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Miss Jennie Reid

For nineteen years indefatigable missionary teacher, builder of educational institutions and Christian character for the Kingdom of God in Montevideo Uruguay.

CRANDON INSTITUTE
8 de Octubre and Garibaldi, Montevideo Uruguay

Directora: Miss Jennie Reid on furlough 1933.
Other missionaries: Misses Ruth M. Wilson, Marion C. Fredine, Doris R. Zimmerman, Evelyn Corbett, Bess Hallagan.

To a Crandon girl, her school means a unique opportunity to have an "abundant life". Upon entering Crandon's beautiful building one's attention is attracted by a bronze plaque bearing the names of generous women of our northern sister nation whose gifts have made possible these opportunities. Above the plaque is the saying of Jesus, in Spanish, "I am come that they might have life and have it in abundance". Through discussions in Bible classes and the interchange of ideas in their Religious Club, they meet the challenge of the Christian life. They learn the principles of good sportsmanship in the well-developed program of physical education offered, and can express their great talents in music and dramatics in club activities. Last but not least, they learn to appreciate the rights of others in the large family group of which they become a part and in which they are helped by understanding and friendly teachers. A visit to Crandon to see all these activities in progress and to see the happy response of the girls would prove gratifying to those who have invested in Christian education in Uruguay.
EVANGELISTIC WORK
Uruguay

National Workers: Señora Hortensia Droz de Rosso; Señoritas Maruja Ibarra, Helena Goldschmidt, Emeteria Diaz, Ana Cepollina.

TEA WITH SEÑORA DE ROSSO

Hortensia — Oh girls, I'm so happy to have all of you together for tea!
Ana — I tell you no one is happier than I. I hated to leave for Trinidad without a little visit with you all.
Helena — Tell us a little about your plans, Anita.
Ana — You know Manolo Puch, the pastor who divides his time between Durazno, Trinidad, Sarandi Grande and Cardoso. I'm going to help him, though I'm not planning to travel as much as he does. I'll be established in Trinidad and will give almost my whole time to that little church. My first missionary enterprise in this dear country will be a D. V. B. S. in Sarandi Grande. I am glad to be near you all, Trinidad is less than five hours from Montevideo.
Emeteria — You know how I love the country, Anita, it would be grand to go with you. I'm delighted with my work with Mr. and Mrs. Smith. You know their purpose to make the social gospel live in that poor district of the Cerro. The Good Will Industries haven taken root and we are doing our best to relieve human misery in the most constructive way. Now let Helena tell us of her new building.
Helena — Not so new for you girls. Emeteria is so pleased because she heard about it for the first time yesterday when she got back from her vacation. You know of the little work I started last year in Malvin, near my main work in Buceo, how it grew and grew till the room we had was too small to hold the people who came for preaching service and Sunday School. I dreamed of having a decent place for our gathering and my dream will soon be true. The first stone has been laid for the new building.
Hortensia — My little son has kept me busy every moment. But it pays to care for him. He is such a darling.
How ever I have not been, the only one to raise a child, Maruja's baby has made good progress too. You know its name, don't you?
All — Yes! "La Idea"!!!
Hortensia — Right. Now Maruja, tell us about your treasure.
Maruja — It's a joy to speak about "La Idea". We have published ten numbers this year and their cost has been nearly two thousand gold dollars all raised by voluntary contributions. You know I am secretary of the Young People's Federation and the Mutualist Evangelical Society. The Federation has been working steadily, giving more and more emphasis to the social gospel. The Mutualist is a living example of Jesus' teachings put in practice. The membership reaches over two hundred persons. How time flies! There is much yet to tell but I must stop there are printing proofs to be corrected before tomorrow. I must go.
Hortensia — I've enjoyed this hour so much. Let us all meet again next year before going back to work. It helps to share experiences.

BUENOS AIRES BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL
(Instituto Modelo)

Buenos Aires, Camacua 282, Argentina.
Director: Miss Rhoda C. Edmeston.

