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NEW VENTURES IN INSTITUTO MODELO—

The Bible Training School is venturing out into new fields these days, or at least is making experiments in doing things in a new way.

This year, for the first time, our Summer Session was held outside of Buenos Aires. For some time past, interested young folks in Montevideo have been saying, “Why don’t you have summer school over here? The majority of those who attend are from Uruguay, and many more would go if the expense of the journey were eliminated”. In other years there were always reasons for not granting this request of the Uruguayans. This year, however, some new elements in the situation made it possible, and we consented. The beautiful Crandon building was placed at our disposal, and all arrangements, including propaganda, were left in the hands of friends in Montevideo. As a result of the enthusiasm and energy with which they performed their task, a group of twenty-five young people attended the classes during the three weeks of this, the first Summer Session of Instituto Modelo in Montevideo.

This year, too, for the first time, the Bible Training School, together with the Seminary, is offering a short course of one year for lay workers, men and women.
This special course will make some preparation available to church members who desire training for service, but who cannot, for one reason or another, take the regular four-year course. It is hoped that the training thus given will gradually raise the standard of preparation of lay workers in the evangelical churches of these countries. During the months of the present school year the director will be absent on furlough. For the first time in its history, the school will be in charge of national workers, two of our own graduates. The acting director is Señorita Ana Cepollina, who graduated in 1932, and who since that time has been doing a marvelously fine piece of work in the interior of her native Uruguay. Cooperating with her will be Señorita Noemi Fossati, '31, who has served efficiently and in beautiful spirit in the Instituto during the last two years. The picture shows these two splendid young women whom we like to think of as passing through a gateway of new opportunity for service which has opened for them. Because of what we know of their talents, their preparation, and their consecration to the task, we feel sure that through their efforts the school will be richly blessed this year.

Rhoda C. Edmeston.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ISABEL LATIMER
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“Chisel in hand stood a sculptor boy
With his marble block before him
And his eyes lit up with a smile of joy,
As an angel-dream passed o'er him.”

(From “Life Sculpture” - Geo, W. Doane).

During this past year many potential sculptors have been at work here in Argentina and Uruguay; their material, not slabs of marble, but pulsing, throbbing life; their instrument of sculpturing not a blunt hard chisel, but love and understanding; their aid, the greatest sculptor, God. These sculptors of life are the teachers and
those who work with children and young people to develop Christian character. The Board of Religious Education has tried to help in this important work.

The talented and trained sculptor reveals the most beauty in his slab of marble. The same is true of the Christian teacher who is helping to shape and form life into a thing of worth and beauty. In Buenos Aires there has been organized an association of teachers and Christian workers, composed of two delegates from each Sunday School. Among their activities of the past year, perhaps the most outstanding was a mass meeting of all the Methodist Sunday Schools in the city and suburbs. Each Sunday School came in a group in special street cars or omnibuses. There were about 1,000 in attendance. The program was planned especially for boys and girls, around the theme “Boys and Girls Who Have Been God’s Helpers”. The program was carried out by the children themselves, each church being responsible for a part. One of the impressive parts of the service was a series of living pictures representing boys and girls of the Old Testament who were God’s helpers. These pictures led up to a presentation of the manger scene, and the coming of God’s Divine Helper. Then came the children of today, from Argentina and the various nations of the world, saying that they, too, wanted to be God’s helpers. The special guests at the mass meeting were the boys from the Methodist orphanage at Mercedes.

Another activity of this association was a series of two conferences held for teachers. As a special need was felt for group discussions, the group was divided into sections according to the departments in the Sunday School, with a special section for administrators and officers.

Time and space for this report are limited but I want to mention the Young People’s Institute held under the auspices of the interdenominational young people’s organization every year in the beautiful buildings and grounds of the Methodist School “Colegio Ward”, located in Ramos Mejía, a suburb of Buenos Aires. This year there were five classes, all held out of doors, under the beautiful old trees that in themselves are an inspiration. There were about forty young people at this institute, from Buenos Aires and Rosario. They were a happy, eager, sincere and outstanding group—trying to make more of life and to give more to life.

