

**ANDERSON, RUTH D.**



many hills of the city of Porto Alegre. This no doubt led Dr. Joao Fassina, for many years the French teacher in the school, and a devoted friend, who pronounced the customary "Farewell Address" to the deceased, to say, "Miss Anderson, here you are not far away from the school. We from the school will keep watch over you here, and you from on high will keep watch over us as we try to carry on without you. We, the teachers, pledge ourselves to redouble our efforts in following the ideals shown in your life!"

Ruth Dewey Anderson was born in Wellington, Texas, one of five children in a devoted Methodist home. She was educated in Texas Women's College. Later she earned her Master's degree in religious education at Starritt College. At various times she continued her studies at the University of California, Seaboy College for Teachers, and Union Theological College.

Going to Brazil in 1930 as a missionary she was appointed to work in Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre, where she spent almost her entire missionary life in an unusual devotion and complete consecration of time, effort and intellect. Never robust in health, she was compelled to take long furloughs, in the hope of building up sufficient reserve to be able to return to her work in Brazil. During her last furlough from January 1940 to the end of 1947, she seemed to gain new strength, and when she returned to her post, seemed better. But the strain and stress of work and heavy responsibility were too much for her.

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Deeply alive to the educational needs and problems of her day, she brought to her task a strong personality, a fine intellect, and a thorough preparation, and had above all, a burning desire to make the school an outstanding educational institution in the great "School City" of Porto Alegre. People speak of the fact that major emphasis should be placed on teaching the child in the school the way to stand and living. Colegio Americano is one of the oldest and finest schools in Brazil, and its motto has been through many years the ideal of the teacher, the parent, and the student: to make the child's education a joy, a privilege, and a force that leads into a routine line of living, but to give the child the power to stand on his own feet. The high ideals found in Christ's teachings are the foundation on which the school staff tried to give them.

"Blessed be the God which are in heaven, who have raised up for us a Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their souls be at rest."

## A Brief History of my Life

In this sketch of my life and attempts  
has been made to include only those  
events and influences that have  
determined my present character.

My childhood was spent in the  
freedom of a small ranch. There were  
five children in our family, two  
boys and three girls. I am next to  
the youngest. We grew naturally  
until I was eight or nine, my  
religious training came from my  
natural father, and I was  
in a - traditional manner.

But when I was about ten  
and a very much of our old home,

consequently I did not enter the public  
school until after we left the ranch  
in the fall of 1906. My father and  
eldest sister died in October that  
year. My mother moved from Barlow,  
Oregon, where we had purchased a  
home back to Washington where she  
might have the advice of friends  
and relatives in financial matters.

From early adolescence literature  
has had a strong attraction for me.  
I read everything that came in to  
the home, regardless of whether it  
was fiction or non-fiction, and  
did not. My mother would not limit  
my reading, but she did insist  
that I read magazines and books



at home the next fall.

In the summer of 1917 during a revival meeting, I very definitely gave my life to God and made public my intention of doing full time Christian service. Perhaps largely because of lack of guidance this purpose lay dormant for some years. During this time I assumed responsibility in my home, in the local church, and enjoyed the social life of my community. At one time I was employed by a business man, but when it came to the place I came to discontinue

the inward conviction that God had  
a special place for me in Christian  
service and that in this instance  
home responsibilities were not com-  
patible with that purpose.

Contacts made during a visit to  
a friend in S. M. U. inspired me  
a new to prepare for missionary  
work. I entered West Texas State  
Teachers College in the summer  
of 1922, completed the work required  
for a high school certificate, secured  
a school for the year, and taught  
two years. In the summer of 1924 I  
returned to the same country  
and stayed summer and winter  
until in 1926 I received the



B. A. degree and a Permanent High School  
Certificate for teaching.

I talked of entering some mission  
school as a teacher and corresponded with  
the president of Sues Bennett College con-  
cerning a place there. I learned I could  
not take my mother with me. At that  
time my duty seemed to be to her. I then

I accepted a place in the Mexican  
High School as teacher of history and  
English. My mother spent the first  
year there with me. The next year it  
was not convenient, I had tried to

so that my mother could be with  
me. It was not possible and so  
my first duty was to my mother.

During this year away from my family  
I thought the question arising & realizing

that fulltime Christian service was the field to which I believed the Master called and that I should never be satisfied until I entered it.

A letter to Mrs. Koenig informed her of my decision and asked her advice. She said if I met the health and educational requirements, the conference would give me special training in scripps. After consultation with my family, I planned to enter training.

Two years ago the 1915 special training was held in accordance to me. My time was used to measure my ability and was told to me that the educational field is my place of work.

Life in Scavitt under the in-  
spiration and guidance of its faculty  
has meant much to me. I think I can  
say with sincerity my physical health  
was improved, my knowledge has been  
increased and the desire for more  
has been stimulated, and my social  
interests have been broadened. My  
spiritual life has been vitalized. The  
class room lectures, the devotional  
services, the private devotional period,  
and the association with people  
whose lives radiate the spirit  
of Christ have made possible a  
new and better life for me.  
I will never forget my two  
years at Scavitt Institute.

806 N. 15th Street  
Waco, Texas  
December 27, 1949

Dear Miss Lee:

Perhaps you have had detailed letters from Porto Alegre concerning Ruth Anderson's death but from what they write of Zula I fear she has not written, and I do not know if Hellen has. Today I had a long letter from Dona Helga Graebim, the school nurse, who has been very close to Ruth all year and who, naturally, has cared for her in all her illnesses. She wrote me the full details. I have spent a long time today writing to Ruth's family, telling them what Dona Helga said, and asking them not to feel that Ruth is buried in a foreign country, but trying to help them to feel that she is resting in a beautiful cemetery (the new Protestant cemetery) which is on a high hill overlooking - or looking toward the school which Ruth loved so dearly, and for which, in a most spiritual and literal sense, she gave her life. Many times, last year when I was so ill, I felt that my body would be laid to rest in this cemetery, and the thought was not at all disturbing - for I was willing, if necessary, to have that as my "last earthly home", and I think Ruth would feel the same way. I told her family that the friends in the school would tenderly care for her grave with loving memories and never dying friendship and deep appreciation. It is so hard for them because they do not know P. Alegre, and I'm sure they feel it is hard to have her buried there.

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The funeral was from our chapel. That night teachers, students and friends kept vigil near the casket. Bishop Sucasas of our church, and Bishop Pithan of the Episcopal Church (his wife and daughter both graduated from our school) and Rev. Derly Chaves conducted the services. Flowers were banked everywhere and the school choir came back (school was out and most of the girls were scattered but came back) and Maestro Schneider directed the singing, though tears streamed down his face, and sobs at times interrupted the singing. At the grave Dr. Joan Fassina, professor of Portuguese and Latin in the Colegio, for 25 years a teacher and devoted friend of the school, and a great admirer of Ruth, delivered, according to Brazilian custom, the farewell oration to the deceased. It must have been impressive as he is a splendid speaker and must have spoken from the depth of his heart. Zula added a note about this and said it was a beautiful tribute.

Her grave is in the lovely new Protestant cemetery and the spot should be visible from the school.

