

ST. MARK'S MISSION, MAGUEYES, DISTRICT OF PONCE,
PUERTO RICO.

St. Mark's Mission was established by Bishop Ferrando in 1925. It was a good congregation from the beginning and a building was rented which housed both the chapel for the services and the family of the Rev. Primitivo Maldonado, priest in charge. The congregation was deemed worthy of a chapel building almost from the beginning and an asking for this project was included in the advance work items for the triennium 1928-1931. Very little money however was supplied for it but in 1932 it was found that by uniting the amount gathered for this project with that for the rectory in Ponce enough money could be made available to build St. Mark's Chapel, so permission having been granted by the donors the amount on hand for the Ponce rectory was transferred to Magueyes and about twelve hundred dollars was used in building the present St. Mark's Chapel. A considerable amount of labor was contributed for the building and very advantageous prices of materials were given which, together with the fact that the doors and windows had been salvaged from the old St. Luke's Hospital building, enabled us with the strictest possible economy to complete the building and have it ready for consecration before the beginning of Lent this year. The consecration took place on February 26, 1933. The chapel fills a great need in the life of the people of this mission.

Bishop Ferrando bought and gave to the church the acre of land upon which the chapel is situated and as soon as possible a rectory will be built on the same property when our plant will be complete. I may say that St. Mark's Chapel is the same type as has been adopted for all our country missions and already we have six churches of this same design dotted round different country districts of Puerto Rico and one more is in the course of construction.