

Quebrada Limón, P. R.
February 11, 1932

My dear Bishop:

Your letter of January 27th is at hand. Thank you for explaining the matter of recommendations from Bishops. I am sorry I had to bother you three times before receiving an answer.

I am astounded to learn that all my reports and correspondence have failed to reach your hands. After you left Puerto Rico on March 14th, 1929 I wrote regularly consulting you in every matter of importance, giving detailed news of Quebrada Limón and the work in progress. And in December 1930, after a prolonged silence and lack of cooperation on your part I tendered my resignation. Therefore, I cannot understand how you can say you have had no reports and have heard nothing of the happenings in Quebrada Limón except from Bishop Colmore. Surely it is not my fault that my correspondence was not allowed to reach your hands.

Now in regard to my salary. You say you are "in the dark" about my reference to back salary. Again I am astounded. I have before me the statement dictated and signed by you on May 10th, 1928 from which I shall quote-

".....Beginning May 1st, 1928 my secretary, Ruth A. Valentine, shall take up duties as my private secretary, be adviser to the Mission workers, and when able lend her services to the Church and Farm. For which work she shall receive a salary of \$100.00 monthly made up as follows:

From the Farm	\$15.00
" " Mission Workers' Fund	15.00
" " Church of the Atonement	4.17
" " Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando	65.00

Which salary shall continue until she resign or receive written notification from me."

Until your last letter (January 27, 1932) no mention had been made of any change in salary. Before you left in March 1929 I brought up the matter and you assured me that there was no cause for a change that I was to continue my duties as stated above and that you would send me your part of my salary from time to time. After your arrival in New York you sent me a check to cover April, May, June and July of 1929 and since then nothing. If you will figure up the account you will find that you owe me for seventeen (17) months and that is what I termed "Back Salary". Had you written me in the meantime and told me it was impossible to continue the payments I could have accepted a very good position San Juan and both of us should have been spared any unpleasantness about money matters. But as you did not I continued my work for you in good faith and wrote several times reminding you of your overdue account with me. Now that positions are not to be found and I have no money on which to live I again ask you to please send me something on account and liquidate this debt by small payments.

With all good wishes
Faithfully yours

Ruth A. Valentine