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The Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,  
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Mountain Lakes, N. J.

My dear Bishop Ferrando:

Thank you for your several letters and the information that you will leave New York on January 5th for Porto Rico.

The whole matter of the taxes is all right and nothing to fear until the next payments are due after the first of January. The appropriation in the Schedule for Porto Rico takes care of this item. Miss Leary has advised you that she was sending \$30.00 to Ramon for his work. This has gone and I suppose he has been taken care of. This amount has been charged to your Discretionary Fund. The remaining amount in this Fund and the amount for "Repairs at Quebrada Limon" will be withdrawn and placed to your credit as per your request.

Did you ever receive word from Dr. Gray as to being allowed to use part of the amount appropriated for Mr. Edmunds' salary for work on the farm during the year 1927? We made request, you will remember, for permission to use that salary for a teacher and farm work in 1928 but I have received no word authorizing us to pay anything for farm work from this item in 1927. If you have any such word or can see Dr. Gray about it after Christmas and authorization is given for the use of say \$100.00 you might cable me so that we may pay it before the end of the year, otherwise it will revert to the Council as an unexpended balance.

Am glad to hear that your requests for Quebrada Limon were approved by the Council. I have heard nothing about them as yet, but suppose that information will arrive next week.

The keys for the Studebaker have arrived and fit perfectly in the locks so everything will be ready for you upon your arrival. I hope to be able to get the bill of sale of the Pontiac and get it off to you on this week's mail.

I know you must have gone through a very difficult time with the trial etc and I have felt very much for you during this time. Please give my regards to Bill and Edith and I trust that the Lord will strengthen them to bear their sorrow.

Am enclosing a statement about the Conference which is to be held at Mayaguez this year and will open on January 9th. If you sail on the 5th you will be in time for the Conference and will have the pleasure of making the trip with Fr. Conover, Dr. Bradner and two of the ladies who are to take part in the Conference. I certainly hope you can sail at that time. I am trying to persuade all the Clergy from

Quebrada Limon to go, though I know some of them will not understand very much of the lectures. Yet I think they would benefit greatly by seeing the Conference and getting something of the spirit of things. Also those who do understand both languages will be able to interpret something of it to them.

Mrs. Colmore joins me in warmest regards to you and Mrs. Ferrando for the Christmas Season and looking forward to seeing you again here soon, believe me

Very sincerely and affectionately yours,

Chas B. Colmore.

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