



MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO

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Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,  
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Dear Bishop Ferrando:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 9th, and for your assurance that everything will be done for Miss Lovett's comfort and welcome.

I note what you say about Clotilde, and about the people of Quebrada Limon. I shall be very much interested to hear about your solution of the problems connected with Quebrada Limon.

As to accounts at the store: I did not know how much this amounted to, so did not know what money to send for the purpose. Modesto reports that, through Dec. 31st, there is a debt balance amounting to \$177.43. I am, therefore, sending you a check for \$180.00, to cover this, thinking there might be a few cents difference from Modesto's figures, one way or the other. As I understand it, there are to be no debts that we will have an obligation for, after Dec. 31st. That is, they are to keep within the allowance of the total amount allowed, or \$300, during January; and in February we are to start on a new basis which we shall decide upon.

I told you that the appropriation for Quebrada Limon would be increased from \$200. to \$300., from the first of Oct., 1923. Upon investigation, I find that I cannot substantiate this by any copy of a resolution received from the Missions' House. The only fact appearing is that the increase begins with the new appropriation schedule, Jan. 1, 1924. The way that I am trying to arrange this is that I have taken \$100 per month from Oct. to Dec., inclusive, that is \$300, from the 1923 schedule. I now have to write to New York and ask them to authorize this action. If they fail to do so, I shall have to return the \$300 to the treasury, and will have to charge this \$180, either to the 1924 account for Quebrada Limon, or use what we have in hand for the work, received through you. I am, therefore, not sending you the entire \$300, but am waiting for their action in the matter.

I am trying to get the copy of last year's report for Ponce, and hope I can send it to you within a short time. I am forwarding to you a copy of last year's Journal, which will give you the principal information reported for Holy Trinity mission.

I hope that Alejo has begun work by this time, and that things are going merrily on. Am glad you signed the document from the municipality for permission to make the repairs.

Dr. Gray has sent me a copy of his letter to you, regarding the title deeds. It seems to me that the best suggestion made therein is the one to get the statement from Mr. Horton, our