influence of his dainty little blue-eyed, Christian wife & her lively sister. They had Service in their pretty home often. Miss Kuhl never could forget fairy — like Rebecca, who on being put to bed one night, mournfully said. All today nobody said my hair was pretty! — Now have I seen the Egans. Our friend Mrs. Withers knows them. Yes, I remember that Hankers — worth — was it — handsome fellow, but cracked. Was it he or Miss Tooke's tale of his being able to speak Cuneiform! The worst thing about Casey's wife is that she insists on keeping the children. What sort of bringing up will she give them! How under the sun did Erasmo consent to go to the Seminary! I understood that he desired a pastorate. I wonder if all these changes will give Curitiba a chance for Fred. Mr. Landes goes home in May. I think when that both Fred, & Addie wd. be the better for our bracing climate. Lately our weather has been really atrocious, tho' I hesitate to say it after our lessons on the displeasure of God at the continual complaints of the Israelites, & my enthusiasm over the Shepherd of Salisbury Plain who made no objection to marching his sheep in the rain because it was the weather that it pleased God to send. I have always enjoyed Black's Stories because his heroines were gay & went about in any kind of weather. I remember my Father's delight in watching a brist Summer shower from his vine-trimmed great balcony sitting back just under the wide eaves. An Oberlin woman is used to mud — but we have had a special combination of cold grey low'ing skies, showers, mud, 15 lively kids prisoners in the house or — by good fortune — on our wide verandah — pretty good attendance at School, very poor attendance at Church — lots of thunder & lightning in the small hours. We're a little afraid of frost, after all this, to kill the peach blossoms. I hope that you will have time to see something of the Medical Convention. Mrs. Porter started in good health. Very seasick — dreadful pains — couldn't use hands or feet! now a little better can walk but hands troublesome — doctors say its nerves !!!!! — Our Austrian is straightening out one's headaches & colics by prohibiting salt! — for 3 months! In 3 days she was better — in 8 days new creature! Another with bad cough, dreadful pains in back, went puffing & groaning — was put by another doctor on a milk diet & is much better — may now take some bits of biscuit (crackers.) Queer doings! I warn'em not to interfere with my eating! Is your Will still at the Iguape place? Doing well? Cannot Mr. Williams get work with those Light & Power at Ponta Grossa? After a bit I'll send you a Marblehead story. Rufus' book has at last returned & I am only waiting for your bright Rebecca to send the two. They have never been so long in returning books before. Angie Kuhl is the

bright niece. Sings finely & is gay & interesting. Her coming is not certain but I hope. With love to all inquiring Lanes,

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Thurs. Oct. 31/07.

Dear me! It seems ages since your last letter till I rec'd one yest. I tho't all the little Lanes must be down with the measles & that Dr. Job had called in help to see to them! Tho' Dr. Gad used to say to Miss Kuhl: — Don't call me for measles! You know what to do & I hate them! — Ella met the Acre passengers — 26 Brazilians — 23 of them men & ten of these spoke English. Great admirers of Root — wondered that he was not chosen Pres. by the people. They admired Roosevelt but were a little afraid of his activity & impetuosity. It seems to me that Root let himself be a little deceived as Roosevelt never would, into taking the intelligence & luxury that he saw as representative, & gives Brazil a far higher place than she deserves. Ella brings her niece Angie who will add much to the éclat of the School by her good humor, vivacity & singing. Another Wellesley graduate also comes for a year—Gertrude Lucas (ou Lukas.) Angie's beloved step-father is Lieut. Com. of the Georgia (is it a war-ship?) that enters Rio Bay Jan. 10th. so it is likely that the girls will stay with Chiquita & come later than Miss Kuhl. I do not know about Aida B. We are likely to have enough. Primary teachers, & perhaps our beloved D. Bertha can spare enough time from her baby (of the holidays!) to go on with her beautiful lessons to the Normal Class. We have two dear girls of S. Francisco & Guarapuava, of very little previous teaching but so willing, so nice in the house. I do not know what we shall do for room. More nice girls are already to come as boarders(!) Our rooms & our dining tables are full. "Dr." Porter made us a flying visit. Was not so horrified at Paraná prices as we are. As pastor & preacher he wd. soon build up this lazy, lazy church. Miss K. & Mr. Landes wish him to take hold of the Sch. I think his gift is more for the work of pastor. All about N. Friburgo there are many calls for preaching tho' in the city itself there are at present 6 Baptist preachers! Mrs. Porter cld. not undertake a Boys Boarding-house & there is not the same need that there was as there is at present a very good Boys' B. Sch. here. If he comes he is ambitious to build & to enlarge the Course. Of course the Rio people wish him there. It will be decided at Mission Meeting in Florianopolis. I am in no hurry to go home before May — only care to be in time, for the Oberlin Commencement. Haven't rec'd article or photo. Shall be so glad to see the latter. Annie sent me lately another of Amelia Barr's N.Y. stories — The Belle of Bowling Green & a queer R. Cath. story by Henry Harland: — My Friend Prospero. — Seen them? Dr. & Mrs. Poster were pronounced medically all Right at home Both on board had pneumonia & then she an exquisitely painful something & nervous affection — use neither feet nor hands. Here there is much rain sickness & gafanotos. Everything going up.

