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Dear Dr. Connor:

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I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 3, 1928, and the attached annual report for Recife, Pernambuco.

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The report is very complete and I am indeed glad to have it. I think I may say that it is the most complete report we have had from any station in Brazil up to the present time.

It is interesting to see how you can be of aid to the State health officers in Brazil, informing them of what is taking place in other States in that country. It is not unusual for our representatives to know more about a country than many of the natives. I think this is true of Italy where Dr. Hackett is working; that is, Dr. Hackett has a better idea of the extent of malaria in Italy than almost any Italian. You, by your studies of the yellow fever campaigns in the different states of Brazil, are coming to know more about the states than many Brazilian health officers. I can readily see where you will be of great assistance to these health officers by giving advice and information which will lead to improvement not only in the yellow fever campaign but in all public health work.

(Copy sent Dr. Soper)

Dr. M. E. Connor

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Sometimes we are apt to forget the real objective of our work, - that is, that what we wish to do is to help each country establish a health organization suitable and adequate to the needs of the country. The method we use to bring this about varies in each country. Sometimes it is hookworm disease, sometimes malaria, yellow fever or someother disease or condition. Nevertheless, the objective remains the same, and we all hope that the yellow fever work will lead to a better health organization in the states and in the nation of Brazil. This does not mean that yellow fever or hookworm work are not important. They are of great importance, but they are only partial objectives. Of course we have to do better work in yellow fever and hookworm than the local people have been able to do, otherwise we could not stimulate them to develop better health organizations than they now have.

I hope that you, Soper, and the rest of the men will do whatever you can to stimulate the formation of a better and more adequate health organization in each state, and that you will not regard our work as completed when we withdraw from the yellow fever campaign.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Soper, and shall be glad to hear from both him and you on the subject.

Very sincerely yours,

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