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Dr. J. Will Harris  
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Dear Dr. Harris:

Your letter regarding Mr. Thos E. Burns reached me shortly before noon today. I at once put in a long distance call to the Caribe Hilton Hotel, and just now (3:00 P.M.) have been speaking with Mr. Burns. The connection was not very good, but I at least was able to greet him and invite him to visit Poly. He said he regretted not being able to do so. Their airplane itinerary is fixed and are leaving for the Virgin Islands tomorrow morning. From there they go to Puerto Prince, and, as I understood, will not be back in Puerto Rico on this trip. I am sorry we could not have had them here, and greatly appreciate your referring them to us.

Have you heard of the death of Sr. Juan Cancio Ortiz? He died at his home in Santurce and was buried from the Presbyterian Church in Lajas on October 4th. A good delegation of students and teachers attended. Addresses of appreciation were made by Rev. M. E. Valentine, Dr. Angel Archilla, and myself. The body was laid in state at the City Hall, where the Mayor of Lajas and the City Auditor spoke feelingly of Mr. Cancio's high character and civic spirit. Sr. Santiago Fla, owner of La Primavera print shop in San Juan and son-in-law to Sr. Cancio, has sent us 3000 copies of the tract you wrote about Don Juan about 1909 or 1910. We are going to mail this out with the next issue of The Polygraph. I thought you would be interested in this information.

Poly moves along, in spite of war and the conscription of many young men for military service. Since last Fall Semester's enrollment was the highest we have ever had (637) we expected a drop to about 400 this fall. As a matter of fact, 425 are enrolled at present. A very good spirit prevails on the campus, - which is indispensable if true education for Christian Character is to be achieved.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Harris,

Very truly yours,

Edward G. Seel  
President

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