Louise Best, Berta Simmons and Mr. Schisler came for the funeral. Berta Simmons, as you know, will be on her way home, and will probably go to see Ruth's family. It will be a comfort to them to have some one who was there tell them all about it.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary Sue Brown*

Mary Sue Brown

DATA ON NEW VOLUNTEERS  
For Confidential Use of Candidate Secretaries  
from the

Student Volunteer Movement, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York City

Date: July 7/30 Memoranda for: Mrs. Hume R. Steele  
638 Doctor's Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

Concerning: Ruth Dewey Anderson Year of birth: 1898

Present address: Shamrock, Texas

Home address: Same

Denomination: Methodist Episcopal, South

Name and address of local Pastor: Rev. R. N. Huckabee, Shamrock, Texas

Now attending:

Other institutions where courses have been taken: West Texas State Teachers' College, B.A., 1926  
Scarritt College, M.A., 1930

Plans for future preparation:

Preparation to be completed about: July 1930

Declaration card signed: June 23, 1930, Scarritt College

Nature of work preferred: Prepared for educational work- Bible and Religious Education,  
English

Field preferred: Brazil

Experience in Christian work: Sunday School teacher

Business or professional experience:

GENERAL:

Deaconess  
Evangelist  
Ordained Preacher  
Social Service Worker  
Sunday School Teacher XX  
Supervisor of Schools  
Vacation Bible School Worker  
Y. M. or Y. W. C. A. Secretary

MEDICAL:

Dentist  
Nurse  
Pharmacist  
Physician  
Surgeon  
Technician

EDUCATIONAL: (teacher of)

Art  
Bible  
Commercial Subjects  
XX English  
Home Economics  
XX Grade School 2 yrs.  
XX High School " " "  
xxHistory

TECHNICAL:

Agriculture  
Architect  
Bookkeeper  
Builder  
Business  
Engineer  
Librarian  
Printer  
Stenographer

Health examination taken: Yes

Remarks: Going to Brazil in July under the Methodist Church, South

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BIRTH: Date: April 29, 1898 NAME: Anderson, Ruth Dewey

Place: Wellington, Texas FIELD: Brazil

CITIZENSHIP: U.S.A. NATURALIZED: Date: Place:

RELATIVES:

Date	Name	Address	Relationship
July 12, 1870	Mrs. M.G. Anderson	Wellington, Texas	Mother
Dec. 26, 1892	Clark B. Anderson	" "	Brother
March 23, 1900	Frank E. Anderson	" "	Brother
August 27, 1896	Mrs. J.R. Benson	Shamrock, Texas	Sister

HOME CHURCH: Wellington, Texas

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION: Board of Missions, Woman's Division

Group	Conference	Jurisdiction
	Northwest Texas	South Central

EDUCATION:

Institution	Date	Degree	Comments
West Texas State Teachers	1926	B.A.	
Scarritt College	1930	M.A.	
Peabody College, Scarritt	1936	-----	
Peabody College	1938	One term of Summer School	

DATE OF COMMISSION: March, 1930 DATE OF FIRST SAILING July, 1930

FURTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Four years teaching experience before reaching field

Taught September 1937 to June 1938 in U.S.A.

Brazil

Principal Colegio Americano Aug. 1936 to Jan. 1936 ; 1940 to

Col. Bennett, Oct. 1938 to Jan. 1940

RETIREMENT:

DEATH:

WITHDRAWAL:

RESIGNATION:

NAME: Anderson, Ruth Dewey

FIELD: Brazil

APPOINTMENTS:

Conference	Date	Place	Work
Southern	August, 1930 to January, 1936	Porto Alegre	Colegio Americano
Northern	October, 1938 - to January, 1940	Riode Janeiro	- Colegio Bennett
Southern	January, 1940 -	Porto Alegre	-Colegio Americano
"	" 1941	"	" "
"	" 1942	"	" "
"	" 1943	"	" "

FURLOUGHS:

Left Field	Arrived U. S. A.	Left U. S. A.	Arrived Field	Comments
January, 1936 -	Feb. 1936	- October, 1938	October 19, 1938	

Comments:

Furlough year 1936

Leave of absence 1937 to July 1938



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Miss Ruth Anderson, principal of Colegio Americano, an institution of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in Porto Alegre, Brazil, died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage on December 15, 1949, during the hour of the school's commencement exercises. She was 51 years old.

Miss Anderson was graduated from West Texas State Teachers College in 1926. Commissioned a missionary of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1930 she sailed that same year for Brazil and served continuously at Colegio Americano, with the exception of a brief term of service at Bennett College, Rio de Janeiro, 1938-40.

Miss Anderson's home was in Wellington, Texas. In 1930 she received an M.A. from Scarritt College.

CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 1930.

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Ruth Dewey Anderson -- 31 years of age -- Educational Brazil or Mexico.  
Present: Scarritt College,  
Home: Shamrock, Texas.

CONFERENCE: Northwest Texas.

EDUCATION: High school graduate; attended Texas Woman's College 1 year;  
West Texas State Teachers' College 3 years, B.S. degree;  
Univ. of Colorado summer 1924; Univ. of California summer 1927.  
Scarritt College 1928-30, A.A. Degree June 1930.

EXPERIENCE: Four years teaching experience-- primary grades and High school  
History.

SCARRITT COLLEGE REPORT:

Scholarship excellent.  
Leadership excellent.  
Practical Efficiency excellent.  
Personal characteristics-- Attractive, capable, well poised,  
original.

Recommended for Bible Teacher to Brazil.

Health: Under date of January 29, 1930-- Dr. Cate states:

"Miss Anderson's condition has so far improved, that  
I believe she will be all right in future. She is  
recommended for service."

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Colegio Americano  
Rua Dr. Lauro de Oliveira 71  
Porto Alegre, Brazil  
December 15, 1949

Dear Miss Lee:

The chapel is open tonight for the first time in the history of the school for friends to pass by the bier of one of the workers. Miss Ruth Anderson, faithful to her duties, this afternoon, attended the last program of the school year and at that hour led the way to the Great Beyond. Tonight the chapel is lit up, the great cross behind the altar shines out in sign of the victory of the one who lies at its foot.

This afternoon the Junior High School Course program had just begun. The girls and teachers were in their place on the stage in the auditorium. The National Hymn had been sung.

Miss Anderson a few minutes later announced, "We are gathered together for the last session of this school year to give the certificates to the girls finishing the Junior High School Course." As she ended these words, she dropped her head slowly and began sinking to the floor when two of the teachers supported her. First aid was applied immediately and then she was carried to the hospital still unconscious. Several doctors came, and all that was humanly possible was done. She did not rally from the state of coma, and at six-thirty, without a struggle, she breathed her last. An expression of peace and calmness settled over her countenance, an expression that is one well remembered by those who knew her through the years.

Doctors, school nurse, and friends were at the hospital with her. Mrs. Betts was with her within a few minutes from the time that Ruth lost consciousness until the last moments.

The doctor declared that death resulted from a complete cerebral hemorrhage. For some time she had been feeling exhausted and was under medical care, but no one realized that her condition was so serious. Only yesterday she had sat on the porch in the evening and conversed and laughed in her own happy way, with the teachers. The year was almost over and everyone was "letting up" a bit and thinking of vacations.

This afternoon, the girls were ready in their lovely summer dresses for their "commencement" and flowers were being carried to the auditorium. In the parlors of the school, the girls were having their pictures taken. Miss Anderson, smiling and happy, was chatting with students and friends. The girls afterwards remarked that Miss Anderson had not been so animated for some time.

I sent you a cable this afternoon at seven o'clock. I hope that you received it. Dr. Perli Chaves sent word immediately to friends in other parts of Brazil. I shall write you again tomorrow, for the funeral service will be held then according to the custom and law in Brazil.

"Her life has been an inspiration unto others" is the remark heard on every side.

