CHURCH FOR ST. MARK'S, MÁGUEYES

The Advance Work Program for the triennium 1929-31 included an item of $2,000. for the erection of a church at the mission of St. Mark's, Maguayes, near Ponce. The Church has owned a piece of land for this church for some time and the Missionary District of South Dakota has been making the effort to raise this money as their part of the advance work, but I was told by Bishop Roberts that because of the depression and particularly bad year in South Dakota the Church there would not be able to raise more than fifty percent of the money. I think they have raised to date some $650.

I am most anxious that this building should go ahead for the encouragement of the people of the mission and am therefore appealing to you to ask that $1,000. for this purpose be granted from the undesignated legacies of the year 1931.

RECTORY FOR HOLY TRINITY PARISH, PONCE

An item of $12,300. was asked for in the Advance Work list for Porto Rico for the present triennium. Of this the Diocese of Texas undertook to raise $6,000. A grant was made from the undesignated legacies of 1930 amounting to $6,300. and the amount of $1,000. was promised locally by the District of Porto Rico. The Diocese of Texas has raised approximately $1,000. towards this project and the Bishop told me in Denver that it would not be possible for the Diocese to raise more than this amount. The fund is therefore behind by $4,000.

The condition of the present rectory in Ponce is very bad and we ought not to have to ask another family to put up with the inconvenience of the building in its present condition. It is not feasible to repair the building as it is too old and the expense would be too great and even at the conclusion of general repairs the building would not be in good condition. The construction is of wood and as is well known the life of a wooden building in this country is very limited. Hence this appeal for $4,000. for this purpose from the undesignated legacies of 1931.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, ST. ANDREW'S MISSION, MÁYAGÜEZ

In the askings for the Advance Work for 1932-34 there was included an asking for $8,000., being estimated to be half the cost of a new building for the industrial department in Mayaguez. This project was not allowed among the items to be asked for in the Advance Work Program in the next triennium.

Upon further study of the project we estimate that we can reduce the expense of the building by $2,000., making the total cost $14,000. I would respectfully refer to the notes on this asking.
sent in by the Executive Council of the District of Porto Rico, as follows:

"For the past fifteen years the industrial department at Mayaguez has been in operation and has been providing labor for between fifty and one hundred girls and women, varying with the seasons, and has been making a small profit which has been utilized for mission work in Mayaguez and other parts of the district. A dispensary is carried on in Mayaguez with funds received from this source, as also the wood working department at St. Andrew's mission. Almost every year other missions in the district have been aided with funds from this same source either for buildings or running expenses.

About five years ago a property in the block occupied by St. Andrew's was bought and the house on it is used for the industrial shop and the large patio connected with it serves as a playground for the mission. This house, as is the case with all wooden buildings in Porto Rico, has been eaten by the ants and is in a really dangerous condition from that point of view as well as being a bad fire risk for the rest of the mission. We should take down this building as quickly as possible and replace it with a more modern one constructed of reinforced concrete which will be fire proof as well as proof against hurricanes and earthquakes. This industrial work which is a successful piece of business is well established and should by all means be continued and encouraged. The cost of this building is estimated to be $16,000., one half of which will be borne by the mission locally."

It is imperative that something be done as early as possible about the replacing of this industrial building in order that this successful piece of business may be continued, and we are confident that the Industrial Department can pay half of the cost of construction if given an opportunity to do so in annual installments. Therefore, the appeal is made to the National Council for a gift of $7,000. from undesignated legacies of 1931. Also that a loan of $7,000. be made to St. Andrew's mission or to the District of Porto Rico from the One hundred thousand dollar loan fund without interest which can be repaid in ten years or in less time. If this appeal is granted it will be a great help to the business of the Industrial Department; it will be a saving in risk to the health of the workers who must live and work in the building, and a tremendous advantage in relief of anxiety of fire risk to all the other buildings of the mission.

EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
BISHOP'S HOUSE, SAINTURCE, P. R.

The two balconies or porches, one on either end of the Bishop's house are of wood, as also the staircases approaching the same. It is next door to impossible to keep the wooden porches and staircases in proper condition. They should be made of concrete and covered with local cement tile, and the cost of this is estimated to be $350. This would add greatly to the appearance of the house and would obviate the constant necessity of repairs and painting.