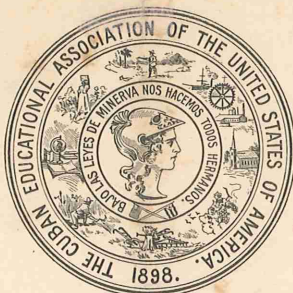


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New York, April 14, 1899

Mr. R. H. Todd,
27 Cruz Street, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Dear Sir:-- On my return from the South I find your favor of March 22nd awaiting me. What I said to you in my letter of March 11th covers some of the points which apply to the applications enclosed in your favor of March 22nd regarding the want of information about the applicants knowledge of the English. It is very important for us to know the status of every applicant regarding his English.

We presume Jose Carballeira, Antonio Castro and Marcial Fernandez are on their way to this country; as I wrote you Benet did not say when he would come. I hope your students will come direct to this office instead of wandering around town several days before they reach here; we had a case the other day where a young man landed in New York with \$140 and after spending three or four days in other places he reported to us with his fortune reduced to \$40. In any event we shall do our best for the boys when they appear.

In regard to the colored boys we shall need some time to investigate just what is to be done with them; we have a pretty serious colored problem in the United States now; it may be possible for the Association to help any bright colored student who is worthy and commended by either you or the army officers or the Director of the Bureau of Education.

We enclose some application blanks which we hope you will see are filled out in the handwriting of the young men who make the applications. You say twenty-five dollars a month Spanish is what your people were in the habit of paying for their boys education in Spain; if they can get twenty times the education in this country for fifteen dollars American per month which is equal to twenty-five dollars Spanish is it not evident that they are being aided?

Do not forget the photographs as they are important, neither must you neglect to press upon these young men that they are going into a new world and have to be responsible for their own conduct and studious habits.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.