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My dear Doctor:

I have been mulling over last night's meeting. We are still without a careful historical organization; this conclusion at least seems clear to me. I hoped a competent judicial group would emerge from that effort. Fred has capabilities, and a number of us were ready to join if we could move along steadily toward an established history.

Will you let me write you conversationally? I will try to lead up to something constructive.

Four things last night were discouraging, because they indicated no advance above the conditions that are so generally complained of respecting Fred's efforts.

1. The by-law fixing 75% membership and proxies to make a quorum for annual meetings. Fred did not permit the change suggested. By gathering proxies he will always have a hand-picked board.
2. The board selected last night contains no history grounded person, unless you would include Mrs. Carvajal in this category. Fred, of course, stands on his own. You will notice neither Judge Woodhul, nor Harry Hertzberg, nor Leon Dielman, are included; they probably begged to be excused. Judge Aubrey was not present; so whether he had consented to be president or not I do not know. The hard-working digging historians here in San Antonio were not present last night. So we are still without a judicially minded history group that will stand resolutely for stopping the confusions that are piled on confusions here in this burg.
3. Fred made two history declarations last night; both wrong I am convinced. Neither declaration is of importance except to show what we still, apparently, face. He explains Yanaguana as the Indian village here at the present site of San Antonio, found by Terán and Manzanet in 1691, and the setting up of a bower to say mass, and so-forth, as the beginning of things. The fact is, these Indians were of the Medina River and Terán and Manzanet named that river the San Antonio de Padua.