

the Alumni Association to Dec. 28, 1944.

When I was in New York a few weeks ago, Edith and I had lunch with Mrs. Haysman and she asked me how much we had raised at the Guajolote Ranch. I told her that I thought I had raised at least 500 or 600 people and that there should be a possibility of the possible stage for regular meetings. She did not seem to have any location, but did not seem to have any location, but did not seem to have any location.

Thank you for your gracious Christmas greeting in the form of the calendar. It is very nice to have it and the quotations are always inspirational.

The object of this letter is to share with you some more good news. A few days ago we received a check for \$6,000 from Aguirre Central to apply toward the Industrial Arts Building and Program, bringing the total amount received for the building to date to \$35,500. As you know, the Carnegie Corporation matched the gifts of last year with a \$20,000 grant in March 1944 and matched the gifts of this year with another \$20,000 grant in November. Roswell suggests and the Trustees agreed that this money should be added to the permanent endowment.

Our original plan for the industrial arts building and program called for \$100,000, \$75,000 to be used for building and equipment and \$25,000 to add to the endowment to bring an income for maintenance. The \$40,000 given by the Corporation more than provides for this additional income and we need \$39,500 more for the building and equipment.

We are still having a great many problems, even after accreditation and even after the larger support that we have been receiving from philanthropists in the Island. Most of these problems, however, are problems of wartime: shortage of personnel and inability to obtain materials. I am pretty desperate sometimes for lack of adequate and efficient staff and the strain is beginning to tell in my health.

You doubtless know that Edith is with her mother at 123-1/2 Arch Street, in Sunbury, Pa. until early in March when she and Mary Virginia will come down together. Machie has been away from home now three and a half years and we think it is time for us to see something of her again. My mother is with me and because of a serious illness of Mrs. González, is managing Costello temporarily. I am very sorry to put her under this strain since she came here to rest, but there just isn't anybody else to do it.

Although the graduates have contributed something over \$1,000 toward the Alumni Cottage project during the last year, I am discouraged about their response. We are, therefore, organizing a committee of the members of the faculty and staff who are members of

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the Alumni Association to make some personal visitation and solicitation.

When I was in New York a few weeks ago, Edith and I had lunch with Mrs. Heylman and she asked us how much a chapel would cost. I mentioned the figure of \$75,000 because I feel that it should be made to seat, at least 500 or 600 people and that there should be a lower floor with a stage for popular meetings. She discussed something of the possible location, but did not commit herself in anyway. She has been so sweet and generous through all these years that I find it very hard either to ask her or to push her in anyway. Once she mentioned in a letter that she wished she were in a position to give a fitting memorial for "Harry". Will you add your prayers to mine that she may be led to do this very beautiful thing for the Polytechnic and for Puerto Rico?

There is much more that I could write, but the Polygraph will give you most of the news. Please accept my very best wishes of the season and extend them to Mr. Clarence and all his family.

Yours sincerely,
President

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