

where we left our grips and purchased two small boxes of sardines and a loaf of bread. Finally the owner of the store and an unfurnished house adjoining said we could stay in the unfurnished house. We went to the upper floor, which besides the floor only had a roof over it and began to prepare for our frugal meal. The man came up and offered to bring up a mattress and said coffee was coming up. He also gave us a moringa of water. We were then in pretty good shape. He soon brought up a pot of coffee and an oil taper. We enjoyed our supper and retired. We were up at 6 A. M. the next day. The man brought up a pot of coffee as soon as he heard us up. He also said he was going to Vespasiano, but that he had ordered breakfast and it would be ready about nine o'clock. We arranged for him to take our baggage back and leave it at a store at Vespasiano. We went out and made some more photographs and about noon we started back. The day was oppressively hot and we had the collecting case and my large camera. The distance from Lagao Santa to Vespasiano is, in my opinion, more nearly ten than four miles. This town, Pirapora, has a population of 2,000, practically all negroes. They are as slow as molasses in January. The rapids are opposite the town. There looks to be a fall of 20 to 50 feet in a distance of several hundred yards. There is no navigation above here except in canoes. We hope to be able to leave here Tuesday or Wednesday, if only to go a part of the way up the river. This will give us a chance to see other towns and sections and we can catch the regular steamer later. The way they feed a fellow in this country is a fright. A cup of black coffee about eight or nine, breakfast at 10:30 to 12:00 and dinner 5:30 to 6:30 and coffee or tea at 9:00 P. M. I can tell you a good home dinner would taste awfully good now. This is a big level river bottom, used almost wholly for cattle raising, they are growing some rice and some corn. Corn throughout the sections we have visited is the principal crop grown. They grow thousands of acres of good corn, all by hand, breaking the land, planting and cultivating is all done with a hoe by hand. The Sao Francisco River at this point at this time, when it is fairly high, is about one-quarter of a mile wide and looks quite a good deal like the Ohio or Missouri. We were told Saturday that it takes twelve to fifteen days to go from here to Joazeiro, we have always been told before that the steamers make it down in about seven days. O, well, we will do the best we can and make the trip so as to get home with as little delay as possible."

On Monday April 13th. Mr. P. H. Dorsett and Mr. F. W. Popenoe, tanned by the rays of a tropical sun, returned to