Now the work for another year is started and well on its way. At its close may we see many more lives formed in the Christian way, through the efforts of this earnest group of “teacher sculptors” at work in Argentina and Uruguay.

Isabel Latimer.
“My sisters think I have a fine opportunity. I am sure they are right”. Thus wrote Marie Benlian when we offered her the chance to return to C. N. A. as teacher in the commercial department and treasurer of the school. Marie is an Armenian girl who spent four years as a boarder in Colegio Norteamericano and who in spite of language difficulties stood at the head of her class. The story of her life is sad. Her parents were killed in the terrible persecution of the Armenians during the World War. Marie, however, has a fine philosophy of life based on implicit faith in the Living Christ and her one desire now is to give her best to the girls of her beloved school. To her opportunity means responsibility.

This summer Julieta Ginocchio wrote saying, “I want to follow Christ. I know there will be many difficulties in the way but I am sure you will help me to learn more about the way of service”. Julieta has been a boarding scholar in Colegio Norteamericano for more than seven years. She will finish her commercial studies this year and is looking forward to a chance to work in order to help in her home where at present there is considerable need. Her loyalty to the school is beautiful and I know C. N. A. can always count on this daughter for fine living and joyful service.

Katherine M. Donahue.

GLEASON EVANGELISTIC INSTITUTE
9 de Julio 2775 — ROSARIO — Argentina
Directora: SARA VILLALBA
Other resident workers: MAXIMA VILLALBA, MERCEDES GARAY

Our Task — Meeting Human Need, Energizing and enriching human life.

Try to visualize a small room, as the humble home of a father, mother and their three children, two boys and a girl. This is one of the many homes that have offered the opportunity for Christ's followers to obey their master's command, “Sow the seed”; and it fell on good ground and bought forth much fruit.

José Calafato, a 17-year-old lad with a radiant smile, strong in body and soul, has been mentioned before as one of the boys of our Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School.

José, and his brother, too, help their father as he travels up and down the streets of Rosario, selling vegetables from his wagon. José does not feel however, that he was born to be only a vegetable vender. He works hard during the day, but that does not keep him from pursuing his commercial studies at night.

Our boy does not forget his spiritual home. This year he is in charge of our library, and he is so earnest and enthusiastic about it that Gleason's books are being read as never before, by children who did not know we had a library. José is also treasurer of the Intermediate League.

Every Monday the brightness of Gleason's kindergarten fairyland is dimmed by a shower of tears from the tiny twins, Nora and Lillian, who are not yet three. When José
came to practice typing on Gleason's Remington he made friends with the little tots, and now on Mondays he dries their tears, and makes them remember what they forget over Sunday, that they really like school and have a good time there.

His success with the twins has gained for José another ad honorem post. He takes charge of the seventeen children every Tuesday from four to five, while Señorita Máxima, his former teacher, leads the Woman's Meeting, and needs her kindergarten assistant to play hymns for the meeting.

The hearts of Gleason's workers rejoice as they see their young people, (for José is only one of many) making bountiful returns in service to others, for what they themselves have received.

Gleason's doors are still open, a challenge to those who think we live in a world in which there is no God. Praised be His name for the Christ we know and have made real to others.

Sara Villalba.

LIMA HIGH SCHOOL
Apartado 2144 — LIMA — Perú
1934 — Directora: GERTRUDE HANKS, on furlough.
Acting Directora: ANNA MAY STOKELEY
Other missionaries: FRANCES VENDERGRIFT, MAY MURPHY, BEATRICE TERRY, RUTH GREENWOOD. — On furlough, TREVA OVERHOLT.

