

I steadily think of this work of mine as a research library or laboratory, and pray that it can held as such until there is broad knowledge to support historical writing. I steadily think of your work as broadly basic. I hope the day may come when St. Mary's here may feel warranted in coordinating with this South Texas local study....research. There is much helpfulness possible there.

You speak of small groups of real workers gathered around the table. That is my thought. Here at this "workshop" there is space for that Round Table, duly planned for long since. If times were normal that table would be here. Here also is wall space for large map display; some of this map display is now erected. Maps in these studies are like graphs and tabulations in business houses. There are also here card indexes, files, records etc. to assist such round table discussion....but not complete; history records can never be complete.

The principles you lay down for such conference and cooperation are my principles also.

The enclosure "Spanish History Research in Progress" shows something of the breadth of our inquiries, and how vast the field. Neither I nor any one man can study it alone. I have used my capacity for organization and leadership to put others at work, holding them to the specialized lines they are best fitted for. A number of these workers are moving along slowly but nicely. Father Garriga is identified with several of these specialized lines or inquiries, and throughout many churchmen are contacted and data keeps accumulating.

Men and women who work must be rewarded. It is not easy for me, individually, to keep them working. I have thoughts in mind, they are similar to yours, to give them recognition when organization can be effected. Have in mind, for one thing, "Research Members".....they who qualify as authorities. When they can get one of their Studies published they will become a research member, with privileges and recognition. No Study should be published until it has passed the Round Table; then all should help in seeing it is financed and given indorsement that will clothe it with dignity and authority.

You see, we are both thinking closely together on this conference table idea.

Some of us, at times, have discussed a code; something intelligent minds can agree upon as correct; something to make mutual helpfulness easier to achieve; something to enable the public to judge of a work.

I want to see the day I can take the car, and such persons as will join, and go over the Spanish trails of this Spanish South Texas....to Laredo; down the Rio Grande to Roma and Mier; up the coastal trail to Goliad; over the La Bahia trail to San Antonio....visiting the many places of the Spanish Era, and con-