Love,

Zula Terry

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COMMENT ON THE DAY

Radio Station GAUCHA -- by Mario de Lacerda -- December 16, 1949

( Senhor Mario de Lacerda, a journalist and radio commentator in Porto Alegre, Brazil, spoke over the radio on the evening of December 16, following Ruth Anderson's funeral that morning. Senhor Lacerda was present at the tragic event which transpired just as the fifty young girls, among them his own daughter Ieda, were to receive their Junior High School certificates. Since his "Comment on the Day" was a spontaneous, public expression of appreciation by a Brazilian who had known Ruth for a number of years, and whose daughter had been educated under her administration, it is most significant. )

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" Then said Boaz unto Ruth: "arest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide fast by my maidens, let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them ... "

When she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him: "Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing that I am a foreigner? "

The Book of Ruth is one of the shortest of those which comprise the Old Testament. But how much beauty is found in the eighty-five verses of its four chapters!

When, yesterday afternoon, in the beautiful and dignified auditorium of Colegio Americano, we witnessed a scene so touching, in appearance so so simple, in reality so profoundly grave and sad, and deeply moving, this biblical story came to our memory:

" Then she fell upon her face .....

Miss Ruth Dewey Anderson, principal of Colegio Americano, had just entered the auditorium, crossed the platform, and was presiding at the ceremony of giving the certificates to the pupils who, having completed the Junior High School course, were filled with joyous anticipation, and in whose eyes, and on whose faces, and even in whose simple but beautiful graduation dresses, the hour of the occasion was reflected. It was a lovely spring day of their lives when they had achieved their greatest triumph in life, and now only awaited the great moment of fulfillment.

Miss Anderson was extremely pale as she stood before the audience. This was very apparent to those who witnessed the scene. And this great American educator, whose work, so beautiful yet so silent, honored her own country, the United States of North America, had much reason to feel the great emotion which found expression in her pallor.

Many of the young girls in the graduating class had entered Colegio Americano shortly after Miss Anderson was made principal of the school nine years ago. To these girls she had given personal supervision of their education as they came up from the primary grades. Then, with a brief three-year interruption, due partly to a leave of absence

spent in her own country, she again became the principal of the school to guide these girls in their last year in Junior High School. During these years she not only fulfilled her specified duty as principal of the school, but above all she was able to fulfill the great mission of transmitting to the hearts of these young girls the kindness which filled her own heart. And furthermore, she fulfilled the motto of the school: "To educate is to teach to live."

Miss Anderson began to speak: "We will now proceed to give the certificates to the pupils who have completed the first part of the secondary course .....

And, slowly, as one who has reached the end of her journey, she extended her arm over the table, and quietly, without a word, laid her face on her hand and .....

Decey observes that homesickness - or longing for home - has made the Book of Ruth universally known and loved. And Keats, in his Ode to a Nightingale, condenses this longing for home into three lines, which has been called 'a miracle of expression':

"Perhaps the self-same song that found a path  
Through the heart of Ruth, when sick for home,  
He stood in tears amid the alien corn."

No! It was not just homesickness!

Heaven took her in its arms to take her to the presence of Him to whom she said:

"O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me,  
Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,  
Thou understandest my thoughts afar off.  
Thou hast laid thy hand upon me.  
I will praise thee, O Lord my God, as long as I live,  
and I will glorify thy name for evermore."

What more can we say of this beautiful spirit which has left us, whose life was given in the cause of Education in our midst?

Perhaps one would express it:  
"My soul was like a star .....

and thy memory will shine in the hearts of these young girls  
whose hearts have not been touched by the bitterness of the times.

- Spoken in Portuguese over Radio station GAUCHA  
in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on the night of December  
16, 1949.  
Translated from Senhor Mario de Lacerda's script  
by Mary Sue Brown

RUTH DEWEY ANDERSON

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a Crown of Life."

"Faithful unto death" expresses in a very few words the character and life of Ruth Dewey Anderson, who in the very height of her missionary career was called suddenly, on December 15, 1949, to the presence of her Lord.

Our schools in Brazil close in early or mid December, which is spring time and commencement time in countries south of the equator. This last year, following school custom, all of the usual "festas" took place in Colegio Americano of Porto Alegre, Brazil: alumnae banquet, teas, parties, musical programs, graduation for the students in Junior College, Home Economics, and Conservatory of Music, until there remained only one more "festa", that which always comes last and serves as the closing school activity of the year. This, to the young participants, is the most important "festa" of all: the giving of the certificates to the girls who complete the nine years of study which comprise the courses of primary and "ginesio", roughly equivalent to Junior High School.

On the afternoon of December 15, 1949, a lovely spring day in Southern Brazil, joy and happiness echoed through the corridors of Colegio Americano as teachers and students exchanged words of friendship and farewell for the duration of the summer vacation. Then all gathered in the auditorium for the final program. School-mates, friends, proud parents and relatives of the fifty young girls who were to receive their Junior High School certificates, sat expectantly in the large and beautiful auditorium of their school.

How quickly may joy be turned to sorrow, and faces wreathed in smiles, may be bathed in tears! Scarcely had the happy event had its beginning when the principal of the school, Ruth Anderson, as she arose to hand the certificates to her dearly loved pupils, was herself called by her teacher to receive the more excellent certificate, the Crown of Life, for having nobly and faithfully fulfilled her duties here on earth! "How beautiful to go thus, as she had completed so successfully her year's work", wrote a friend. "Que morte gloriosa!" (What a glorious death!) exclaimed one of the teachers of the school. Another writes, "She was indeed uprooted onto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed". "Faithful to the last moment!" writes still another.

The chapel of Colegio Americano, a gift of the alumnae ~~of the~~ ~~school~~, is fast becoming the heart and soul of the school. Within its sacred walls the school family has had many precious experiences. Daily vesper services, morning meditation and prayer, holy communion, the baptism of a dear little infant son of two of the teachers, the wedding of one of the faithful helpers in the school, and now, although hearts are sorrowing, the chapel is the center of the deepest emotion the school has yet felt: the loss of her who stood at its head. The scene was beautiful, even in its great sadness. In the chancel, under the illuminated cross-shaped window, with its golden light shining down in benediction on her lifeless body, she lay in a casket draped with the

school flag and surrounded by quantities of lovely flowers in wreaths and beautiful floral arrangements. All through that night teachers, students and friends kept sorrowful vigil near one whom they loved so dearly, and who would now be no more in their midst.

Funeral services were conducted the next day in the chapel and at the grave side by Bishop Isaias Sucasas of the Methodist Church of Brazil, assisted by Bishop Atalicio Pithan of the Brazilian Episcopal Church, and by the Reverend Derly Chaves, president of the Board of Directors of the school, and the Reverend Daniel L. Betts, chaplain. Professors of the school served as pall bearers. Literally multitudes of sorrowing friends, students, ex-students, teachers and helpers in the school accompanied her body to the beautiful Protestant Cemetery. A strange and comforting coincidence is that the spot where her body rests is on a lovely hill, plainly visible from the school, several miles distant, on another of the many hills of the city of Porto Alegre. As the teachers and students in the days to come, go about their duties, they have but to glance across the intervening valley between these two hills and see the quiet, lovely tree-covered spot in which rest the mortal remains of their loved principal and friend. This ~~is~~ no doubt led Dr. Joao Fassina, for many years the French teacher in the school, and a devoted friend, who pronounced the customary "farewell Address" to the deceased, to say, "Miss Anderson, here you are not far away from the school. We from the school will keep watch over you here, and you from on high will keep watch over us as we try to carry on without you. We, the teachers, pledge ourselves to recouple our efforts in following the ideals shown in your life.

