

January 31,
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Mr. Fernando Barbachano,
Mayaland Lodge,
Chichen Itza,
Merida, Yucatan.

Dear Mr. Barbachano:-

In two weeks two friends of mine are leaving Santa Fe for Mexico City and then Yucatan. They are Dr. Bertha Dutton, curator of Anthropology here at the New Mexico Museum, and Miss Catherine Farrelly. You will be hearing from them regarding accommodations at the Lodge. Dr. Dutton is coming for special study at Chichen. I recall that you showed me the new building then under construction which you were planning for students, teachers, and those who wished less expensive accommodations than the main Lodge. Both Dr. Dutton and Miss Farrelly would prefer such accommodations I am sure. Dr. Dutton is coming on a small grant for her special study. I hope that you will be able to take care of them.

For some months I have been intending to write to you again regarding the sale of my *TEMPLES IN YUCATAN* at the Lodge. I know that two copies of the book were sent to you shortly after its publication. And also at that time I did write to you twice, but have feared that you never received either the books or the letters. Not long ago, Mr. Brown told me that you had been ill which I was extremely sorry to hear. I do hope that you are well again.

Last June I was in New York and saw Mr. Walter Froese, the head of HASTINGS HOUSE, PUBLISHERS, who produced my little book. He told me that the book has been on sale for some time in the book stores in Merida, but not yet at the Lodge. I am most anxious to have you have it there and believe that you would have a sure and steady sale for it. It has done very well in this country, but of all places where it should be on sale your Lodge is the place. I will get in touch with my publisher immediately when I hear from you and see that your order is filled promptly. The book retails for \$5.00. I am not sure what the wholesale price would be in Yucatan but can assure that for you immediately or you could secure this from any of the book stores in Merida who handle it.

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Giving Dr. Dutton and Miss Farrelly all ¹⁸⁸⁸ information I can about the trip, fills me with the desire to come too. How I wish I could! But I fear not this year. Perhaps next, for I do want to come back and see other ruins in Yucatan and do more work there. Mr. RIO GRANDE was published last October and is doing very well indeed. It was a tremendous undertaking and I am glad that it is finally finished, but I enjoyed all of it.

This brings my very best wishes to all of you, and the hope that this finds you well and busy with a flourishing season. And I hope that you can take care of my friends. You will find them guests who are very worth while.

Very sincerely yours,