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IN REPLY TO THIS LETTER, PLEASE REFER
TO ITS DATE

May 23, 1925

The Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando, D.D.,
Box 177,
Mountain Lakes, N. J.

Dear Bishop Ferrando:

It is a whole month since you wrote to me from Mountain Lakes, and during that time preparations for the meeting of the Department of Missions and Council have swallowed me up. But even that would not have excused me for failing to reply to your letter, and I am sending this to say that what has been behind it all has been my own ignorance of what the Council was going to decide about several vital problems.

Let me assure you that while I sympathize profoundly with you in the embarrassment of your position, I also sympathize with Bishop Colmore because he was quite as much in difficulties. The trouble has been that he has never known from day to day what provisions the Council would make for the development at Quebrada Limon. Had the Department of Missions been able to recommend all of the appropriations for that district for which Bishop Colmore was asking, I verily believe that you would have encountered none of the problems which made the situation so confused.

It has been hard on us in this office and we some times think that the present is a time in which we should say more fervidly than ever before; "In all times of our prosperity, good Lord deliver us." In other words, our income is not such as to justify new appropriations, which is contrary to all expectations, and upon the expectation of which a great many of our plans for the furtherance of your wonderful mountain work had been based.

It is a long lane that knows no turning and we shall be round the corner some day, but until then I can not see that there is anything to do but what the Yankees call "sit tight",

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and pray for expeditious deliverance.

As you know the Episcopal Church is not the only one that is suffering from an absence of missionary enthusiasm on the part of its members. But enough of that.

In your letter you speak about the salary of Ramon Cortez, and I am glad to be able to tell you that Bishop Colmore has been permitted to employ him, but the salary provided is not as yet what we must make it in time.

There were two facts responsible for this: In the first place what I have already said about the financial situation, and in the second place that we could not secure an increase, ^{at} a time when people are talking about decreases, for one who had been, as you wrote "under discipline."

Hoping that Mrs. Ferrando and you and Edith are benefiting by and enjoying the climate of Mountain Lakes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur R. Frazer
Secretary for Latin America.

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