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Dr. and Mrs. J. Will Harris  
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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Harris:

I am sure that a number of the graduates will write you of the details of Founders Day so I am going to give you a little advanced notice today. The inclosed clipping will interest you I am sure. It is all the more valuable because it was unsolicited. I sent a brief news notice to El Mundo about Founders Day which they very graciously published and the editorial writer decided to take it up and give us a little very high class publicity.

The sabbatical leave system which we put into operation in 1940, making it retroactive to 1933 on a half time basis from '33-'40, has caught up with us with a vengeance. Dr. Bover is away this year and will be back for the second summer session. Miss Lohr (Mrs. Raul Irizarry) will be gone all next year working on her Doctor's degree. Mr. Leker will be gone the first semester and Dr. Velez the second semester. We are finally having to let Dr. Fromm go since he will not adapt himself to our way of doing things. I am sure we will never find a chemistry teacher as good as he is, but it will not be hard, I am sure, to find a person who will co-operate more fully with the whole program of the school. He has been with us for five years and has built up the Chemistry Department very well. Our pre-medical students are making fine success because of the excellent training that he has given them in chemistry, but the man is pathological, I should almost say neurotic. At times I have thought that he was unbalanced. Does this sound like an old story to you?

We have had a very fine young man this year for physics and math whom we would like to help to study next year if we can find someone to take his place. We also want to find a good man in Sociology-Economics. I am writing to a dozen or so colleges that are having the Army units retired in the hope that I can find some good man in these three fields. I should appreciate very much your keeping your eyes open for us for men in chemistry, physics-math, and sociology-economics.

I haven't told you much about Founders Day and this is once that I will be glad to have a good rain on that day. We have had the driest January and February on record and we have not had any water at Casa Maria for two weeks. The whole city is suffering from lack of water. The inclosed copy of my report to the Trustees will be of interest to you.

Mr. Beverley made us an initial gift of \$500 and we have decided to try to raise \$4,500 more to put with it to build a fund as a memorial to Dr. Huffman to bring in an income to make possible art exhibits, particularly in other Caribbean countries, exhibiting their work here and our work there. This was something that Dr. Huffman was very interested in. I don't know how much the committee has decided to ask the Trustees to contribute, but you will hear from them. Edith sends her love with mine to you and all the Clarences.