

When the Polytechnic Institute was very young Mrs. Heylman (then Miss Mary Tooker) and her sister, Miss Gertrude Tooker, became interested in the unique work that Dr. Harris had begun. <sup>and</sup> They contributed toward the erection of Loma Vista, the first permanent building on the campus. Later, after Captain and Mrs. Heylman were married in 1922, and had visited Puerto Rico, they provided funds to build the upstairs guest room at Loma Vista which, together with the tower study, is now occupied as <sup>an</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>apartment</sup> ~~apartment~~ by Mr. <sup>Saraffelina</sup> and Mrs. <sup>and the lower study which</sup> ~~Heth~~. <sup>Mr Child line</sup>

In 1926 Henry Patterson Heylman, son of Capt. Heylman by his former marriage, came to San Germán for his health and became very fond of the place. A fatal heart attack took him away in January, 1927. This bereavement gave the Heylmans a still closer bond with Puerto Rico. In memory of Dick, as he was affectionately called, they



including insular <sup>of the Heylmans</sup> governors, relatives and friends from the North. Among these were, Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Britton of the New York Botanical Gardens,

<sup>and</sup>  
~~Ex~~ Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spent a day and night at Casa Maria on her first visit to Puerto Rico in

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Captain and Mrs. Heylman became interested in the efforts the Institute was making toward self support and gave funds to build the dairy barn, giving the name of Stewart Farms to the agricultural enterprise in honor of their friend James Rutherford Stewart. Many other gifts and benevolences came to the college through them, the silk flag that stands in the Assembly Hall, the Heylman Oratorical fund of \$500, a gift of \$1,500 toward the purchase of thirty acres of land adjoining the Casa Maria estate, and many others <sup>gifts of money</sup> too numerous to mention. Finally as the war dragged on and Captain Heylman's health worsened, they crowned their generosity with the magnificent gift of Casa Maria itself.

beautifully and completely furnished with its extensive and beautifully planted gardens, to be the home of the President of the Polytechnic. Captain Heylman ~~passed away~~ <sup>died</sup> after a brief illness on February 17, 1944 <sup>147</sup>

As a fitting memorial to Captain Heylman, who was a great lover of drama and music, Mrs. Heylman recently contributed a fund for the purchase of an electric organ ultimately to be used in the proposed new chapel, a Steinway concert piano and several practice pianos for the Music Department. 50

The total of these gifts runs into many thousands of dollars, but all together they do not approximate the intangible values the Heylmans brought to the hills of St. Martha. Their interest and friendship opened new friendships for the school; their hospitality resulted in giving to many an insight into the Polytechnic's program and ideals, and their warmth and understanding were a constant inspiration to an almost "exiled" faculty and a provincial student body. What they gave to broaden Polytechnic's vision and deepen its devotion is inestimable. 55

It is most fitting that the spacious living room of Casa Maria have on its walls the portraits of Captain and Mrs. Heylman, the two best friends the Polytechnic has ever had.

May these portraits serve to remind future generations of students, faculty members and friends of the school, that here once dwelt two noble people who possessed such beauty within themselves that they recreated it in tangible form in the terrace and patio, in the walks and nooks and in the trees and flowers of beautiful Casa Maria.

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It is suggested that as each portrait is unveiled <sup>33</sup> brief character sketches of Mrs. Heylman and Captain Heylman be read. These could be prepared by Miss Ahern who knows Mrs. Heylman and knew Captain Heylman well.