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If, on the other hand, the President should be able to announce soon that when the doors of the college open next year, a larger and better equipped—and a fire proof—building will be ready for occupancy, we shall be able to hold our present students, and attract others, and still further to extend the usefulness of the institution; in this event the fire will prove to have been a blessing.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie offers to provide funds—\$25,000—for the erection of the proposed building, as soon as we have added an equal amount to our Endowment Fund. We must raise this amount, therefore, at once, and in addition, some \$5,000, plus the amount derived from the insurance, with which to replace the scientific apparatus and collections which were destroyed, and otherwise properly furnish and equip the building.

I appeal to YOU for assistance in this emergency, and this assistance will be twice helpful if it comes at once

Money may be pledged either to the General Endowment Fund, or for any particular department or chair of instruction, or for the endowment of perpetual scholarships for the aid of needy and worthy students.

Rollins College will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary at its next Commencement, June 2. As the oldest college in Florida it has had an honorable and useful history, and it never possessed so strong a faculty, so fine a body of students, and such bright prospects of usefulness as today.

WILLIAM FREMONT BLACKMAN, PRESIDENT.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

GENERAL BEQUEST.

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KNOWLES HALL, 1885 - 1909



RUINS OF KNOWLES HALL, DECEMBER 2, 1909

The Burning of Knowles Hall.

TO THE FRIENDS OF ROLLINS COLLEGE:

The pictures on the opposite page tell their own story.

The first is of Knowles Hall, the earliest building erected on the campus, in 1885, being the gift of the late Frank B. Knowles, of Worcester, Mass., and others. It is an interesting fact that the building was constructed under the supervision of Mr. George A. Rollins, of Chicago, a brother of Mr. Alonzo W. Rollins, whose name the college bears, and himself one of the firmest friends and most generous benefactors of the institution.

Knowles Hall contained the chapel, all the college recitation rooms, the apartments of the Business School, and all the apparatus and collections belonging to the Department of Natural Science, besides considerable personal property belonging to Dr. T. R. Baker, the faithful and honored head of this department for a score of years.

The second picture was taken December 2, a few hours after the complete destruction of Knowles Hall by fire.

The fire was discovered about half past two o'clock in the morning. Its cause is unknown. When discovered, it was already beyond control. Of the contents only two typewriters were saved.

The fine water supply system which was installed last year through the generosity of Mr. W. C. Comstock, one of the trustees of the college—and which consists of a Dean triplex pump, a powerful electric motor, a Kewanee pneumatic tank, six-inch mains with fire plugs between all buildings, and three-inch risers in each of the halls, with sufficient hose to reach every room on every floor—saved Pinehurst Cottage, only sixty feet distant. If this system had not been in operation Pinehurst must inevitably have been destroyed, if not Chase Hall, the Lyman Gymnasium, and the Dining Hall, also.

Rollins College has now no chapel to pray in; no single recitation room except those improvised in other and already crowded buildings, to teach in; no telescope, microscope, air pump, balance, or other apparatus for use in the study of physics, chemistry, geology, biology, zoölogy, or astronomy; no scientific specimens (of these, some four thousand were destroyed by the fire); and not even a bell with which to summon teachers and pupils to their work.

The situation is grave.

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