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The Right. Rev. Mr. Ferrando, D.D.,
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Mountain Lakes, N. J.

My dear Bishop Ferrando:

It was indeed a great pleasure to see you again & I wish to thank you most sincerely for your kind hospitality. I do most sincerely trust that you have succeeded in finding a first rate College for Edith, & shall be most interested to learn what your plans are for the future.

When I returned to Washington on Saturday evg, I was very surprised to find quite a lengthy "write-up" in the capital press. I mailed you a copy, & should you desire another copy to send to Bishop Gailor, I shall be glad to forward same on to you.

I shall be glad if you will let me know, at your earliest convenience, the date & place of meeting for the next House of Bishops. Bp Mann is abroad & as Sect of the Standing Committee for the Diocese of South Florida, I am anxious to know. Doubtless some one at the Mission House will be able to tell you.

You will doubtless be interested to know that I am spending my vacation in mastering Spanish, so when the time arrives for work, I shall be well prepared.

I really feel that I cannot accept a rectorship, at this point of my career, in the Mission Field. Unlike so many men, I have passed thru' that experience during the early days of my ministry, & I believe, fully experienced in the work of the Church abroad. I have already served my apprenticeship in that department. If, however, as you suggested, the House of Bishops, at their next meeting, should call me to a higher service for the Church, I shall be prepared and willing. Such a position is not to be desired, coveted or expected, but could hardly be declined. With the experience I have already, I simply desire to give my whole life & work for O. B. L., in such a position as we have discussed, in a Missionary District. In my thoughts, I can see, how a man of my age & strength, could give the whole of his life, & the best years of his life, to the work of God's Church in some District, as chief Pastor.

Of course, my dear Bishop, I fully realize that almost everything entirely depends upon your personal recommendation to Bps. Sailor, Colonel Manning & Lloyd. The Church is always looking for the right men to take charge of the work in the field, & it is only by personal recommendation that the individual members of the House of Bishops can know of such men. I have been called to large important parishes in the north, but I have now declined same, believing that God's Will for my life lies in another direction.

This is a heart to heart letter, & I will ask you to regard same as confidential. Mr. Long joins me in regards to you, Mr. Ferrando & Edith. I remain my dear Bishop,
your obedient servant
E. Stanley Long.