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MR. EDITOR:

In complying with your request for an article for the THEOLOGUE on "Trinidad: Its Extent, Resources, Religious Life and Church Work," I cannot forget that there are other graduates of your college here who, in consequence of their long residence and many years of toilsome service on this island, are in a far better position than I am to treat the proposed subject with intelligence, accuracy, and fulness. Some of them, indeed, have become so closely identified with Trinidad, and especially with its religious life and work, that if they should consent to celebrate the struggles maintained, the hardships undergone, and the work done, like Virgil's hero they would have to sing of events in which they themselves had borne a chief part. I can easily understand, therefore, why they might find a difficulty, or, at least, feel hesitation, in undertaking what you have asked me to do; so that, though I know that any of them could serve you much more efficiently than I can hope to do, yet, in view of these circumstances, I am willing to try to do what I can to meet your wishes. Possibly, too, there may be some matters of interest to your readers more likely to arrest the attention of a new comer, to which an older resident, through long familiarity with them, might not think worth while to refer.

Trinidad itself is an island of more than ordinary interest and importance. It has been called "the gem of the Antilles." Its original name was "Iere," "the land of humming birds." It received its present designation from Columbus on the occasion of its discovery, because on Trinity Sunday 1496, he came in sight of a part of the island which has three peaks or