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Early in her missionary career to her far too heavy had been placed on her shoulders. She was called to substitute as principal of the school when she had been less than four years on the field. After her first furlough, she again became principal, in 1940, and in the difficult years following, until she came home for her second furlough in January 1945, she carried a superhuman load. Never, however, did she complain. Workers were few, all had to carry loads that were far too heavy. "This is my responsibility", she would say to offers to relieve her, "I will manage somehow, I prefer to do it myself". It was no con-

der that she needed two years to recuperate sufficiently to be able to return and take up her work again. Back in Brazil, near the end of 1947, she was made vice-principal, but before twelve months had passed, due to the illness and forced absence of the principal, she once more assumed the principal's duties which she faithfully performed until the ~~day~~ hour of her death. Nine years in all she stood at the head of a growing, developing school to which she gave, unstintingly, her all.

She was deeply devoted to the school where she spent so many years of her life. keenly alive to the educational needs and problems of her days she brought to her task a strong personality, a fine intellect, and a thorough preparation, and had, above all, a burning desire to make the school an outstanding educational institution in the great "school city" of Porto Alegre. Deeply spiritual, she felt that major emphasis should be placed on teaching the children and young women in the school the way to abundant living. Colegio Americano is one of our oldest Methodist schools in Brazil, and its motto has been through many years "To educate is to teach to live" --, and this indeed became Ruth's rule of educational administration. Never to force her students into a routine kind of living, but to guide them into a free, spontaneous expression of the high ideals found in Christ's teachings, was her aim, and which she and the school staff tried to give them.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:  
Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

*Mary Sue Brown*  
Mary Sue Brown  
Dallas, Texas, Feb. 10, 1950



*Comment on the Day*  
10/1/49

COMMENT ON THE DAY

Rádio Station GAUCHA -- by Mario de Lacerda -- December 16, 1949

( Senhor Mario de Lacerda, a journalist and radio commentator in Porto Alegre, Brazil, spoke over the radio on the evening of December 16, following Ruth Anderson's funeral that morning. Senhor Lacerda was present at the tragic event which transpired just as the fifty young girls, among them his own daughter Ieda, were to receive their Junior High School certificates. Since his "Comment on the Day" was a spontaneous, public expression of appreciation by a Brazilian who had known Ruth for a number of years, and whose daughter had been educated under her administration, it is most significant. )

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" Then said Boaz unto Ruth: Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide fast by my maidens, let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them ... "

Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him: "Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing that I am a foreigner? "

The Book of Ruth is one of the shortest of those which comprise the Old Testament. But how much beauty is found in the eighty-five verses of its four chapters!

When, yesterday afternoon, in the beautiful and dignified auditorium of Colegio Americano, we witnessed a scene so touching, in appearance so so simple, in reality so profoundly grave and sad, and deeply moving, this biblical story came to our memory:

" Then she fell upon her face ..... "

Miss Ruth Dewey Anderson, principal of Colegio Americano, had just entered the auditorium, crossed the platform, and was presiding at the ceremony of giving the certificates to the pupils who, having completed the Junior High School course, were filled with joyous anticipation, and in whose eyes, and on whose faces, and even in whose simple but beautiful graduation dresses, the happiness of the occasion was reflected. It was a lovely spring day of their lives when they had achieved their greatest triumph in life, and now only awaited the great moment of fulfillment.

Miss Anderson was extremely pale as she stood before the audience. This was very apparent to those who witnessed the scene. And this great American educator, whose work, so beautiful yet so silent, honored her own country, the United States of North America, had much reason to feel the great emotion which found expression in her pallor.

Many of the young girls in the graduating class had entered Colegio Americano shortly after Miss Anderson was made principal of the school nine years ago. To these girls she had given personal supervision of their education as they came up from the primary grades. Then, with a brief three-year interruption, due partly to a leave of absence

spent in her own country, she again became the principal of the school to guide these girls in their last year in Junior High School. During these years she not only fulfilled her specified duty as principal of the school, but above all she was able to fulfill the great mission of transmitting to the hearts of these young girls the kindness which filled her own heart. And furthermore, she fulfilled the motto of the school: "To educate is to teach to live."

Miss Anderson began to speak: "We will now proceed to give the certificates to the pupils who have completed the first part of the secondary course ....."

And, slowly, as one who has reached the end of her journey, she extended her arm over the table, and quietly, without a moan, laid her face on her hand and .....

Mary observed that homesickness - or longing for home - has made the Book of Ruth universally known and loved. And Keats, in his Ode to a Nightingale, condenses this longing for home into three lines, which has been called "a miracle of expression:"

"Perhaps the self-same song that found a path  
Through the heart of Ruth, when sick for home,  
She stood in tears amid the alien corn."

No! It was not just homesickness!

Emotion took her in its arms to take her to the presence of Him to whom she said:

"O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me,  
Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,  
Thou understandest my thoughts afar off.  
Thou hast laid thy hand upon me.  
I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and I will glorify thy name for evermore."

What more can we say of this beautiful spirit which has left us, whose life was given in the cause of Education in our midst?

Perhaps Wordsworth expressed it:

"Thy soul was like a star ....."

And thy memory will shine in the hearts of these young girls which as yet have not been touched by the bitterness of the times.

- Spoken in Portuguese over Radio Station GRUHA  
in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on the night of December  
16, 1949.  
Translated from Vinícius de Moraes's script  
by Mary Sue Brown

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Rua Prof. Duplan, 92, Apt. 5  
Porto Alegre  
Rio Grande do Sul  
Brazil, South America  
December 23, 1949

Dear Miss Elizabeth Lee:

I, as the bishop of the Southern Conference, want to present to you my profound thanks for all that you have done for our work in Brazil. The Methodist Church of Brazil is so indebted to the women of your country that it is completely impossible to repay you. There is only one way to recompense for that and that is our eternal gratitude. Our hearts are full of this sentiment. Each day that passes we feel closer to you and constrained by the great and holy forces of Christian love and gratefulness. The work that the men and women missionaries have done in Brazil, the excellent Christian influence which they have exerted are so noble and gracious that the Brazilian Methodists consider themselves also sons and daughters of the United States and brothers and sisters of your great people. The missionaries are the great diplomats and the real statesmen of your country to our country: they have done more for the brotherhood of the two largest countries in the Americas than the official diplomats of the governments. Accept therefore, Miss Lee, our hearts full of thankfulness for the inestimable contributions which through you the women of the United States have made to Brazil: our thankfulness for the missionaries already with us, for the coming of new ones and for the financial help which is necessary for their support, and for the institutions in which they work. With our thankfulness goes also our petition that you send more missionaries and more resources.

I want to inform you briefly of the sad notice of the death of Miss Ruth Anderson. You may be assured that for all the Brazilians it was a most painful experience. The violence of destiny took away from us, in the prime of life, one of the most intelligent and holy missionaries. Miss Ruth Anderson enchanted all with her humility, kindness, goodness, talents and capacity for service, by her spirit of hospitality, and by the smile always on her face. ~~For some time she had been suffering from her heart, but lately she had become much better and seemed well and enjoying good health. Because of this~~ It was a great surprise to us when death came to her. The hour was a happy one, some parts of the program had already been presented. Miss Ruth Anderson arose, made a short talk to the group, class and just when she said: "Now I am going to give out the diplomas," she lost consciousness and fell to never more regain consciousness ~~or arise in this world~~. The doctors present did everything they could for her but to no avail. She was carried to ~~the~~ "Pronto Socorro" but in spite of all efforts soon passed from the world to her eternal home with Christ. Many people stayed with her body which remained in the Chapel of Colegio Americano during the night. Many wreaths and many flowers showed the friendliness and longings of hundreds and hundreds of her friends and admirers. A multitude of men, women and children accompanied the body. There was a line of cars of more than two kilometers. The religious ceremony was directed by me: beautiful hymns were sung by the college choir in the chapel and in the cemetery. Fervent prayers and discourses were made through many tears. In a small part of land, in the extreme south of Brazil in the heart of the capital of Rio Grande do Sul, rests the earthly remains of the great educator, faithful and consecrated missionary, Ruth Anderson, and in the mansion of the just with the angelic choir she glorifies the great name of Jesus, our blessed Savior. There remains with us eternal longing for our beloved sister who left us so early in life.

