

work. All churches are served by Puerto Rican pastors, and the head of the church work, Dr. Angel Archilla y Cabrera, is also a Puerto Rican.

The Presbytery of Puerto Rico unites with six other denominations in maintaining a Union Evangelical Seminary to train ministers for all Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, and Cuba. Dr. James A. McAllister, pioneer missionary to Puerto Rico, has been president of the Seminary for many years.

**A**ND the Church has been diligent in teaching. The only evangelical college in Puerto Rico, Polytechnic Institute, began as a Presbyterian mission project in 1912. It is unique in that it functions in two languages, English and Spanish, dedicated to the proposition of training Puerto Rican youth to be cultural and spiritual

*Through Teaching*



links between the Americas. All of its students work in the industrial department for at least one year. This not only enables them to earn part of their college expenses, but also is fast breaking down the upper class aversion to manual labor. Polytechnic's buildings, roads, and furniture, are all or in part the product of student labor.

Polytechnic now has about three hundred acres of land, twenty-four concrete buildings, 350 students, twenty faculty members, twenty other staff members, an arts and crafts department, wood-working shop, and its own dairy, poultry farm, apiary, pigs, beef herd, farm, gardens, orchards, and even a small hotel for visitors. All vocational departments are operated in part with student labor, and most of them are not only self-sustaining but help to sustain the college.

Two-thirds of the Presbyterian pastors in Puerto Rico have attended Polytechnic.

**W**HY not visit Puerto Rico and see just what your Church is doing? Three and one-half days by boat from New York and half a day by plane from Miami, Puerto Rico offers not only an exceptional opportunity to see mission work at first hand but also many other interests for tourists.

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## Uniting The Americas

LONG before men urged plans for "hemispheric defense" or Mr. Roosevelt enunciated his "Good Neighbor" policy, the Church had taken unto itself the job of making the Americas one in friendship and faith. There are thousands of evidences of the earnestness with which this task has been tackled all over Latin America: hospitals, churches, schools, neighborhood houses, preaching centers, and Bible houses, but there is no better field in which to observe the Church at work than Puerto Rico. What Korea has been to Asia, as far as response to the gospel goes, Puerto Rico has been to Latin America.

### *Through Healing*



AN American woman who gave hours of unselfish service to getting equipment for the Presbyterian Hospital in San Juan never dreamed that her efforts would be rewarded directly. Then one day word came from Puerto Rico that her son in the United States Army needed a delicate major operation to save his life. Because of what she and thousands of other mothers had done, there was the Presbyterian Hospital with the most modern equipment to make possible the operation. During the boy's convalescence his mother visited him. With wonder, gratitude, and tears in her eyes, she spoke to the surgeon at "El Presbiteriano," told how she had made bandages, hemmed linens, and collected contributions for the Hospital in her missionary society . . . never dreaming . . . never dreaming . . .

The Presbyterian Hospital now has 135 beds and raises three-fourths of its expenses on the field. It does thousands of dollars worth of charity work each year for the poor and dispossessed, the ratio of charity to paying patients having been ten to one over the years. The Hospital also serves missionaries, American business and Government employees, and officers and men of the United States Army, Navy, and Air Force, of whom there are some 15,000 in Puerto Rico. Six staff members are from the United States; all others are Puerto Ricans. With healing the Presbyterian Hospital is truly uniting the Americas.



### *Through Preaching*

BUT just as the Master went about uniting the world by preaching and teaching, as well as healing, so is the Church going about uniting the Americas. The Church has been most diligent in its preaching. Many Latin Americans are not Catholic Christians, just as many North Americans are not Protestant Christians. And many more Latin Americans are Catholics in name only, just as many North Americans are Protestants in name only. In forty years the number of Presbyterian churches in Puerto Rico has increased from none to forty and the total membership from none to four thousand. The Presbytery of Puerto Rico shows each year a percentage of growth through confessions of faith more than twice that of the Church as a whole. The only two members of the Presbytery working in Puerto Rico who are not natives of the Island are in educational