

MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO

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Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,
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Mountain Lakes, N. J.

My dear Bishop:

Thank you for your letter of Aug. 21st and, at the outset, let me allay any concern or fear in regard to my health. Perhaps some of my letters recently have sounded petulant to Dr. Gray, but I am all right physically and do not expect any trouble on that score. Fr. Haughwout has arrived today, so that will take some of the burden off my shoulders in San Juan.

I am indeed sorry that Edith has developed thyroid trouble, and sincerely hope that the further examination by the specialist will relieve your suspense and anxiety. God grant that it may be so.

My present plan is to make visitations in Santo Domingo and the Virgin Islands during October, and go north in November. This will suit my convenience most, I believe. Now, of course I am always willing to change my plans to suit the convenience of others, so do not hesitate to make any suggestions that may seem to you advisable.

My chief concern, at the present moment, is in regard to Ponce. I can do nothing outside of Porto Rico until the end of September, as all our schools will be opened this month, and I must see them properly started. I wrote you the other day in regard to putting Modesto temporarily in charge of the work in Ponce, and as soon as we secure a rector, give him the position of assistant, to help in the Spanish work. I hope I may soon hear from you in regard to this suggestion. I have not liked to take definite action in this so far, because of its bearing on the Quebrada Limon work. I have in mind the possibility of moving Victor from Penuelas for the present, and putting him at Quebrada Limon, so that he and Herminejildo may carry on the work there.

As I wrote you, also, I have strong hopes of securing more financial assistance from the Board for Quebrada Limon, which would enable us to carry out the idea of paying the clergy a definite salary, rather than live on the community plan.

You are very correct in your idea that we should have a layman or, at least an American, in charge of the property, and a specially trained woman in charge of the management of the household. I am writing to Mr. Parson on this mail, asking if there is not an agricultural specialist available for work in the tropics. If he were married and his wife able to handle the household, I think we would have a good combination.

You are perfectly right, also, in regard to the matter of the official standing of yourself and the work at Quebrada Limon. I hope to take this matter up with the Council and with the House of Bishops. I should suppose that it will be necessary for the House of Bishops to act in the matter of your standing, though it would seem to me the Coun-

cil is perfectly capable of accepting charge of the clergy and mission work of the "Church of Jesus," upon my certificate of their having been transferred to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Missionary District of Porto Rico. I am writing of this matter, also, by this mail. Won't you give me your opinion, making any suggestions that may seem timely in regard to it? I am glad you^{are} to have an interview with Dr. Wood, regarding this matter, and shall anxiously await a report on the subject. As I said above, I will gladly change any of my plans that seem advisable. If it seems necessary that the matter should be placed before the National Council in October, I think it would be necessary that both you and I should be there. I really like your suggestion of relieving your Board of Trustees of their responsibility at once, and having them turn over the Church buildings, furnishings, etc., and let the Council make arrangements with you later in regard to the land. I shall be glad to know what Dr. Wood says about this. In the meantime, please do not worry about me, as I am sure that I am all right.

With all best wishes and hoping to hear that Edith is much better, I remain,

Affectionately and sincerely yours,

CBC/MAW-

Chas B. Colver.

The University Club
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

September 4th, 1923.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ferrando,
Bishop Coadjuor of Porto Rico.
c/O the National Council,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir;

I met you in Florida, as possibly you may recall,
and I know of your affection for the Rev. Christopher Stanley Long, D.D.,
of Orlando, and of your interest in his career.

I have known him for many years and believe him destined
to greatness. It seems that he is to be considered for one of the Missionary
Bishoprics to be filled November fourteenth in Dallas. I am informed that
Ep. Burgess of Long Island is asked to nominate him. His own Ep., Dr. Mann,
will not be present and does not want to lose him.

Long has been growing very fast. I preached in the
Epiphany. Washington, in June, and Long was at Chevy Chase. All the Wash-
ington vestries came to hear him. He was asked to consider Chevy Chase and St.
Paul's, but declined. He is seriously considered for the Epiphany. Dr. Freeman,
Bp.-Elect, has a candidate, and Long's youth and inexperience, he is thirty-
four, are the arguments against him by those who advocate another. He told me
that he gave no encouragement to the Committee who came to see and hear him,
and that he does not want it. Last Winter he was called to Cleveland with