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Dr. & Mrs. John William Harris
El Guajolote Ranch
Dilley, Texas

My dear Dr. & Mrs. Harris:

Your very kind letter of February 26th, addressed to Dean Bauer has been placed in my hands and I am writing to thank you for your gracious words of encouragement to me as I assume the duties of President of The Polytechnic Institute. It was a privilege for us to have Dr. Morris with us during the ceremonies of February 28th and March 1st. and 2nd. I am sure that both of you would have greatly enjoyed the events which took place on the campus in connection with Founders' Day and the installation. Your names were mentioned again and again in public addresses and in private conversations. Your memory is still green and many hearts in Puerto Rico still beat with gratitude as they think of you.

The installation ceremony at "The Steps" was very impressive. There were official representatives from the Government, from the Department of Education, the University of Puerto, the College of Agriculture, from the Seminary, the Teachers' Association of Puerto Rico, the Faculty, the Alumni Association and the student body. All of these persons took part in the academic procession which was, accordingly, quite colorful. Splendid addresses were delivered by the visitors and the Masa Coral sang as it only knows how. The day was beautiful and the hills were resplendent. An atmosphere of friendly cordiality, spiritual solemnity and of love for the Polytechnic Institute was evident. Altogether it was a memorable occasion.

Since your letter did not reach us in time to be read at the installation service, we could not present it until the final service on Sunday evening when Dr. Morris read it effectively.

Will you kindly express to your sister-in-law our sincere appreciation of her check for \$25.00? This gift will be applied to the Alumni Cottage Fund.

Again thank you for your good wishes and trust that God Blessings may rest upon you and your labors.

With warmest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Edward G. Seel
President