

~~Deficient~~ It is almost a disgrace  
 for one ch. boy, not to know the Catechism,  
 or to be unable to pray in public, or ~~to~~  
 to make a talk in prayer meeting. Even those  
 who are unable to read, memorize  
 Bible verses from hearing others read  
 them. This is hardly acc<sup>pt</sup> for <sup>the strict rules in</sup>  
<sup>the ministerial</sup> <sup>to name the strictly</sup> <sup>then if able to pass exam.</sup>  
<sup>in other and about their party admitted</sup>  
 before I came to P. R. I was under the

impression that the U. S. gov. was doing  
 everything nec. for P. R.; it has done & is  
 doing much, but not half enough ~~yet~~  
 the way of schools. Tens scores of children  
 every day on the streets who would gladly  
 be in school if there were room enough  
 for them. Glad for ~~the~~ the Assembly  
 should go more on this subject. If any  
 of you ladies do not know what to do  
 with your money, invest in in ~~Publ.~~  
 schools in P. R. It will bear interest  
 in souls.

U. There is so much to tell - but you  
~~will not~~ ~~for this~~ ~~is already tired~~

to the meetings in the country. There we must have  
a big deep chested clear voiced bell for our church  
which is soon to be built. Many of our people have  
no clocks, & the town clock never keeps time at the  
same pace two days in succession, so the hour for  
meeting is not as reg. as it might be.  
\* These people love music. One of my friends here has an old  
whizzy croaking portable organ, & wherever it is unfolded -  
chapel, house, or street, it secures an audience for <sup>the mission</sup> ~~the~~ ~~missionary~~  
preacher. What wonders would a new organ work.  
Please make a definite prayer for us today. I know  
that you will ask for us spiritual guidance. Please ask  
also for an organ & a church bell.

Your S. J. H.

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~~Some one lives in S. G. district, Mr. H. has  
charge of S. G. district  
I am willing to find out to that locality and  
shall probably tell you more~~

Mr. H. has charge of S. G. district field, a  
district in the South western part of the  
island, with a population estimated at  
60,000. He has three native helpers and one  
Bible school man. There are 20 regular preaching  
places, ~~making~~ <sup>making</sup> two or three services for every  
night in the week. Seven other places have  
asked for services, and they will get them just  
as soon as there is money to open up new work.

Now this is dry - facts always are, more or  
less. That is probably all that kept Mark I vain  
from writing a history; he said he would be "hampered  
by facts." But ~~well~~ <sup>you know our people</sup>  
~~better~~ since we are ~~you~~ representing you here,  
you have a right to know in statements and figures  
(as far as they are able to tell) just what your  
prayers, your painstaking interest ~~you want~~  
~~are~~, and your money are accomplishing.

will save them, ~~but~~ so their Christless lives are a  
constant hindrance to all classes of people. Please pray that we  
may be wise in our dealings with this ~~people~~ <sup>people</sup>. Do not judge  
them harshly, for they have never been taught better. For four  
hundred years Rome Catholicism has held them in its sway, &  
whatever that sway may be in the States, at any rate in P.R. it  
is nothing better than a vile money making machine.  
San Jer. is a very practical Rom. Cath. <sup>1</sup> <sup>+ several anti american</sup> <sup>float</sup> People <sup>float</sup>  
the Spanish flag on special saint days. Nevertheless the  
American missionary is held in great respect & "Americans"  
are considered wonderful people. For instance the other  
day a child came to me with a much disappointed face.  
She had met an American just think of it, an American  
who did not know a single question of the Shorter Catechism!

Porto Rico is a beautiful little island  
of rivers & valleys, flowers & trees  
& fruit. It is about 125 mi long ~~by 35~~ wide  
The climate (varies of course in dif parts of  
the island) but is about like that of southern  
Texas. A beautiful place in which to live as far  
as <sup>the climate is concerned</sup> ~~the climate is concerned~~  
Being one of the most densely populated districts  
of the world, and having been held down by  
Spanish rule with little or no progress for 400  
years, Porto Rico has given us a problem in  
her people. In our ten months stay <sup>at San Juan</sup> we  
have found mixtures of nearly all <sup>peoples</sup> - Spanish,  
Indian, Chinese, English, American, African, Irish,  
German, Dutch, however, the  
prevailing languages are Spanish and English  
~~and the people are under Am. protection~~  
~~and are protected the same as the people~~  
~~of a British colony under P. R. rule~~  
Different <sup>Protestant</sup> denominations have been given  
different sections of the island. All the sects  
and churches the Presbyterians, ~~but if we do~~  
~~not have about 2000 & occupying the~~  
~~streets also a district in & around San Juan.~~

(Doubt, needs, methods)

~~San German field had been without a missionary for quite some time when one was assigned here last July, and as is always the case under these circumstances things had drifted until it was almost impossible to start new. So if you see surprising figures in accounts, reports, you will know the why of it.~~

Porto Ricans are divided into classes with almost as rigid lines as are the castes in India, and the children of the lower class may be described as ~~the~~ "the poor benighted Indian who does the best he knows, and sticks to his caste from first to last, & for clothes he makes his skin do."

The high class Porto Ricans are wealthy, own beautiful homes, ~~automobiles~~ automobiles, fruit and sugar plantations, automobiles, ~~houses~~ have it is needless to say this is the hardest class to reach. They are absorbed in worldly interests, are non-Cath. & think the church

hearing about O. P. I only wish there  
were time for you to hear about our  
children's classes in S.S. They are so  
encouraging. The children attend ch.  
as well as S.S. and one ten yr. old lad  
expressed his interest the other day that  
he ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> saying that he really did  
not know which he wd. rather be  
when he grew up - a Pres. elder or a  
photographer!!!!

I wish you could all visit us <sup>on</sup>  
the 19th of May. We are going to have  
a S.S. Rally of all the Pres. S.S. in Sg.  
district. The people members are going  
to come <sup>in carts</sup> from the out stations.

May I ask you to pray for us  
in your mis. mtgs & in your homes?  
Our list of needs, wants, & must haves  
is great. At present the two must haves  
are a "baby organ" to be carried on horseback