When one is permitted only one paragraph in which to tell of the work
of the year, the problem very naturally is what to choose from the array of things that might be said. At least we must not fail to remind you that this year the school has passed a land mark in its history in the form of the tenth anniversary of its founding. In looking back over this decade, one's thoughts inevitably turn to the nineteen graduates who have gone out during these years. Not a large number perhaps, but in the coming year they will be working in four of the countries of South America. The Bible Training School will be touching directly the life of far away Peru and Chile on the Pacific and of Uruguay and Argentina on the Atlantic.

One would hesitate to predict just what the influence of these trained and consecrated young women may mean in the life of this great Continent.

Of these two members of our anniversary class one, Peregerina Chavez goes back to Peru to work among the girls and women of her own country, and the other, Ana Cepollina will have charge of a church in her native Uruguay.

Thus we stand at the end of one decade, grateful for what has been done thus far, but looking towards the future hoping that in the next ten years even greater things may be accomplished for the Master and for the extension of his Kingdom in this earth.

Rhoda C. Edmeston.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Buenos Aires, Rivadavia 4044, Argentina.

Miss Isabel Latimer

This brief report of the year's work in Religious Education in Argentina and Uruguay comes to you friends in North America from the hills of Cordoba. As I look over the hills and watch the changing kaleidoscope of their many colors in which different tones of green predominate I am reminded of the past year. There have been dark days in the years work as there have been dark days in all parts of the world but the lighter, brighter days have predominated among us. One sees the year made beautiful with the light of friendships made through contacts in Institutes for teachers held in various Spanish speaking Churches throughout the two countries. More than one señorita has caught the vision of what it really means to interpret the friendship of Christ to her boys and girls, by living with this Friend in daily life. A very rich tone of color was given to the work of 1932 by means of the world Sunday School Convention in Rio de Janeiro. Pilgrims from thirty three nations came together to worship the "Living Christ" or "O Cristo vivo" as the theme was in Portuguese. Another living strain which gives promise to the work of the future is the new Association for Sunday School teachers in Buenos Aires. The outstanding meeting had as guest Miss Hazel Lewis, children's specialist. "The teacher -the divine architect", was the theme of the meeting.

The Bulletin of Religious Education which brings helps, programs, and suggestions for teachers and superintendents has met with a fine response during the past year. This is only a glimpse of some of the events which have colored the past year. Money for Missions is scarce these days but enth-
siasm and opportunity are abundant and the green of the hills is our promise for this year. Green means life and growth and where there is growth there is fruit shows the result of life. The childhood and youth of South America hold this promise and are worth every cent which being invested for the riches of their Christian development.

Isabel Latimer.

COLEGIO NORTE AMERICANO
1352 Avenida Pellegrini, Rosario de Santa Fe, Argentina.

Directora: Miss Katherine M. Donahue.
Other missionary: Miss Olive Givin.
Secretary: Señorita Mercedes Fernandez.

"HAVE FAITH IN GOD"

When Sr. Sabanes, our beloved young pastor, uttered these words his voice was tremulous with emotion, there was a hint of suppressed tears in his eyes, and a glow of radiant light illumined his face. The words were addressed to our little family of boarding girls, gathered together in the living room one Sunday afternoon in late November. During the week they had enjoyed special meeting and individual conferences with Sr. Sabanes as they endeavored to comprehend the mysteries of the Christian way of life. Quietly and understandingly their Bible teacher and pastor spoke to them of the abundant way of life and in this final meeting pled with them to forget his words and dedicating
themselves to God remember always and under all circumstances to “Have Faith in God”. As a token of esteem, the girls presented Sr. Sabanes with a beautiful copy of “The Appeal to the Great Spirit” and thus ended the special meeting but the spirit remained and only the Great Spirit knows the fruit that may be harvested from the good seed sown. Our constant prayer is that He will ever help these our girls to “Have Faith in God”.