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Where does Rufus go in the holidays? He does not write me any more.

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Curityba. Paraná.

Mond. Feb. 11/07.

Dear Dr. Lane,

Now that I have written your two daughters, I can with some sort of conscience answer yr. last. And first — thanks for the Prisoners albeit I know already that my opinion coincides with yours. Mrs. Baillie sent me The Lady's Realm because of this story. 1st. I hate continued stories. 2nd. I hate to read of the shameless intrigues of married women — cui bono! — 3rd. I feel not the faintest interest in a beautiful girl with absolutely no moral nature — a mere animal. I have always supposed that such a one could only interest by seeming to have fine qualities. Next I ask if you have a good, unoccupied book on Pedagogy that you cld. lend rather indefinitely. We have none! An ambitious Liga do Ensino is just formed & its chiefs wish to study Uncle Sam's System of Teaching. That the Chief Cook & Bottle Washer who sent a committee to me knows nothing of our ways may be perceived by his hiring himself out to cram students for the Exams. of Gym. & the Normal Sch. Just now there is a big wave in this direction — by no means a simple desire to understand any given subject but simply to be prepared parrot — fashion for Exam. Questions. Dr. Lino is disappointed in yr. attitude in not working for Equiparação & says that with the new laws, your Exams. will not be received, no matter how thro' they may be. A girl of mine lately went to be coached & was declared behind only in Geog. Our small ones begin with Paraná — Then have the preposterous Howell book with lots of places unimportant to know. — Then a rather better small one with small maps, then to me for Gen. Polit. Geog. in wh. I give them all I have, up to date, & only wish it were more.

We are all tickled "with Miss Moore's heroic treatment of attacks! Mr. Higgins is here with his two small people. Tall, fair, 17 yr. old Maninha was a saucy, wilful, passionate daughter — let us see what sort of a step-mother she will make! One of our fine young teachers listens delighted to the O. T. lessons wh. another gives (out of Historias da Biblia) in her Sala. Has never read them! May you have a pleasant, speedy journey, find Fanny better & take her to the States.

Mary P. Dascomb.

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I have lost Lottie's address Amity St. what number?

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Curityba. Paraná.

Tues. Nov. 19th. 1907.

When one is busiest, one's powers are at their best. What an eminently satisfactory letter that of yours. Can Aida take an Intermediate Class with a little French & Historia Patria? If so send her on or near. Jan. 10th. I Suppose that we shall begin Sch. on Wed. Jan. 15th., tho' that will not allow us to go to Mission M. at Florianopolis on Jan. 10th. The gentlemen are not as gallant as they used to be. I do not see any reason why they could not have the M.M. earlier.

Our pretty dainty Primary teacher likes her place & work, & does not care to change. Ella's two girls will surely be delightful & able but their tongues won't be Portuguese! They only expect to stay a year. Then