Another year has gone by, and gone so quickly that we think it had less than twelve months, in spite of what the calendar tells us. We are happy that the enrollment reached almost four hundred, and that so many girls made use of this beautiful building and its equipment. Every time anyone tells us how fine it is, we think of the hundreds of W. F. M. S. women who worked and sacrificed so devotedly to make it possible. The dedication plaque in the school corridor says (in Spanish) "People in North America who love the cause of education have built this school to inspire girlhood with the ideals of Jesus Christ." We missionaries feel deeply our responsibility to the women who sent us here to hold up Christ's ideals before Peruvian girls.

Our courses are now recognized by the government, which conducts annual examinations. This government recognition is of great advantage to the pupils who wish to enter a university or a profession, as they can take a few examinations each year instead of taking all at one time, as was formerly the case.

Among the interesting changes in the last few years is the increased responsibility for the evangelical work taken by the Peruvians. It used to be that we held a Daily Vacation Bible School in our school building each summer. Now, not only one, but a number of schools, are held in the various churches. They are, for the most part, directed by the young people, among whom the majority are Lima High School girls. They are given a week of inspiration and training just before they start their schools. One of the directors who graduated last year from a mission high school, has gone to Buenos Aires to study in the theological seminary. Foreign leadership in the semi-annual Epworth League Institutes has almost disappeared. You see, we are "working ourselves out of a job", as missionaries should do. Or perhaps, as the Chinese put it, we are learning to lead from behind. With great interest and faith we look forward to developments in this country. Peruvians were appointed as district superintendents at our last annual conference. This releases some of the energy of the mission superintendent for other phases of the work. The new district superintendents are capable, wide-awake men, who are giving a new impetus to church activities. They will surely be able to reach the hearts of the people, better than foreigners can.
Lima High School, also, is trying in new ways to develop leaders through extracurricular activities as well as in the usual school work. The Girl Reserve Club, and the Athletic Club help the girls to develop their talents and use them for others. New courses in Domestic Science are to be offered this year to supplement the Commercial and College preparatory courses. For the first time we shall have a missionary trained to teach physical education. She expects to have special classes for women, and thus help to make the school contribute more to the community.

"Shall show us how divine a thing a woman may be made" were the words of Wordsworth, and in them he has expressed our purpose as we work with the girls of Peru.

Ruth C. Greenwood.

EDUCATIONAL EVANGELISM — PERU
BERNICE M. CORNELISON
Apartado 2144 — LIMA — Perú

Of the many heartening happenings in the realm of educational evangelism in Peru during the past year, I have space to tell you but briefly a part: the whole, you will have to construct through the help of your imagination.

Early in the year, a trip to the mountains bore fruit in the organization of two local institutes. Delighted with the results of their first institute, the pastor and his wife organized another at a second point on their circuit, riding their one horse to and from the evening meetings.

During the next two months the women of the Central District perfected plans for their annual one-day convention. I was not present at the convention, but eight months later I still heard comments on the fact that women who it had always been supposed would not dare to lift up their voices in public, had spoken before the assembled group, making a real contribution to the exchange of ideas, and at the same time developing self-confidence.

At a strategic point south of Lima, local institutes were held, twice during the year. In this congregation one is conscious of a seething eagerness for instruction in the things of the spirit. Especially is this felt among the large group of young people, many of whom have no background of gospel teaching or living.

The Junior Section of the Women’s League now exists in three churches, and as rapidly as possible will be organized in others.

For the first time it has been our privilege to include among the courses in the preparation classes for daily vacation Bible school workers on the coast, a course for intermediates prepared by one of the Peruvian pastors. For the first time, also, a series of classes was offered during six hours each day, for five days, to the workers in the mountain area. As an immediate result, three schools were organized and carried on by local talent there.

The Junior Church for English speaking children has listed almost seventy-five boys and girls as attendants during the two years since it was organized. Although many of these boys and girls see each other only on Sunday in this service, it does not seem at all difficult to maintain an atmosphere of warm friendliness and unity in worship among them.

Not least among the blessings which the year has brought was the interdenominational Sunday School Convention held during January just following the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Lima.