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"The Lord gave her and the Lord took her, blessed be the name of the Lord"...

She died on the fifteenth of this month at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and was buried the next day at 11:00 o'clock in the morning in the cemetery of the Protestants in the city of Porto Alegre.

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With our thankfulness for all that you have done and with our very sincere invitation to visit us on the occasion of the General Conference which will be realized in this city beginning the 12th of February of 1950, we pray that God may bless you richly.

Respectfully and sincerely,

Isaías Ferrnandes Soares

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Isaias Fernandes Sucasas

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*1950*

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NAME (in full) ANDERSON, RUTH DEWEY		BIRTH DAY 4/29/1898	APPOINTMENT 3/30	FIRST SAILING 7/30	ARRIVAL FIELD 8/7/30	FIELD BRAZIL
BIRTH PLACE Wellington, Texas						WMC
CITIZENSHIP: U. S. A. _____ NATURALIZATION: DATE _____		RETIREMENT	RESIGNATION	WITHDRAWAL	DEATH 12/15/49	MARRIAGE
PLACE _____						NAME
SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION: JURISDICTION <u>South Central</u>		EDUCATION:				
CONFERENCE * <u>Northwest Texas</u>		DATE	INSTITUTION		DEGREE	
LOCAL SOCIETY _____		1916-1917	Texas Woman's College			
HOME CHURCH <u>Wellington, Texas</u>		1926	West Texas St. Teachers Col.		A. B.	
NEXT OF KIN _____		1927	U. of Calif. (summer)			
		1928-1930	Scarritt College		M. A.	
		1936	Scarritt and Peabody Colleges			
		1938	Peabody, Nashville, Tenn. (summer)			
DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP			
	Mrs. M. G. Anderson	Wellington, Texas	Mother			
	Clark B. Anderson	"	Brother			
	Frank E. Anderson	"	"			
	Mrs. J. R. Benson	Shamrock, Texas	Sister			
OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:		EX COMMITTEE ACTIONS				
Taught in public schools four years before going to field. Taught in U. S. Sept. 1937-June 1938.						

## FURLOUGHS

## APPOINTMENTS

LEFT FIELD	ARRIVED U. S.	LEFT U. S.	ARRIVED FIELD	COMMENTS	DATE	PLACE	WORK
-/36	2/36	10/38	10/19/38		1930-1936	Colegio Americano Porto Alegre	Teacher Princ, 1934-36
					10/38-1/40	Colegio Bennett, Rio	Teacher
					1/40-	Colegio Americano Porto Alegre	Principal

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT SALARY			
FROM	TO	FROM	TO
9/37	6/38		

June 1940

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ANDERSON, RUTH DEWEY  
(Brazil)

Date and Place of Birth: April 29, 1898, Wellington, Texas  
Conference: Northwest Texas  
Supported by: Northwest Texas Conference  
Relatives: Mrs. M. G. Anderson, Wellington, Texas  
Consecrated: March 1930, Amarillo, Texas  
Sent to Field: July 25, 1930  
Furloughs: January, 1936-January 1938 (Extended furlough without salary for family reasons)

Education:

1916-17 Texas Woman's College  
1926 West Texas State Teachers College, A.B. degree  
Major: History-English  
1924 University of Colorado, Summer  
1927 University of California, Summer  
1928-30 Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee,  
M.A. degree  
1936 Scarritt College and Peabody College, Nashville,  
Tennessee,  
1938 Peabody College, Summer

Appointments:

Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre, 1930-33  
1933-39 Colegio Bennett, Rio de Janeiro  
1940 Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre



# Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South

## Application Form

### Foreign Missionaries

Personal questions to be answered by the applicant

1. Full name? *Anderson, Ruth Dewey* Date *January 17, 1930*
2. Date and place of birth? *April 29, 1898, Wellington, Texas*
3. Present address *Scarritt College*
4. Permanent address *2 Lumsack, Texas*
5. Home and address of parents and father's occupation *Mrs. M. H. Anderson,  
2 Lumsack, Texas*
6. Name the institutions in which you were educated, the courses pursued, the date of graduation from each, and the degrees received. If not a graduate, give the period in which you were a student therein *Texas Woman's College, Fine Arts Course, 1916-1917; West Texas State Teachers College History-English Major, 1926, B. A. degree; Univ. of Colorado, summer 1924; University of California, summer 1927.*
7. What other educational advantages, if any, have you had? *Two years in Scarritt College for Christian Workers.*
8. Are you in debt? *yes* If so, for what amount? *\$320<sup>00</sup> to my fiancé.*
9. Can you arrange for payment before accepting work? *No*
10. Is anyone depending upon you for support? *No* If so, state circumstances and extent
11. Have you lived, and will you plan to live, within your income? *yes*
12. Have you ever been married? *No* Is your husband living?
13. Have you a meritorious engagement under consideration? *No*
14. Would you be willing to forego any personal habit which you found to lessen your influence over Christian converts on the mission field? *yes*
15. Is your temperament cheerful and hopeful? *usually so* Or are you inclined to despondency, discouragement, or worry? *to some extent, some times.*
16. Is your temperament such that you can adapt yourself to the new and strange conditions in a mission? *From past experience, I think I can adapt.*
17. Are responsibilities calmly and cheerfully borne; or do they produce disquietude, anxiety, sleepless nights? *I believe I bear responsibilities calmly and cheerfully. In long periods of strain these would I believe be facilitated and relieved by activity.*
18. Of what character is your general reading? *Professional literature, current news magazines, newspaper, some fiction.*

19. What are your favorite amusements or diversions? *Reading, Athletics*
20. Are you interested in athletics? *Yes* If so, what? *Basket ball, tennis, fishing, golf*
21. Is there any domestic or family relationship that may interfere with your entering missionary work? *As it stands now, NO.*
22. What experience have you had in any special line of work, and where?
23. Can you play the piano, organ, or other instruments? *NO*  
Can you teach these? *NO* Can you sing and lead a chorus? *NO, Sing in church*
24. Have you any views which would prevent your cordial co-operation with the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South? *None of which I am aware.*
25. What is your habit as to prayer and the devotional study of the Bible? *It is my custom to have a private devotional period each day.*
26. What experience have you had in Sunday school work, city or country mission work, or personal evangelistic work? *I have taught in the Sunday school since I was 18.*
27. Have you fully considered the trial of separation from your relatives, and have you decided that it is your duty to persevere in your purpose, even if those who are dear to you should deem it their duty to oppose you? *Yes, my purpose is fixed, unless I see God has another plan for me.*
28. Is it your purpose, under God, to enter missionary work for life? *So far as I can see now, it is.*
29. If you resign under five years, will you refund the full amount of your outfit and travel? *Yes*
30. What special field, if any, do you prefer? *Brazil or Mexico. My education best fits me for Latin America. I prefer Brazil if a training school for native workers is opened. Rather than Mexico, because in the field of Bible I had no precedent than Joshua or a language already set.*
31. Are you, nevertheless, willing to go wherever the Board may deem it best to send you, if in its judgment the way should not be clear for you to go to the field of your choice? *Yes*
32. What form of missionary work do you desire to make your specialty—educational, evangelistic, medical?  
*Educational*
33. What grade or branch of educational work do you deem yourself best fitted for? *Bible teaching in normal school*
34. Have you a natural love for teaching and for young people? *Yes*
35. Send a recent photograph of yourself.
36. Give names and addresses of four persons to whom we may write for further information about you including your pastor, your instructor, and those who have known you most intimately. *Rev. M. M. Presner, Presiding Elder, Plainview, Texas; W. F. S. Oggy, Head of West Hill, Canyon, Texas; Harris M. Cook, District Director, W. T. S. T. C., Canyon, Texas; Miss Mossie K. Gardner, Professor of English, Canyon, Texas; Superintendent F. D. [unclear], Supt of Schools, Pitala, Mexico.*

Fill out and return to Mrs. H. R. Steele, Candidate Secretary, 650 Lambuth building, Nashville, Tenn.