Ella's niece Angie is going to Geneva to study music & she will learn all about it fr. splndd Alice Withers who has just come back & plays deliciously. She seems full of life & health. Ella sails Dec. 4 or 5 & will spend Christmas with Mrs. Porter in N. Friburgo. I only hope she will not stay much longer for there is plenty of planning advisable. After Mr. Porter returned to N. Fri. he wrote asking about our Course. That looks as tho' he was thinking of coming. He may be encouraged by Mr. Gammon's success to try something of the kind in Paraná. We shall not know his plans till after M. Meets I am afraid of such a new move. Our success is largely owing to our being women & so less of rivals. I am sure too he wld. be arbitrary — it is to be hoped that he would choose well. Mrs. Landes says that Mr. Kyle has an internal goitre! Does that mean slow suffocation? How dreadful! By the way you have 2 Paraná black sheep in S. Paulo — Don't lend 'em money! A Redyard, Sec. of Mr. Egan. pretended to have a fortune left him & started to Rio, leaving a desfalco in Mr. Egan's coffers & telegraphing here for an advance to the Hauer here for him to get in S. Paulo — & got it! — Mr. Landes expects to go home in May. How we shld. like to see Mr. Sampson! Wldn't he like to see our wonderful Serra? Poor Paraná Continual rains, grass hoppers & a big hallstorm have damages crops greatly. We have not yet the big rates of Rio Grande. The R.R. work in the Interior has bro't in hords of vagabonds & criminals fr. Rio & S. Paulo who have been kicking up a row, killed a man & frightened dwellers in the vicinity. We close next week Frid. Nov. 29. Town full of measles. Lots have died. Kolb girls have them kept close.

I send you the 1812 Story. Love to the Lane tribe! Will Sr. Menezes live on his money?

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba. Paraná.

Thurs. Dec. 3rd. 1907.

Happy New Year to you & yours, again, my old friend — do you mind? May 1907 see you with only microscopical Botherations & multiplied & various Joys. For this I counsel you to put on rose-colored Osculos (as Dr. Smith put it in his famous sermon). Prescribe for me, I pray you. In these halcyon days of Vacation I am constantly attacked by a severe form of Vis Inertiae, Hony quoi — no Epluribus — no, no — Dulce est — O my! — Dolce far niente. This is partly answerable to my having to reply to some 30 Cards & to my having some disagreeable sensations in my Kitchen Laboratory & to the fact that Effie & I bro't fr. Mrs. Withers 8 books, some wretchedly poor, some so-so 2 or 3 good. All these things make a recumbent position grateful to — shall I say the old Adam, or the old Eve! You, in the throes of "confeccionando" your Report, have not yet been thus attacked. Most of the Sch<sup>s</sup> here begin on the 7th ours on the 15th. A letter fr. Ada says that she met Fanny & Miss Gray on the train. Ada was so amazed. Her malandro of a spouse says that Hjalmar never speaks of her, & that he, the spouse, does not expect to see her again in his life time! Poor Ada! Why doesn't that malfadada girl go to — H — ades! (Do you fancy that I've been "in the rain"?) As to the K — — s nevermind. Be a philosopher, like Hattie Magalhães, who smiled at Miss Brown's "manhas". Nannie & Ida were made much of here. Ida seemed to us quite perfect Nannie was unduly leavened with love of pretty dress etc. They

never returned & we heard vague, uncomfortable rumors of discontent — chiefly perhaps the mother, Tho' what possible reason! — had supposed that Gracie was going to S. Paulo — I imagined that Mr. Kyle quashed that, laughing at Mr. Kolb for sending off 2 good teachers because they went to a dance & then sending his daughter to a lady who had the girls taught dancing! Mr. Kolb has always stood by you manfully, liked & admired you. This time I scarcely saw him as he was ill most of the time. I forget to tell Fred. to tell him that here in a rainy siege I often play for the girls to dance.

I don't think there's the least idea of N. & I. leaving their present place. Let them cook up nice little messes — they know how. The capable Miss Nannie used to give us miserable lunches & gravies & things & then when the Baillies visited us, what delicious food! I said to them with great heat: — Don't imagine that we live like this! — If you see Dr. Derby tell him to be sure & look us up. I hope he is to be paid by the Fed. Gov. Anything more swindling than this State & City Gov. cannot be imagined. Horrid! Fred, wonders if the Finns are Adventists or Free Lovers — their papers struck him as queer Ernesto Oliveira was to appear last night. I wonder if it bodes war. Castro Church owes Itaquí Church & cannot pay. Dr. Emygdio Westfallen, sr. Modesto lawyer friend says that the 2 loyal Synodists own the Itaquí Ch. If it had not been for them it wld. have lapsed to the Gov. — so great was the change of base. But Mr. Higgins says 2 or 3 lawyers pronounce it to belong to the Indep. & they are going to fight. — Dr. Espindola first said Mr. Landes' paralysis came fr. Indiges, then fr. Asthma! Mr. L. preached the 3rd. day; Dr. E. says It is nought & will not come back, but he must not be long in hot sun. I'd rather die quickly than have Softening of the Brain. Love to Margaret & all the rest.

