



Missionary District of Porto Rico

Rt Rev. Manuel Ferrando

Bishop Suffragan

Mountain Lakes, N. J.
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Rt. Rev. C. B. Colmore, D. D.,
Sewanee, Tenn.

My dear Bishop,

Yours of July 21st, marked Missent,

- I don't know why, as the address was correct, — at last reached me, and I can assure you that since then I have not had time in order to be able to give you a satisfactory answer. But, owing to the season I have made little advance in spite of several trips to interview the parties concerned, regarding the property at Quebrada Limón, etc.

Mr. Kortebentel, after obtaining legal advice, is of the opinion that we can do nothing at the present time, for two reasons: First, because we cannot hold a meeting of the Board of Trustees until after the middle of September.

three being absent, - one of them in Europe -
Second, that the Board, having practically
turned over the property to the Domestic and
Foreign Missionary Society, and not having
received official answer of acceptance, we
ought not to act as if we had met with
a refusal, which is not the case. So the
only proper thing to do is to ask the D. & F. M. S.
to decide upon acceptance or non acceptance.

I wrote to Dr. Wood with regard to this several
days ago, but have not received a reply
as yet.

I return herewith your statement of our
interview, unsigned, as I do not find it
all exactly correct; and also because in the
opinion of Mr. Kortumbeutel it would be
interpreted as an official act on my part,
as President, for which I have not been
authorized by the Board of Trustees. You
know, among the Trustees there are some repre-
senting big business concerns, and they are very
slow to act, and careful as to what they do.

Then also, you state that after four resigned, I
would be the only original member left. There
are six members on the Board of Trustees. The



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Complete number is seven, but one has passed away, and out of respect, and also because we were transacting this move, the vacancy has not been filled - Probably I did not express the situation to you as fully as I should. But, any way, if the D. & F. Mis. So. is willing to act, this paragraph is void.

In the last paragraph it is stated that the papers are in the hands of Dr. Wood - while, in reality, neither I, nor the Trustees have ever had any conversation or correspondence in this respect with Dr. Wood, but only with Dr. Gray, and I do not know where those papers are.

As soon as I have any news with regard to this whole matter I shall be glad to communicate it to you at once. - I have been waiting from day to day for a reply, but it may be that Dr. Wood is away -

Hoping that you are having a pleasant
summer, and that Mrs. Colmore's health
is improving, and with greetings from all
here to you all.

I am, faithfully yours,

Manuel Ferrando
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