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of people before
forward, are improving. The difference is that the the first class of ~~people~~ are coming
to the front and are getting opportunities." Actually they didn't think that missions had
anything to do with it. Well, when he got back he went inland to the place where his father
~~had been~~ and his father's brother had come from. And there he found (71/2) of
his father and his uncle who had been working alone side of him and had been converted, and
found that they still had the same old standards of living, the same lack of any opportunity.
So he thought it was pretty good evidence that it simply wasn't a matter of improvement of
conditions or of general progress but that it was actually the effect of the gospel. Of course
the thing he was interested in was their salvation which was the vital thing. But the interesting
side factor was that it resulted in giving to Brazil so many sons of high character and high
education and high standards. There is an interesting story that Dr. Geram told me there in
Reseekee. He was graduated in medicine and had a church he was pastor of, and one of his
professors took him out to a hospital there which was run by Roman Catholic monks; and he said
to the head monk, "I'd like to introduce to you Dr. Beram. He's a protestant teacher, and
He just wants to be doing work here in Reseekee." His response was respectable, but not
the least sign of cordiality-not the least sign. And he said the next two years he brought
patients there and performed operations there and most of the poor people who were protestants
came to that hospital. There he said that many of them were actually persecuted. There was
really a very disagreeable attitude towards the protestants. Well, then he said one day
he was there and he heard the monk say, " (9 1/2) ".
Well, one day he overheard her say to one of the doctors, "Do you have such and such a Medicine?
I would like to have some of it." She asked the different doctors there and they said, "No,
I don't have any." Then she asked another, and he said, "I don't have any." They just weren't
interested in bothering with her. They were all Roman Catholic doctors. Well, Dr. Geram
said that he stepped up to her and said, "Sister-----, I've heard you say that you would
like some this medicine." "Oh," she said, "I'd very much like some." "Well I have some at
home," he said. "I'll get it for you." So he went right home and got her the medicine.
And he said when he came in she just changed completely. He said that she really smiled