

Copy of Letter from Dr. Gray with regard to the  
property of Quebrada Limon.

Domestic and Foreign Mis'y Soc'y.  
San Juan, March 16, /24.

Dear Bishop Ferrando:

Representing the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Soc'y,  
I am able to make the following proposal:

We will buy the property on which the Church and buildings  
stand, being as you state about 113 acres for \$4000.00, paying as  
follows:

Fifteen hundred dollars (\$15000.00) cash down, the balance  
of \$2500 by a note @ 6% interest for 2½ years, it being understood  
that while we may not be able to pay the full \$2500 plus int. before  
Sept. 1926, we hope to be able to liquidate the full debt of \$2500  
in a shorter period. Personally I hope to be able to raise the  
sum in about a year.

With regard to the remaining property, the Veitia, - and  
that which you hold under documento privado, - I am not in a posi-  
tion to make a definite offer now, but if the above proposal is ac-  
cepted, we would send a young farmer to experiment, and if he ac-  
complished results demonstrating the practicability of carrying on  
a more or less self-supporting farm school, then I would be in a  
position to ask the Council to purchase the rest of the property.

Since you have said the 113 acres which we propose to buy  
is not enough or suitable for said demonstration purposes, I am sure  
I could get permission for our representative to work the Veitia and  
the rest of the land with the understanding that all that the Domestic  
and Foreign Missionary Society would have to do would be to pay the  
Taxes, which I understand would amount to about \$100.

The total of all the taxes for all the properties has been  
about \$100.00 for 1923 according to your receipts, but I understand  
that taxes vary from year to year, and it might be a little more or  
less next year.

I might add that the minimum ~~amount~~ amount that I would feel  
justified in asking the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society to  
pay for the balance of the land which for the present we shall not  
own, would be \$4000.

Personally, if the Farm School succeeds, I would hope to  
ask for more.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur R. Gray,  
Sec'y for Latin America

TRANSLATION OF DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY IN THE WARD MARUEÑO,  
MUNICIPALITY OF PONCE, PORTO RICO, CALLED BY BISHOP FERRANDO  
THE VEITIA.

- A. Landed property called "Paradise" which is situated in the ward of Marueño of Ponce, Porto Rico, composed of thirteen acres more or less, equivalent to five hectareas, ten areas and ninety-five centiareas, dedicated to coffee, mánor crops and pasture, containing a house of wood roofed with zinc with a balcony all around it. The house measures sixteen meters, seven hundred and eighteen milimeters in the front, by ten meters, thirty-one milimeters in depth. The said house is built of native timber and imported pine, built above the ground, and another house of wood, roofed with palm leaves suitable for a store. Said landed property is bounded on the east by property of Don Mayoral; on the south by property of Doña Juana Pastrana and Ortiz; on the west with lands of Don Francisco Rivera and the hacienda "Santa Rita" of Don Francisco Castillo Veitia; and on the north with lands of the same hacienda "Santa Rita" and with those which formerly belonged to Doctor Don Esteban Vidal y Rios.
- B. Portion of land called "Santa Rita" situated also in the Ward of Marueño of Ponce composed of sixty acres, equivalent to twenty-four hectareas, forty-seven areas and eighty-seven centiareas, given over to pasture, undergrowth and fruit trees. It contains a house or wood roofed with native tile which measures eight yards on the front by five deep. The land is bounded on the north with a vecinal road which leads from Marueño to the ward of Quebrada Limon, by lands of Doña Eulalia Martinez and others of Don Remigio Rodríguez; on the south with lands of the same Mrs. Martinez, of Don Manuel Maldonado, Don Francisco Rivera and Don Eduardo Torres; on the east by another public road which leads to Ponce; and on the west with lands of Clemente Bartolomei.