Katherine M. Donahue

GLEASON EVANGELISTIC INSTITUTE
9 de Julio 2775, Rosario de Santa Fe, Argentina.

Our TASK - Meeting Human need,
Energizing and enriching human life.

Directora: Winnogene Cecilia Penney
Resident workers: Señoritas Máxima Villalba, Sara Villaña, Mercedes Garay,
María Luisa López.

Richer than the joy working in the accomplishment of the Gleason task comes the inspiration of Gleason youth who have learned a bit among us and amplify our poor efforts by radiant selfless living.

Juan Bevilacqua’s mother was a little girl in the old “Poor School” which became Gleason, Juan was a boy in our Sunday School and for three years has been a Sunday School teacher among our boys. Juan with his father and mother and two sisters are members of Central Church. The family found their way to better living through Gleason ministry.

Maria Luisa López began her first school days at Gleason and finished the grades here. She spent two years at the Bible Training School at Buenos Aires and is now a student in the commercial course at Colegio Norte Americano. She is a member of our resident family, teaches two Sunday School classes and helps to make our home better and richer by her presence. In the future we count on her for the Gleason office whose details demand a full time worker.

Maria Luisa Romero has an English mother and a Spanish father. As a little girl she attended Central Church but for years lost the “vision gloriosas”. After finishing her studies in the Conservatory of music she came to Gleason to teach the little girls to sing. She has developed into a Sunday School and D. V. B. S. teacher, a Club worker and a dependable happy helper.
Amparo Ochoa came to Argentina from the Basque Country of Spain when she was a very little girl. She began Kindergarten at Gleason and finished the grades as a classmate of María Luisa López. For two years she has studied music with María Luisa Romero having her practice hours on a Gleason piano. This year she is in the English classes at Colegio Norte Americano. She is another Sunday School and D. V. B. S. teacher and Club worker among our Gleason children. We expect Amparo to learn to work well with little children and take an active part in our developing Nursery Schools.

Haydee Ferreyda is a near neighbor. She had her grade education in our day school. Her parents were able to give her a musical training and for six years she has been our organist. For three years she has been an assistant teacher in the Kindergarten. Another of our own girls who is Sunday School and D. V. B. S. teacher and Club worker. Haydee attended the World Sunday School Convention of 1932 in Rio de Janeiro and glows with the inspiration she found among so many friends of Jesus.

Laura Vidal is another near neighbor. She also began with Kindergarten and this year finished her grade work at Gleason. Through our help she is learning dress making in an Industrial school. She still has time for work in the Sunday School and Clubs of her Alma Mater.

And so Gleason grows from year to year by stronger urges within the hearts of those to whom we have ministered for those who need the transforming gospel of "love and light."

Winnogene Cecilia Penney

LIMA HIGH SCHOOL
Apartado 2144, Lima, Peru.
Director: Miss Gertrude Hanks

Other missionaries: Misses Frances C. Vandegrift, Treva B. Overholt, Beatrice Terry, Ruth Greenwood.

Evangelism and Religious Education: Miss Bernice M. Cornelison.

Last year we dedicated ourselves to building a structure in which to carry on: This year our only building program has been in the lives of our girls and while we cannot see such visible results as we could last year we hope they will be revealed later. The matriculation in spite of economic conditions reached 260, an increase of 70 over last year. The building was not only enjoyed by these but also by many groups of church people who held various
functions in the auditorium, cafeteria, or parlors of the school. A class for men and one for women in gymnasium registered most of the mission group in its rolls.

