

Dr. J. W. Harris Is Ed.

J. W. Harris, a native of Texas, came to Park College in the early '90's and entered the Academy; he finished the Academic course in 1898; in the following September he began his college work and received the degree Bachelor of Arts from Park College in 1902. In the same year he entered Princeton Theological Seminary and completed his Theological course in 1905.



DR. J. WILL HARRIS, PARK '02

Porto Rico was calling for Christian leaders at this time and the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church sent Mr. Harris to that field. There he has dreamed dreams and worked them out into concrete realities. In 1920 Park College conferred upon Mr. Harris the honorary degree LL.D. in recognition of his work in the field of Education.

As a student in Park College, Mr. Harris was an important part of the industrial system of the College—being the baker. It was his task to bake sufficient bread for the entire

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student body. Some of the strong characteristics of Dr. Harris are industry, integrity and reliability. Any duty assigned either in the classroom or in the work department, church or social life was sure to be performed; nor did the one assigning him the work need to concern himself further about it.

In 1912 the Polytechnic Institute of San German was founded by Dr.

Harris. In the history of the Latin-American countries no educational work similar in scope or purpose has ever been organized. The growth of the Polytechnic Institute has been phenomenal. The seal and motto of his Alma Mater *Fides et Labor* was not merely something to be admired but was a part of his very being and the granite foundation of his character. What faith and labor can do is being demonstrated by Dr. Harris in Porto Rico.

In June 1927 the Polytechnic Institute will graduate a class of twenty-five, granting the degree Bachelor of Arts. From an enrollment of one student in 1912, the Institution has at the present time an enrollment of over one thousand. The school uses the quarter system, remaining in session for the entire year of four quarters. The campus consists of two hundred acres, with ten permanent buildings and a large number of modern homes for both teachers and students. The industrial plan is well organized, each student working twelve hours a week. The larger part of the construction of the buildings is done by student labor. The plans of Dr. Harris look forward to a plant esti-

ated at a cost of \$5,000,000. On his teaching staff Dr. Harris employs at the present time eight graduates of Park College. It is not easy to estimate the value of the work of this unusual institution.

Dr. J. Will Harris was married in 1905 to Miss Eunice White, also a graduate of Park College in the class of 1905. Much of the success that has come to Dr. Harris is due to the inspiration and help of Mrs. Harris, who is Dean of Women in the Polytechnic Institute. They have five children.