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P. O. Box 695.  
San Juan, Porto Rico,  
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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 your letter of the 22nd inst., in reply to mine of the 15th.

The Church building is being pushed on very well, and yesterday, one or two of the window frames in the basement were put in place. The foundation stone, also, has, Mr. Lee informs me, arrived, but has not at yet been removed from the dock. The time is now rapidly approaching for the laying of the cornerstone. I tried to arrange a meeting of the vestry for yesterday or to-day, so as to let you know their decision about the ceremonial by to-day's mail, but owing to Mr. Dooley's absence in the country, we have had to postpone until to-morrow afternoon. I hope they may consent to carry out the programme you desire.

We are having now very good congregations at St. John's, and last Sunday I carried out the programme of services outlined in my last letter.

Miss Cuddy's school is gradually filling up, and the attendance is, or close to fifty. She has an idea that some of the older children are absent through want of shoes. I take the opening exercises every day, and can give any help she may need in teaching for an hour every day. At Puerta de Tierra we have commenced a small school, and I have no doubt, if Mrs. Galloway works steadily at it, of its growing. The congregations here

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also continue large, and I hope by persuading those who in the other islands were Church people to turn out , to see this place become an influence of great good in this neighborhood.

I remain, Rt. Rev. Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

(Signed) David W. Bland