**CANDIDATE CORRESPONDENCE (Confidential)**  
**BOARD OF MISSIONS, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.**

**PRELIMINARY INFORMATION**  
 (A basis for correspondence involving no obligation)

Filled in by Ruth Anderson Age 22  
 Present address Miami, Tex Date May 14, 1928  
 Permanent address Shamrock, Tex (after May 18)  
 Confidante:

1. Present employment Teacher of history in High School Previous employment Teaching at Wellington
2. Time and place of uniting with the Church and present membership at the age of nine  
at Wellington, Tex. Present membership M. E. Church, Miami, Tex
3. Educational advantages:  
 Beginning with the high school period, state what schools, colleges, training schools, normal, technical, or other schools you have attended, the number of years at each, and any degrees received High School four  
years at Wellington, Tex., Texas Woman's College, Ft. Worth, one year.  
Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Tex three years - B. A. degree.
4. Are you a Student Volunteer? yes When did you volunteer? 1918
5. Are your parents in sympathy with your missionary purpose? yes
6. Are you liable for debt? No For what amount? Plans of payment?
7. Are you engaged to be married? No
8. Would you be willing to give up a personal habit which would injure your influence on a mission field? yes
9. What forms of work do you prefer? educational  
 What field? in the field
10. Have you had teaching experience? yes How long? 4 years What grades? 2 yrs. H. S. History  
at the grade of 10
11. Have you been active in Christian work? (Outline experience, offices held, etc.) yes  
not all night  
Weekday leader, Sunday School Teacher, Pres. of S. S. Union, Pres. of P. M. Union, Pres. of S. S. Union at  
(4 different churches)
12. What professional or business training have you had? (State character, length of service, etc.) Received  
a B. A. degree from Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Tex. in 1924  
and a number of other courses in Education and Public Speaking.
13. Have you vigorous, medium, or poor health? (Mention any disabilities.) See doctor's  
certificate
14. Are there any special limitations, problems, or other facts we ought to know? I have to support  
myself by my work

15. Why do you desire to enter missionary work? .. I believe the Lord has called me to such service ..
16. Have you applied to any other Board? No .. With what result?

17. Mention five persons as references. (Pastor, professors, and employers preferred.)

Name	Address
Rev. E. Eldridge	Pastor, Miami, Texas
Supt. F. D. Alden	Miami, Texas
Miss Mattie Swisher	Student Secy, Canyon, Texas
Miss M. Mess Richardson	Teacher W. F. S. S. C., Canyon, Texas
Miss Angie Debo	Critic Teacher, W. F. S. S. C., Canyon, Texas

Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South  
APPLICATION FORM  
Missionary Service

Personal questions to be answered by the applicant

1. Full name..... Ruth Dorey Anderson .. Date.. Aug. 10, 1928.....
2. Date and place of birth. .. April 29, 1898, Wellington, Texas.....
3. Present address .. Shamrock, Texas.....
4. Permanent address. . Shamrock, Texas.....
5. Conference .. Northwest Texas.....
6. Address of parents and father's occupation .. Mrs. J. R. Benson.....  
Shamrock, Texas.....
7. Name the institutions in which you were educated, the courses pursued, the date of graduation from each, and the degrees received. If not a graduate, give the period in which you were a student therein ..  
Texas Woman's College, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1916-1917.....  
West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Tex.  
History major, Permanent High School Certificate  
1926, B. S. degree, University of California, Summer 1927.....
8. What other educational advantages, if any, have you had? ..  
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9. Are you in debt? *No* .. If so, for what amount? *shall have to borrow to attend school.*.....
10. Can you arrange for payment before accepting work? *No*.....
11. Is anyone depending upon you for support?.... *No*.... If so, state circumstances and extent.....  
.....
12. Have you lived, and will you plan to live, within your income? ... *yes*.....

13. Have you a marriage engagement under consideration?..... *No*.....

14. Have you ever been married?..... *No*..... Is your husband living?.....

15. Would you be willing to give up any personal habit which you found to lessen your influence in Christian work?.....

..... *yes* .....

16. Of what character is your general reading? *Newspaper, professional magazines, clean fiction*

17. What are your favorite amusements or diversions?..... *reading* .....

18. Are you interested in athletics?..... *yes*..... If so, what? *Basket ball as observer*

19. What experience have you had in any special line of work, and where?.....

20. What experience have you had in Sunday school work, city or country mission work, or personal evangelistic work?..

..... *Teacher of eleven and 12 year old boys* .....

21. Can you play the piano, organ, or other instruments?..... *No*..... Can you teach these?..... *No*.....

Can you sing and lead a chorus?..... *No*.....

22. Is there any domestic or family relationship that may interfere with your entering missionary work?..... *No*.....

23. Are you willing to go wherever the Board may deem it best to send you, if the way should not be open for you to go to

the field of your choice?..... *yes*.....

24. Send a recent photograph of yourself.

25. Give names and addresses of four persons to whom we may write for further information about you, including your

pastor, your instructor, and those who have known you most intimately:

*Rev. John E. Eldridge, Miami, Texas*

*Mr. L. F. S. Leffly, Head of Dist. Dept. Canyon, Texas*

*Supt. F. D. Golden, Portales, New Mexico*

*Mrs. M. M. Witt, Matron, Cousins Hall, Canyon, Texas*

Fill out and return to Mrs. H. R. Steele, Candidate Secretary, Doctor's Building, Nashville, Tenn.

August 15, 1928.

CANDIDATE FOR MISSIONARY WORK  
NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE..

CONFIDENTIAL SUMMARY  
for  
Ruth Dewey Anderson

Address: Shamrock, Texas.

Date and Place of Birth: April 29, 1898 - Wellington, Texas.  
30 years of age.

Denomination: M. E. Church, South.

Health: Examining physician states that applicant is in good physical condition, no abnormalities. Weight 120 lbs; Height 5'5". Appendix and Tonsils have been removed.

Education: Graduated from High School at Wellington, Texas in 1918- 4 year course; Attended Texas Woman's College, Ft. Worth- 1916-17; West Texas State Teachers' College, Canyon, Texas, 2 yrs. B.A. Degree; 1 summer in Univ. of California- 1927. Is a member of the Scholarship Society of the South. Majored in History.

Experience: Four years teaching experience- 2 yrs. in primary grades; 2 yrs. high school History; teacher in Sunday school, leader in Epworth League, and president of Methodist Student Federation in College.

