

Six years ago the Rev. Mr. Droste and his wife began to gather together the people living around their small pineapple farm and held church services in their packing shed. The work grew apace and soon became one of the most important Missions in the District. Mr. Droste was employed as a regular missionary and besides the evangelistic work we have there the beginnings of an agricultural and industrial school called the "New World School". The Drostes built a lovely concrete chapel themselves, Mrs. Droste earning most of the funds by the practice of her profession, nursing. The Church has since bought, at a nominal sum, their farm of 36 acres and here we are putting our New World School. The house they have lived in for more than eight years is a converted native "shack", the very simplest thing possible, part of it constructed from dry goods boxes. The house has reached a state in which it is unsafe for human beings to live in and last winter Mrs. Droste narrowly escaped serious injury when the floor gave way under her. When we began to patch it up we found it so badly gone it was impossible to properly repair it. That is the only home the Church has provided for these most wonderfully self-sacrificing missionaries. Most of us would scorn to use it for a barn. \$4,000. will build a very pleasant and effective bungalow rectory. We should not ask our representatives to give up all the comforts of home and then put them to live in such homes. The Church should also teach valuable lessons by the object method. A well built and strong home for the head of the mission would do much for the people.

At the laying of the cornerstone of the Chapel of the Resurrection, we were all pleased by the appearance of a half grown girl who carried the box containing the articles to be placed in the stone. Several years later the Drostes told me she had gone the way of so many of the peon girls, her parents being especially responsible, since they regarded her as part of their means of livelihood.

The lot of the peon is poor at best. An early marriage and a life of drudgery is what most of the girls have to look forward to. The Church must lift the people from the slough of despond by showing them greater possibilities. The New World School hopes to teach them how to live, how to care for their homes and how to cook and sew. The nurses training school at our hospital furnishes a wonderful opportunity for them to attain to a profession. The country girl, however, can only reach the 5th grade in the rural school. Our schools must give them at least the 7 grades required by the state board examiners. Later, no doubt, the requirements will be raised. Our own Church school graduates, in our Church training school is a plan to save many peon girls from wasted lives, and will give them ideas and ideals which will help them to useful and honored lives among their fellow men of Porto Rico.

From- St. Andrew's Mission, Mayaguez.

When Mrs. Owen, one of the women who came from the states to be with her daughter, wanted help in the house she found a small girl called Elisa Perry, a bright little thing, and took her in and trained her and taught her a bit of English. On going away Mrs. Owen wanted the child to be faithful to the Mission and to be cared for so she told her to come to us. What was our surprise one morning early, after Mrs. Owen went away, to hear a little tearful voice call, "Mrs. Saylor", and here was Elisa - fearful lest we would not take her in - saying, "Mrs. Owen said perhaps you'd want me." Well, we did and she is busy every day now in the Tailor, or work room, coming at half after seven every morning to play an hour before working.

One of our girls who is now grown up and ready to enter High School came a few days ago and told us she would be unable to finish her education as she had no means whatever to buy books and clothes herself. What was our surprise to find that a kind lady offered to clothe her for the year and buy her books too. Another unexpected source gave us the opportunity of helping her with the Dentist. So things come to us out of a clear sky sometimes.

Advertisements.

1. Industrial work at Mayaguez.

The Embroidery and Drawn Work Department is a part of the Mission work at St. Andrew's. The work is all done at the school, by young and old, and offers real help to the girls. It brings them into a clean, healthful, happy room, and with plenty of light and air, gives them heart to work. They attend Chapel all during the school term and have regular instruction in Church work. In this manner we are able to reach them and hold them for the Church.

St. Andrew's Shop for Boys - not yet fully equipped - is turning out bowls, book ends, candle sticks and furniture. Three boys are learning. More will be taken in as soon as material equipment can be had.

Address all letters to -

St. Andrew's School,
Box 304,
Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

2. New World School, El Coto de Manati, Porto Rico.

Seeks to prepare children for life in Porto Rico. Works on practical lines as regards instruction in agriculture and industry, also as regards equipment. Cheap but well constructed buildings are provided which will serve as object lessons in living and as models for native homes. Small farm connected with the school. Money needed for more buildings, also for current expenses. \$100. per year provides for one child. Will not your Church society or Sunday School adopt a child for a year, or better, see him through his course at the school. One boy is going to study for the Ministry.

3. St. Luke's Hospital Training School for Nurses, Ponce, Porto Rico.

Takes the native girls and prepares them for a noble profession. Our graduates stand high in state board examinations. Graduate nurses are greatly in demand in Porto Rico.

Needs:- One American missionary graduate nurse for instructor of pupil nurses:- Second story to nurses home. It is frequently necessary for night nurses to sleep during the day in the same beds occupied by others during the night. More space must be provided. \$6,000. will do it.

Advertisements (continued)

4. St. Elizabeth House,
Training School for Women Workers,
Ponce, Porto Rico. M.T.
- Under direction of Deaconess Gadsden.

Van Buren Hall,
Postulant School,
Rio Piedras, Porto Rico.
- Under direction of Rev. H. P. Walter.

These schools provide training for native men and women for the ministry of the Church. A native ministry is absolutely necessary.

\$420. per year provides for a student.

The education of a young man or woman would be a beautiful memorial.

Predicaments.

1. -

The New World School, El Coto de Manati, has been supported for three years entirely from specials received by the Bishop. The enterprise is established and the Church cannot give it up. We are sorely put to it to provide the \$100. per month needed for current expenses. We looked forward to doubling our capacity in 1921, but are in danger of having to give up even our present modest school on account of failure to have current expenses provided.

2. -

It is nothing short of disgraceful to ask missionaries to live in the rectory at El Coto de Manati. We asked for \$3,500. for a new building, hoping it could be built while the Drostes were on furlough in 1920, but they have to go back to the same old tumble down house when they return. The house cannot last and it is impossible to repair it. Will the Campaign funds be able to provide for it or shall we appeal for specials for the purpose?



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