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba, Paraná.

Thurs. Dec. 26th. 1907.

Ah, que pena! I hoped to at least show you our home tho' in the holidays there is no School. We have April weather for Christmas, but one does not much care in vacation. We have often had a Christmas Festa in the Sch. Rooms, but this year Mrs. Landes insisted on having it in the Church, & it was really very interesting. A great big tree, some handsome evergreen decorations behind the pulpit with the usual plants on it small pretty creatures climbing the pulpit stairs to smilingly say verses, larger pupils following & two over — grown discourses running over into sleepy Time, some ringing hymns & finally, with every one broad awake, the distribution of "Doces". We are all on the qui vive that Ella K. must be in Rio, or rather, with the Porters. Perhaps next week here! You ought to have a very capable Secretary, to whom you could give points & then go away, sure that the work would be done to your liking. I am relieved with your views of Miss Hill. It is often said in the States that a woman of exceptional ability, especially in Mathematics, is seldom thro'ly womanly, & "almost never" elegant, — so much so that Miss Shafer, fr. Oberlin, first prof. of Math. & then Pres. both womanly & elegant was a rara avis Mr. Albertus, the Finn, was here yesterday. I wish you cld. meet him, I do enjoy looking at his flat round face, & little eyes & shrewd, humorous mouth, as he spins yarn after yarn. I fear that he cannot get hold of the Pres. of Paraná, till after next week. Gov. people seem genuine Dogs in

the Manger — won't do anything with their lands & are afraid to hand them over to any one else. I met a Scotchman who is employed at Ponta Grossa, & thinks the Am. engineers fine fellows. Says that the Indian episode was the fault of the workmen who fired fr. fear, & naturally were attacked. How I shld. like to sit in a corner & hear you & Mr. Sampson discourse of old times. Effie did not go South — at the last minute — so the S. Franc. girl is our lone chicken. What a big thing the Am. Fleet business! 60000 sailors aboard 2000 on shore every day! Where will the Soc. Moç. Chris. get money for their. big programme of tents furnishing pens, ink paper, papers etc. for them to write home their impressions of beautiful Rio? Wishing you.

all a Happy New Year

Mary P. Dascomb.

Curityba, Paraná.

Tues. Dec. 31st./07.

Dear, Dr. Lane,

Here is Ella Kuhl! Three cheers! One of the first things I asked was about Aida & I was perfectly satisfied with her most unexpected answer — You ask. S. Paulo prices for your teacher! I wondered that you said nothing to me about salary. And tho' I teach Mathematics I never remember what I get, much less the different grades. You ask 188\$ & board. We three Chiefs get 186\$600 & pay out 50\$ for board & 8\$ or 10\$ for washing! It would never do to pay one teacher so much more than the others. I supposed that in coming to Curityba she would accept C. rates. Dr. Kolb writes that Ida will open a School near at Morro Velho & Nannie rest. — she is as thin "as a palito". Grace & Bella come back to us, the former especially for music. What are your new men doing in vacation? Have they already enough Portuguese to make themselves understood — like Miss Kuhl's bright niece Angie who, sailing about Rio with her friend Gertrude inquired of an official if they might "passager" thro' the Gardens! How enjoyable those girls must be! They write such quantities of letters, are quite wild, over the voyage & beautiful Rio. They will stay with the Porters for 10 days or so until the Fleet gets in. Then they go to a quiet boarding-place with the Wagners (he an artist of Monroe Palace). What of sr. Menezes & family in S. Paulo? And the Carvalhosas? & Eduardo? & my Cinderella (Mrs. Speers.) Is her Tom as interesting a youth as small boy who asked for his Sunday boots to fling at his Father? Have you Mrs. Wright's new book bound in paper? We heard that she died in Amazonas, but now it is said to be a mistake. And my admired Capt. Olds of the Tennyson died at home. I was hoping to sail with him again. Your little Japanese book is a gem. The Wethers' have it now. Ella says that Dr. Porter has not entirely given up running a big Sch. down here, tho' Alvaro is trying to get him for the Sem. with its prospect of more pupils. They have a beautiful house in N. Friburgo & Mrs. Porter is much better. I am so sorry that you have so much to do. Could not America, for a consideration, do a good deal of it?

A Happy New Year to you & all your dear ones, big & little.

Mary P. Dascomb.