Testimonials: Mr. John L. Bluff, Miami, Texas, writes: "I have known Miss Ruth Anderson since she was a child; she is a fine worker in the church, active in Sunday school and Epworth League, and a member of the Epworth League; she has several credits in Sunday school teaching work- The quality of her above all else, her sound judgment and in Christian character; she is attractive in personal appearance and manner, her intelligence, and strong character quality. I do not believe that a better girl could stand in the way of her being a missionary."

Mrs. W. R. Ewing, Miami, Texas, writes: "I am writing you in behalf of Miss Ruth Anderson, who is entering Scarritt College this fall - She is a fine young woman, she taught in our public school and could have continued to do so had she chosen; we found her very bright, trustworthy, highminded and seemingly a thorough-going Christian in every way. I think you will be proud to have her in Scarritt."

(COPY)

Shamrock, Texas.  
August 5, 1928.

BRIEF SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF  
MISS RUTH ANDERSON: --

My father died when I was eight years old, the care of four children was left to my mother, who always has been a devout Christian.

I joined the Methodist church at the age of nine, but the first vital religious experience came through conversion when I was nineteen. At the close of the meeting in which I was converted, I offered myself for life service- that was the summer of 1917.

My older brother was in the army, the younger one was expecting to go. My health was poor, due to Malaria I had contracted while in school at Ft. Worth. As a result, I remained at home that year. Similar years followed in which it seemed impossible to continue my education.

Finally in 1922, I determined to finish my education, altho now I would have to finance it myself. With help from my family, by teaching two winters, by attending school in the summer and two long terms, I received the B.A. degree from West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, in 1926.

By this time my mother had quit keeping the home and wanted to live with me. The other children were married, or soon to be,- I studied much about whether my duty was to my mother or the work I felt God had called me to do. Finally I decided to take mother that winter, the past one she spent with my sister. This past winter I concluded that, although I like high school work, I could not do the Christian work I ought to do at the same time. After weeks of deliberation and conferences with those whose opinions I valued, I decided to train myself for Christian service in the educational field.

Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, to whom I wrote, advised me to enter Scarritt this fall. She said a scholarship would be available if I met the requirements. In my mind there is no doubt but that God is calling me to definite service. I once gave up the hope of a home of my own, because I felt God had another place for me. Since I graduated from College that thought has been constantly before me, and not until I definitely decided again this spring to do everything in my power to fit myself for His service, have I had complete assurance that I was doing His will.

I am a graduate of West Texas State Teachers College with a B.A. degree; have had two years of high school teaching, and am 30 yrs. of age. My training has been in teaching and teacher training entirely. My preparation for church work has been in practice, the usual League and Y.P.'s work. While in College I worked in, and was president one quarter of the Methodist Student Federation. At one time I hoped to do foreign mission work, but my health was bad for several years and I had to discontinue my school work. I am willing to do what the Lord wants me to do, and that I am fitted to do. My ability lies in the field of teaching, and my scholarship is high. I am a graduate member of the Scholarship Society of the South, which resembles the Phi Beta Kappa in its requirements.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Anderson.

Copied from the Letter written  
to Dr. Cuninggim, which Miss Winstead  
sent to me, and which has been returned to Scarritt.



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# NECROLOGIA

*R. Anderson*  
**PROF. MISS RUTH DEWEY ANDERSON**  
Reitora do Colégio Americano



Repercutiu com profunda magua nos meios educacionais da Metropole e, de um modo especial, nos circulos metodistas deste Estado, a noticia inesperada do falecimento repentino da Prof. Miss Ruth Dewey Anderson, Reitora do Colégio Americano, sediado nesta Capital.

Filha do sr. John W. Anderson e de sua esposa, sra. Marie G. Anderson, era ela natural de Wellington, Estado do Texas, onde nasceu a 29 de abril de 1898.

Tendo estudado na Faculdade de de Texas State Teachers

College, em Canyon City, Texas, ali tambem lecionou durante alguns anos, e fez após isso, o curso de Educação Religiosa na Faculdade Scarritt College for Christian Workers, em Nashville Tennessee, colando grau de Mestre de Artes (Master of Arts).

Chegada ao Brasil, no ano de 1930, a illustre educacionista lecionou pelo espaço de varios anos no Colégio Americano, nesta Capital, onde ocupou o alto cargo de Reitora, durante longo tempo, antes de ter ido passar seu ano de licença nos Estados Unidos, em 1946, quando especializou-se em Educação Religiosa, no Union Theological Seminary, de New York; tendo antes disso, substituido a Reitora do Colégio Bennett, no Rio de Janeiro, durante mais de um ano.

Voltando ao Brasil, Miss Anderson prestou eficiente auxilio á administração do Colégio Americano aqui sediado e do qual era Reitora Miss Mary Sue Brown. Com a volta desta para sua patria, a extinta voltou a administrar aquele educandario, como Reitora, cargo em que a morte veio colhe-la de surpresa, pois que o seu trespasse teve inicio quando presidia a

solenidade da entrega de certificados á ultima turma de formandos do corrente ano.

Miss Anderson, em varias oportunidades, demonstrou ser grande e devotada amiga dos professores, aos quais sempre dou sua inteira solidariedade, frisando que a autoridade do mestre, em ultima analise, repousa no apolo que aos mesmos deva dar a direção.

Demonstrando tambem seu grande entusiasmo pela "Agrupação das Ex-Alunas", considerava estas como que "uma familia irradiada por toda a Patria", por isso que Miss Anderson dava grande atenção ás atividades fora do curriculum, que visavam dar as alunas uma mentalidade sã e uma compreensão mais nitida do que é a vida, fora das limitações do programa do ensino propriamente dito.

O corpo da pranteada mestra, foi velado, por grande numero de colegas, alunos e pessoas amigas, na Capela do Colégio, de onde saiu, seguido por extenso cortejo de automoveis, rumo ao Cemiterio Evangelico, no qual repousa.

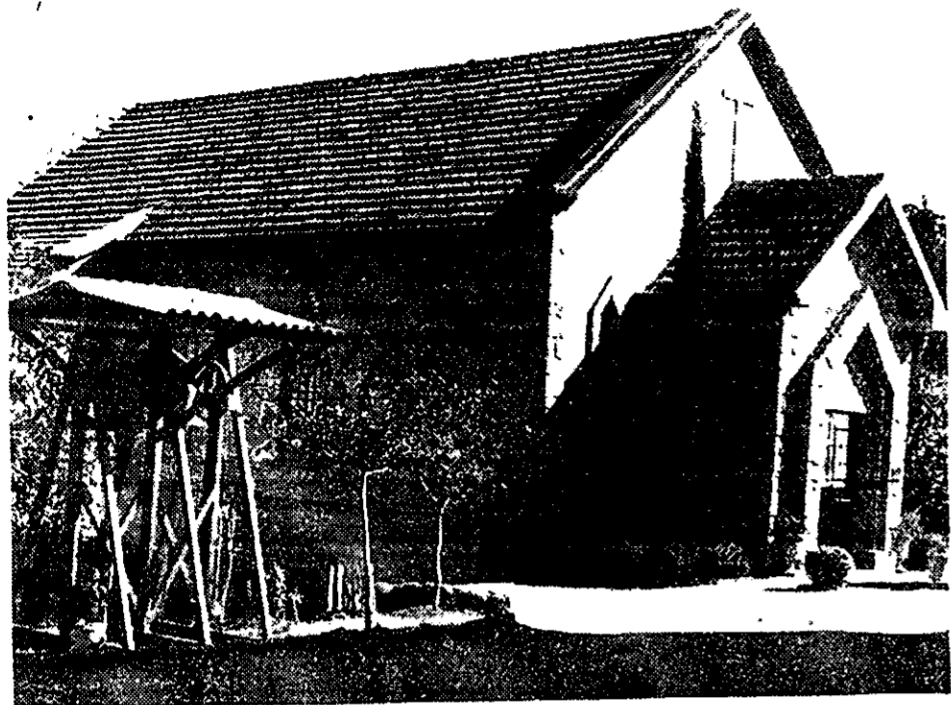
O officio funebre, pelo ritual metodista, foi dirigido pelo dr. Isaias Fernandes Sucasas, bispo metodista, e dele participaram o dr. Atalicio Pithan, bispo da Igreja Episcopal Brasileira, e o dr. Derli Chaves, vereador municipal e pastor da Igreja Metodista Central; tendo na ocasião se feito ouvir o coro da capela que, sob a regencia do maestro Schneider, entouo diversos hinos sacros adequados á cerimonia.

