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The death of Dr. J. Will Harris yesterday has caused deep sorrow to many in Puerto Rico. Many men and women are leading successful lives today because of the contributions to education in Puerto Rico which were made by Dr. Harris.

When Dr. Harris came to the island in 1906 as a missionary, his dream was to establish a college. Six years later, the Polytechnic Institute at San German became a reality. It was founded without funds by Dr. Harris, and his dedication to the college carried it through many difficult years. Today, Polytechnic is a monument to a man who loved humanity and did something for it. We think of no more fitting tribute than to quote what was said about Dr. Harris on the day in 1938 when the grateful people of San Germán made him their adopted son:

"A man who saw visions and dreams and set out to make them come true; who built a great college on nothing but faith and hard work; an unremitting toiler in the vineyard of the Lord; a man who has done for the spirit and lasting good of Puerto Rico, more than any other person who has sojourned among us; a man who, with the help of his devoted and beloved wife, has built the most lasting edifice it is given to man to build, a shrine in the heart and conscience of men and women. And all the elements in him so mixed, that nature might at last stand up and say: this is a man."