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The Right Rev. James H. Van Buren, D.D.  
Bishop of Puerto Rico.

Right Rev. Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from Miss Emery about Miss McCallough, the teacher in Cuba, who has been applying for Mayaguez. She says of her, "Miss McCallough seems to be a very lovely woman, a most devoted churchwoman, and a gifted teacher"; but she adds "being in Cuba, it might be well for her to be added to the Missionary force there. We are in communication with Bishop Knight about this". Miss McCallough herself, also writes, "Bishop Knight says he has work for me here, and told me to write to Miss Emery and let her decide whether I must come to Porto Rico or stay here".

This, in fact, means that there is more desire to retain Miss McCallough in Cuba than send her to us. We are, therefore, in statu quo ante, with no prospect whatever of getting a principal for our school; and I cannot help feeling that our pressing

need has not received adequate consideration. I am replying to Miss Emery; and, with my letter, will close our correspondence about a teacher. -

Respecting next year, I think it would be better to close the school than open it - with the same, or similar staff. It seems a pity to do this after working the school up to such a high average attendance, and purchasing a lot for the erection of a school house; but if we continue the old conditions, we will have but few children next year. -

I had hoped that a teacher would have come, before my going away, to get acquainted and be on the spot for re-opening at the end of September next. But that hope is gone, and nothing can be done about the new school year, unless Mr. Brate is prepared to take the responsibility.

I should like arrangements concluded for Mr. Brate taking charge here as soon as possible after the school year. The damp season will soon be here, and as the doctor's ultimatum is that Mr. Bland will never be well so long as she remains in Navesque, I want to get away as soon as possible. -

Yours very faithfully,

David W. Bland.