Retirado o esquife da camera ardente, dali foi ele conduzido por professores e alunas daquele educandario, e por grande numero de pessoas até o coche funebre que o levou á necropole, onde, após a execução da segunda parte do officio funebre, seguiram-se as diversas homenagens á tlo illustre extinta.

Num comovente discurso de despedida, e falando em nome dos colegas, o Prof. João Fassinha pôs em evidencia, de forma tocante, os reais e assinalados serviços que Miss Anderson prestou á Educação, bem como os excepcionais dotes de coração e de espirito que sempre a tornaram por todos querida e admirada.

EXCURSAO DA VARIG \*  
MONTEVIDEO

A convite dos Serviços Aereos Varig, viajou ontem, para Montevideo, um grupo de representantes da imprensa de Porto Alegre. Na bela capital uruguaia permanecerão os excursionistas até terça-feira próxima, quando regressarão para



*The Chapel at Colégio Americano.*



*Lighting the candles on the altar.*

## Chapel Pews Honor Memory of RUTH ANDERSON

● *In the lovely chapel of Colégio Americano in Porto Alegre, Brazil, memorial pews given by the family and friends of the late Miss Ruth Dewey Anderson have been dedicated in a beautiful ceremony.*

AS THE BELLS RANG OUT OVER THE campus, students and teachers made their way to the little chapel which stands as a symbol of the religious life of Colégio Americano. After months of waiting, the pews were ready for dedication. While the strains of the organ played by Maestro Leo Schneider filled the chapel, the acolyte lighted the wax tapers in the wrought-iron candelabrum which stood on the altar. Singing as the processional "The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ Our King," the vested choir entered, followed by the Rev. Deih de Azevedo Chaves, president of the Board of Trustees of the Americano, who was to conduct the dedication service.

After entering the choir loft, the choir sang as the call to worship, "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple," by Lorenz. The Bible lesson taken from Matthew 21:10-14 was read, followed by the choral response: "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Men."

Dr. Chaves used as the theme of his sermon "A Living Experience in a Chaotic World." The choir then sang Commod's "Benedictus." The pews were presented, and Dr. Chaves made the prayer of dedication: that they be used always to the glory of God; that those who enter the chapel seeking a closer relationship to the Father find there communion with him who is the answer to all our needs. The recessional hymn was "Onward Christian Soldiers." The candles on the altar were extinguished, and the chapel bells, ringing out, closed the service.

"Onward Christian Soldiers," which in the Portuguese version is "Advance, O Christians," is the official hymn of the Advance movement in the Methodist Church of Brazil and gives fitting expression to the ideal of action as the result of consecration.

The money for the chapel fund was given by the alumnae and friends of Colégio Americano, and the chapel was fittingly named in honor of Miss Mary Sue Brown, who designed the

building. The beautiful simplicity of its mission lines gives to it an air of reverence and worship. Since its dedication in 1948, the chapel has been the scene of religious services: Sunday schools, vespers, funerals, baptisms and weddings.

The beautiful bells which ring out the call to worship for our services were a gift of Maestro Leo Schneider, who each year trains the students to sing an oratorio. In 1950 he presented his newest oratorio, "Jesus, the Nazarene," and with the money received from a tour made to six cities of the state he bought the bells which were dedicated on October 7, 1950.

The pews have a special significance for all who are connected with the Americano as they were given by the family and friends in memory of Miss Ruth Dewey Anderson who for fifteen years as teacher and principal had given unstintingly of herself in the guidance of Brazilian girls; who at the end of a school year, when ready to confer upon those who had completed the course, the certificates, had gone on to give an account of her stewardship to her Master. The pews are made of cedar to match the woodwork of the altar.

On each one is a cross, the lines harmonizing with the architecture.

The dedication of the pews of the chapel marked the beginning of Religious Emphasis Week in Colégio Americano. During the week many of the students came to have the living experience of a closer walk with God.

WORLD OUTLOOK



© Bishop Arthur J. Moore receives from Dr. James K. Mathews the whale's tooth sent by the Synod of The Methodist Church in Fiji as a mark of esteem and gratitude for assisting in the theological education of the Rev. Setareki A. Fuirovoni, now director of young people's work in Fiji. The presentation of a whale's tooth is the highest mark of respect and gratitude that a Fijian can offer.

ity. All applicants, the announcement said, must be ready to meet hardships and difficulties—doing without many modern conveniences—facing health hazards, postponing marriage, struggling with a new language, meeting baffling problems, being in the midst of great suffering and need.

Dr. Eugene L. Smith, executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Mis-

sions, reported that during the past four years the Methodist Church has expended more than \$25,000,000 on overseas missionary work. For this amount should be added the overseas expenditures for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, totaling about \$7,000,000 for work at home and abroad.

Dr. L. R. Brown, Executive Sec-

retary of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, said the Church was in the midst of its biggest building boom. Other officials expressed the hope that a minimum of three new Methodist churches could be constructed weekly during the next four years. The cost of this program is estimated to exceed \$200,000,000.

A report to the delegates stated that the value of church property held by the denomination exceeds \$1,000,000,000. The value of parsonage property was set at \$155,000,000. Both of these figures reflect a large increase since 1941.

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*Ruth Dewey Anderson*

"Faithful unto death" expresses in a few words the character and life of Ruth Dewey Anderson, who was called suddenly, on December 15, 1949, to the presence of her Lord during the commencement exercises in the chapel of Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Miss Anderson was born in Wellington, Texas. One of five children in a devoted Methodist home, she was educated in Texas Woman's College. Later she earned her Master's degree in Religious Education at Scarritt College. At various times she continued her studies at the University of California and Peabody College for Teachers.

Going to Brazil in 1930 as a missionary, she was appointed to work in Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Brazil, where she spent almost her entire missionary life. Never robust in health, she was compelled to take long furloughs in order to build up sufficient reserve for her work. For nine years in all, she was principal of this growing, developing school.

She was laid to rest on a lovely hill in the Protestant cemetery of Porto Alegre.

School in 1896, Miss Baker served as visiting deaconess and superintendent of the Deaconess Home in Providence, Rhode Island. She also served Lake Bluff Orphanage, Lake Bluff, Illinois, and Montana Deaconess School, Helena, Montana.

***Jane Barlow***

Miss Jane Barlow, a woman of English birth and culture, associated herself with our Methodist Mission in Korea in 1912.

In 1938, Miss Barlow "retired," expecting to return to England, but before she arrived in San Francisco, her country was at war. She remained in California for a short time and later returned to Korea for a few more months. In December, 1940, she evacuated with all of the missionaries. During most of her stay in America, she lived in Warren, Ohio.

Miss Barlow had the opportunity to return to England in May, 1944, on the first boat to carry civilians, so she was privileged to have her last five years amidst her loved ones and friends in the beauty of her homeland before she was called home on March 13, 1950.

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