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My dear friend:

Your letter of a month since brought vividly to my mind days and times dear to my memory - times when responsibilities bore seriously upon my mind, yet when the sturdy friendships of men like yourself and that splendid patriotic character Doctor Barbosa, stood firmly for policies which we felt were for the enduring welfare of the people of the Island. And how time has come to be the indubitable proof that in our vision we were justified! Of your own superior qualities of honest, conservative judgment your career is the best evidence; and it is extremely gratifying

to me to feel that it was my good fortune to select you for the honorable position you have so creditably filled these many years. Public life spells but a modest living in a material way. No one knows that better than I who have given all there is in me to public service. You know it for like myself, you have thought but little of worldly wealth, and <sup>m</sup> cannot now turn our attentions to the gaining of money. On the other hand,

we have some satisfaction in having served our respective constituencies, with unselfish devotion to what we have earnestly believed has been best.

Our minds find some comfort in this thought, and there to come after us with, we hope, recognize our efforts.

What you write about San Juan's growth is most pleasant. Never have I failed to read every item published concerning the Island and every part of it; my fond wish is to visit it again and greet the people, see the evidences of progress and again enjoy the warm hospitality of the many friends I have there. Perhaps it will be possible for me to go down the next year. My time will be more my own now as I retired from active service in Feb. 1.

I did this because my health has not been very good for several years, and I felt the strain of too steady duty. My purpose in coming to Washington was to effect my retirement, and also to see family relations and friends.

We will go back to San Francisco next month, and my address is

easily remembered as ear of the U.S. Court in that city.

Old age, I am over 70, has compensations in some ways, so I have read, but youth, we know is the happiest season. Yet, we must keep our cheerfulness of spirit as we move along, holding fast to the friendships made in earlier years and glad that it was given to us to know the true and loyal ones.

When you meet Jous Solo, Sanchez Morales, Doctor Vire, Boneruch, Chief Justice Toro and others good enough to remember me, I beg you to give them my affectionate regards. And always too, to Rossy and Doctor Goveaga.

Well, my dear fellow, my heart was touched by your kind letter and with warmth of friendship believe me now,  
Faithfully yours,  
Wm. H. Hunt