

instruction, without industry, without commerce—a tribe of fanatics poor to penury, savage even to ferocity. This is Jesuistic Catholicism which Roman Catholicism boasts of as the most perfect image of heaven on earth, as an ideal superior to *all civilized peoples*. . . . Behold the prosperity which our Catholic party (political) reserves for their fellow-countrymen.”

I have quoted largely from the book “O Papa e O Concilio,” by the eminent writer and patriotic Brazilian senator, Ruy Barboza, that the readers of the *MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD* may see not through the eyes of a missionary, but of an enlightened South American statesman what papacy has done and is expected to do in this region of the world.

Is there no brighter side? Thank God, answering to this cry of distress and dire need, the heart of the Church beats responsively, and already the blessing of the Lord on the efforts of the past thirty-three years (one generation) has created self-sustaining churches in Brazil and other South American republics, so that if a relative progress is observed it will not be many generations until this will cease to be a missionary field except in the sense of *home missions*. These are already begun. *Missões Nacionais* at least, in Brazil, is an established arm of service. By the fund thus called, to which all churches and all individual believers are urged to contribute as the Lord prospers them, weak churches are yearly rising to self-support and becoming in turn nursing mothers. *A Revista de Missões Nacionais*, edited by one of our ablest native ministers, is contributing to create and foster the spirit of self-help throughout the bounds of the Brazilian Church. Many affecting examples might be given of those who give to the extent of their power and beyond it.

Into this field the Y. M. C. A. entered a year ago in the person of their first secretary, Myron A. Clark. He has justly merited the sympathy of Brazilian Christians, and now that he has begun to use fluently the Portuguese will soon be able to communicate with the youth of the land. I append some notes of Mr. Clark.

Things accomplished :

(1) Organization in São Paulo of a young men's Bible class, to study special association course ; lessons being published weekly in the *Expositor*. Average attendance, 13.

(2) Adoption of resolution, assuring support, sympathy, and co-operation by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Brazil.

(3) Adoption of similar resolution by the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Brazil.

Difficulties :

(1) Lack of preparation among young men.

(2) Lack of realization of duty, value and privilege of Bible study.

(3) Lack of desire for personal aggressive work among their fellows.

Hopes for future :

(1) To stimulate a desire for and appreciation of Bible study.

(2) To arouse on the part of Christian young men an earnest effort to evangelize their fellows.

(3) Regular organizations later in such cities as Rio and São Paulo.