

Dec. 1, 1932.

Dr. John W. Wood,
281 Fourth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wood:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Valentine dated Nov. 17th together with a statement made by the Rev. Antonio Villafañe regarding the interview of the Rev. Antonio Villafañe with Miss Marjorie Valentine referred to in Mr. Valentine's letter; also a copy of my answer to Mr. Valentine. I wrote my letter after consultation with the Rev. F. A. Saylor, Rev. Antonio Villafañe, Mr. Valois Pagan and Mr. Alberto S. Poventud, a lawyer of Ponce and a member of St. Luke's Hospital Board, in Ponce on the morning of Nov. 26th.

I do not think that these letters need comment from me. So far as I know there have been no further developments. I was at Quebrada Limon on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 26th, 27th and 28th. I sincerely trust there will be none.

On July 12, 1932 Mr. Valentine signed a renunciation of power and cession of rights supposed to have been given to him by Bishop Ferrando in 1928, in favor of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society represented by me, in return for payments in cash, land and chattels amounting to \$350.00. On the same date, July 12, 1932, Mr. Valentine tendered his resignation as agriculturist in charge of the farm belonging to the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Quebrada Limon, Ponce, to take effect on August 15, 1932."

In confidence, I have advised and ordered everyone at Quebrada Limon to use no force to resist anything that Mr. Valentine's daughters may do but I would not consider it possible to deliver to anyone outside the management of the farm the keys to any gates to the property any more than I would the key to the Church. Every courtesy possible will be shown to Mr. Valentine or any member of his family.

I need only add that there is a road, I might call it a bridle path, round the property which is much easier to take than the road through the property which requires the opening and closing of some five different gates. The bridle

path referred to was, just after the recent rains, in bad condition but it has been repaired and is used by our own people except when it is necessary to take the ox-cart to the other side of the property.

All the above is sent you for information.

With best wishes and warm regards, believe me
ever,

Very sincerely yours,

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