Bernice M. Cornelison.
CRANDON INSTITUTE
8 de Octubre and Garibaldi — MONTEVIDEO — Uruguay

Director: Miss JENNIE REID

Other missionaries: Misses EVELYN CORBETT, BESS HALLAGAN, FLORENCE MERRYMAN.

CRANDON ACTIVITIES FOR 1934—

Many interesting projects have been carried on in Crandon this past year. Even the lower grades have done their share. The first grade built a toy shop and the second grade made a grocery store. The third grade made their own costumes and scenery for an original play they presented in chapel in connection with their study of Japan. The fourth graders were engrossed in the study of Indian life for weeks. They had the room so attractively decorated that many of us went in daily to see their progress. The fifth and sixth graders, heretofore ineligible for club activities, were organized into a glee club. They, in conjunction with the regular club, gave a public performance near the end of the year.

A new plan of practice work was inaugurated by the commercial department whereby the girls in the senior class did actual practice in commercial houses. The business men reported the girls’ faults to the teacher to correct. The result was that all girls who were seeking positions were placed.

Adult classes in two departments were organized. The English classes were so successful that they are being continued another year. The Home Economics department has been very busy with radio programs in both English and Spanish, a new sewing class, and classes in cooking for both English and Spanish speaking women. The senior girls had great fun in working with real live babies in their child care classes.

All of our public affairs were well patronized. They included the annual exhibition of work, the gymnasium exhibit which had to be given three times, and a big Japanese garden party. The senior play, given in Spanish, and the graduation of next to the largest class in Crandon history terminated our 55th successful year.

AN ENTERPRISE FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

"ASOCIACION MUTUALISTA EVANGELICA DEL URUGUAY"

(Evangelical Mutual Aid Society of Uruguay)

My main purpose last year was to tell about “La Idea”, and along with the consideration of what can be done by the written word, I mentioned the “Asociación Mutualista Evangélica”. There was no space then, to give details about it.

There has not been, either in the organization of the A. M. E. or in its management, the assistance of any pastor or missionary. Laymen organized it, and are carrying it on. After saying this, it should not be necessary to add that every cent of the money spent has been raised in Uruguay. The A. M. E. is the result of a church conscious of its social responsibility.

In the A. M. E. there are no denominational barriers. The person best fitted for the task in chosen for it. There may be half a dozen of the same denomination and none at all of another denomination on one committee. Our position is more than inter-denominational, it is adenominational.

Our first thought was to build an evangelical hospital. But it takes so long to raise money to build a hospital that somebody said, “Let's have an ‘asociación mutualista evangélica’ while we get ready for the hospital. This suggestion was followed. Every year the A. M. E. votes a definite amount of money to the “Hospital Fund”.

We have doctors and specialists, and also a small but very well-equipped laboratory that has plenty of work the year through. Dr. Hill, the head of the medical service, is devoted to the A. M. E. and has been called “the soul of our society”. He deserves the title.
The by-laws of our society allow one-third of the members to be people who, though interested in our churches, do not belong to them. The authorities of the A. M. E. think that group demands their special attention, and they try to interest them in spiritual things. With that in mind, besides sending them "La Idea", and inviting them to special meetings, we have distributed among them on two different occasions books written by Dr. John A. Mackay, "... But I say unto you" and "The Meaning of Life". We know of several of those members who have been deeply impressed by their reading.

Classes in home nursing have been given for two years. One of our churches contributes its rooms for them, and the classes have been given by two of the doctors of our institution. A group of girls from our churches and from outside have taken the courses with great interest and profit.

Let me finish with the closing paragraphs of one of the yearly reports:

"Somebody has said that today, more than ever before, it is necessary to christianize every human activity, creating organizations that may interpret faithfully in every one of their expressions the real character and spirit of the founder of human charity.

"The successful continuance of the A. M. E. opens the door to greater opportunities in the future. Let us not forget, though, that to bring about this in which we now rejoice it was necessary that the small group of pioneers have much faith, much optimism, and — why not say it — much heroism to surmount all the difficulties that they encountered on the way.

Thanks be to God for the work done."

Maruja Ibarra Imaz.