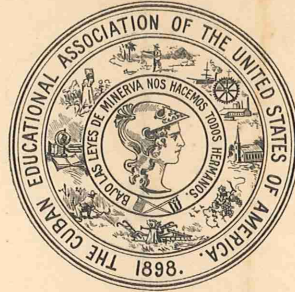


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Mr. R. H. Todd,
37 Fortaleza Street, San Juan, Porto Rico.
Dear Sir:-

I am very much pleased with your letter of June 16th reporting what Mr. Antonio Castro has written to Porto Rico. It is useless for you or us to undertake to teach any Porto Rican who has arrived at the age of 25 and thinks that he knows pretty much everything worth knowing. Possibly you have heard of John Wanamaker the philanthropist and great merchant; it is to his store I am sending the young men from the Antilles and the prices on Mr. Wanamaker's goods are all plainly marked and in order to aid these young men Mr. Wanamaker at my request has consented to allow them to make purchases at his establishment and to give them a discount of 10% which goes into their pockets.

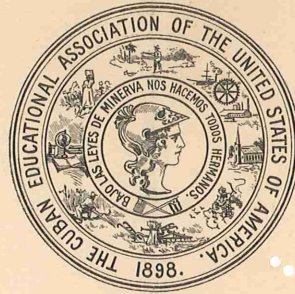
In regard to the statement about sweeping and cleaning the floors of the College to pay his tuition that is simply a down right falsehood; what he was told was that the only way he could pay for his board and incidental expenses would be by sweeping and cleaning the dormitories for other students and as this work is done by many an American boy who wants to get through College we do not consider it worth while to go into explanations. Evidently Mr. Castro belongs to the class of young men from the Antilles who think that "handicrafts" is below their dignity and these views will not be accepted in the United States from any foreigner.

In regard to the railroad fare it is true the full regular fare with sleeping and drawingroom cars would cost \$33.; it is also true that I was prepared and offered him transportation to this College at a cost of less than \$10. After Castro had spent some weeks in a nonsensical manner we invited him to meet a representative of Collins & Co. who had met Castro on the steamer coming out from Porto Rico and we transmitted through the gentleman some pretty plain talk regarding his conduct and the whole thing resulted in his apologizing as well as he could for his conduct and expressing himself as greatly anxious to join the class of young men whom Union College had consented to occupy the Campus during the summer weeks vacation under certain conditions and restrictions while this Association have employed a head master to teach these young men.

The expense of this school is \$15. per month, the cost of the fare from New York to the school was \$1.75. owing to the gratuities of the railroad companies to help the young men. I write all this to you to show you the bother and trouble we are taking with these young fellows, some of whom are undoubtedly very worthy while others are very shabby and difficult to advise or assist.

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Of the Porto Ricans who are attending this summer school at Union College there are ---Jose Carballeira, Antonio Castro, Jose Benet y Colon, Federico Perez Almirotty, Luis G. de Quevedo y Munoz, Jose Antonio Lopez Antongiorgi, Jacinto Aviles y Borrero and Miguel Planellas.

Again I must call your attention to the mistake you make in saying that the Association could not undertake to give free tuition to entirely poor boys; that is precisely what the Association does undertake to do provided they have studious habits and are worthy to be taught but it does not undertake to feed them. Please make a careful distinction between the two conditions; we do give free tuition scholarships, we do not give free food.

Again I wish you would be more careful about the ages of these young men. I do not approve of your sending any young fellows that are past twenty as it is better to aid young men who are fifteen than those who are older. You should also look into these young men's mouths and study their physical condition. The teeth of some of them are simply in a wretched state so much so that I have had to beg the Dental Association of New York to put them into repair without charge before I sent them to school.

In regard to the son of widow Diaz y Espelosin I beg to say that I have written to General Davis and explained to him what the Association is doing. In case army officers wish to recommend young men for education in the United they should indorse the application writing their names legibly. It is important that the applicant write with his own hand his own story; this can be done in Spanish or English as the student prefers.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'G. K. Harroun'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with long, sweeping strokes.