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Dear Mr Beldan, —

Miss Ottaway will doubtless give you all the points in reference to our work that you will care to know, I want to write you particularly in reference to young Mr. — his name is gone from me ~~at~~ at this moment, I refer to the son of Dr. — of your city, who is thinking of Spanish work. We ought to have had a man here ~~over~~ a year ago, in fact one was under appointment, but on his being seen personally by Dr. Ellinwood, it was decided that he was not the man to send. We need a man of first class abilities. His work would from ~~the~~ the first to preach in English once a week, run the Sunday-School, and, if capable, lead the singing of the Spanish services. Putting about ~~of~~ four hours a day on Spanish. He would probably be able to preach in Spanish in the course of eighteen months, after which time the work ~~we~~ would be more varied as occasion or expediency demanded. He would be required from ~~the~~ the first to relieve me from all responsibility as to the English congregation

Our English congregation is destined to be a very important element in our future work, it is made up of all sorts of people from Episcopalians, to Jews. A substantial nucleus has been formed. While we have been almost at stand still during the past year on account of the troubles caused by the war with Salvador, but our position has been materially strengthened, so that today we have a

very much firmer hold on the people.

We need a man that can command the respect of everyone, as a preacher as well as by his "social qualities". From this onward there will be a considerable increase of foreign residents, ~~during~~ ~~this~~ year. We lost over 40 regular attendants on the death of Barrios and shortly after, but now there are evident signs of a return to the former prosperity.

If you think that the young man referred to would be suitable for this work I sincerely hope that he may be lead to consider it and make his application, so that he may be with us as soon as possible.

Very sincerely,

J. Clark Hill

ADDRESS, - VIA NEW ORLEANS.