The building has helped us to keep in closer contact with the graduates, drawing them in a way the old one could not. You will see some of them coming in for Domestic Science, especially if they contemplate having a home of their own soon, others from the offices will be seen on a Saturday afternoon loitering about the lovely colonnades waiting for others to join them in a game of tennis. Occasionally you will see them in line in the cafeteria at the lunch hour. Besides the graduates many other Peruvian and foreign women have been delighted with the opportunity to study courses in Domestic Science in the most modern laboratory in South America. Under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. physical director a leader's class in gymnasium work has been organized with the hope that this training will fit the girls to develop some recreation centers in the needy section of the city. From our roof garden the boarding girls looked down all year upon a yard surrounded by rooms occupied by poor families. They took a great deal of interest in the children as they saw them play about. Upon their initiative they proposed to find out how many little girls there were and make a pretty little dress for each for Christmas. It cost them a great deal of effort to finish ten dresses. The starting we know by experience is the easiest part. Now ever the last day before their summer vacation and just before Christmas they had the pleasure of taking them to little friends, whose names they all now knew. The joy of the children at this attention fully repaid the girls for their hours of sewing. The Girl Reserves also did some splendid social work, ending the year by a Christmas party for a hundred and fifty children and fifty mothers. It was held on the playground of the school where stories, games, races, ice cream and cakes and finally a precious toy made many hearts leap for joy.

This years graduating class consisted of only four girls but the commencement time was a lovely occasion. The baccalaureate service was one of the finest of its kind ever held here. To it came many of the former students. It was held in the new church made possible by the $10,000 gift of the W. F. M. S. which completed the amount needed. The city of Lima has long needed a respectable church building and this year has been forth coming. In the final examination in Bible for the Senior class they were asked what their Bible courses had meant to them, only one can be quoted but all expressed similar feelings. “My Bible courses have deepened my religious life more and more. I feel myself more capable of understanding what is means to be really Christian and what it costs to live according to Christian standards. It has helped me too, in making, my religion more practical and not just a traditional fact.”

Surely it is worth while to make the religion of these girls a vital element in their lives and we are happy to have been able by the help of the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society to interpret the “Christ of the Mount” to them.

Gertrude Hanks.

EVANGELISM AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Evangelism has so many phases in the missionary work in Peru that it would be difficult to include a reference to them all in one brief article. There seems to be no really good place to draw the line between evangelistic and religious educational activities as far as the church is concerned. An effort called by the one name quite unexpectedly produces the results theoretically attached to the other and vice-versa.

Religious Education includes Daily Vacation Bible Schools. One school of a weeks duration in Tarma was organized purposely to benefit some twenty children from four or five evangelical homes. The following week, simultaneously with the mid-year institute, another initial vacation school was held in Huancayo. In Lima and Callao such schools were carried on in six churches
Miss Cornelison and Primary and Junior children of the Huancayo D. V. B. S.

for three weeks in January 1933 following a week of intensive preparation
for the forty-two Peruvian young people who conducted the schools.

Liga Femenina Evangelica is the name given to the women’s organization
in the Methodist church in Peru. In one evangelical league all phases of the
women’s work in the church is included, thus avoiding division of interests.
In the sierra the women of Huancayo district met together in their first
all-day convention. A week of daily meetings was held with the women of
La Oroya. A series of six weekly meetings were held with the women of
Callao and other coast groups were contacted from time to time. Three pastor’s
wives from the sierra were present for the general women’s meeting at
annual conference in Lima when a special feature of the afternoon program
was a Home Economics Foods demonstration.

The annual summer institute held in Chosica again provided unexpected
lessons in practical profitable christian living. A Local institute of two weeks
duration each were held in the churches of Lima and Callao during May and
June. In La Oroya a week was given to a local institute with an enthusiastic
group. At mid-year institute in Huancayo with its usual group of attendants
from the coast and Chamchayo valley as well as a larger group from the
sierra, enthusiastic discussion was carried on about what the sierra churches
need in order to grow. A week of institute in hot tropical La Merced closed
with an impressive baptism service in the river.

Bernice M. Cornelison June 23, 1933

Dear Miss Cornelison - We are glad we are living
of the Encyclopedia Britannica is useful
and over. Next month I am going for
the U.S. on a freight coming from
Rosario to San Francisco. I shall stop
in San Francisco and get up west;
the ships are going on alone which
have been coming all the way to
and staying for July 21st. We need
much

Annabelle Reedy