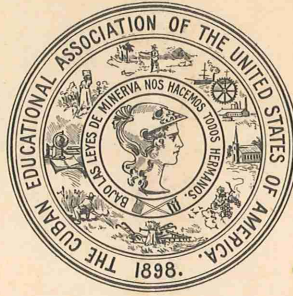


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New York, May 31, 1899

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

Dear Sir:--

Yours of May 24th arrived this morning with enclosures of photographs and applications as stated. Please see to it that no more young men are sent out from Porto Rico to arrive here before the fifth of September. The schools are now closing for their summer vacations and they will not bother with young men until September. If you dispatch boys to this country between now and September you should provide them with money to pay their board and incidental expenses. Probably nothing could be worse for any young Porto Rican than to land them in New York City for the summer vacation.

A few days ago a Mr. Tomas Quinones called here with a note of introduction from you with two boys namely, Martin Lopez Martin and Ulises Lopez Diaz. I listened with a good deal of patience and went to a good deal of trouble to secure a summer school for the young men and this morning I have a telephone from a merchant in Wall Street saying that, after all my trouble, they had no further use for us which is very nice for those who like that kind of work.

Mr. Jose Carballeira presented this morning your note of introduction dated May 13th; we will endeavor to do what we can for the young man. With your Bachelor of Arts Antonio Castro we have been exceedingly perplexed as he has methods of his own which we fear will place him beyond any aid we can give him. He states that you promised he was to go to Harvard and I judge he expects to become a lawyer in about ninety days. Naturally we do not find young men with his characteristics profitable as students, they know too much already and the only thing to do is to let them do as they please. The student from Porto Rico who is prospering here did not come through your suggestion.

In regard to General Eaton we are sorry he has abandoned the applicants but possibly he may change his mind and again take up the work later on. The superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of New York is undoubtedly well aware that no Porto Rican or Cuban will be entered at the Normal schools of the State under his offer for the reason that none of these students could pass a primary examination in English in any of the schools of the State.

Very truly yours,

G. K. Harroun
Secretary.