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My dear Bishop Colmore -
Your very kind letter of Aug. 21st
has been received and much appreciated, and
I am glad to hear that the Board is willing
to increase the quota for Quebrada Limón
by \$100.00. It is the first inclining I have
had of this - and greatly surprised me as
I did not expect it - I certainly appreciate
it very highly, and am more thankful than
mere words can express - I see in it a hopeful
sign for the future.

I sincerely hope that my last letter has
in no way upset you, as I was writing in the
midst of uncertainty, and therefore could give
no thought to future plans until the question
of my daughter's College, health, etc. could be settled -
I am thankful to report that Edith has been
admitted in Connecticut College, New London -
We went to visit the College and liked it very much
so at last that question has been settled - The
physical examination resulted in a favorable report

as the thyroid trouble is not at all of a serious character. - and the oculist prescribed glasses for reading and writing - which are already helping her - and he said there should be no difficulty in her continuing her College course - So that is all a great relief.

As to our plans, as I said before I am now ready to obey your call at any time - either by Cable or letter. Mrs. Ferrando will be obliged to remain on here for some time longer to see that Edith is well settled in College and attend to other pressing matters, before she comes.

However, the more I consider the matter, the more I am convinced that we ought to arrange for the incorporation of the Church at once. We know that that has been our aim, and I do not see any object in delaying it longer.

If it is a question of money, and the Board can not dispense of it - I would not take that into consideration as a cause for delay for a moment.

As I gathered the impression at the Mission House that you needed to come North at once for the sake of your health - it occurred to me that it would be well for me to wait for you here, so that we could settle all these matters together - after which I could go to Porto Rico, and you could remain here to attend the various meetings that are to take place, and perhaps might be able to present the needs of Porto Rico in some of the Churches -

With regard to the Church in Ponce, rest assured that I will take charge of it, and do all in my

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power to bring about a great change in our favor, by the blessing of God.

The matter of the distribution of salaries - I think will be all right - I agree with you that it is best, however, not to let anyone of the missionaries know anything about any contemplated changes at present - as we might be able to develop new plans, together -

My time is up - so I must close - and my only concern, dear Bishops, is for you to take all possible care of your health, as we need you very much - and above all try to get rid of all anxiety -

With warmest greetings from us all to you and yours -

As ever faithfully
Mannel Ferrando