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yet with its future all before it.

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TOWARD THE SECOND MILLION

A GIFT of \$10,000 from W. H. Hoover, founder of The Hoover Company, North Canton, Ohio, five of \$1,000 each from other friends, and several pledges of smaller amounts varying from \$100 to \$500 have come to Rollins College since the March-April issue of the ROLLINS RECORD.

Addition of these grants to the funds already subscribed makes a total of approximately \$1,020,000 received toward the fund of \$2,500,000 sought by Rollins in order to endow adequately the Conference Plan of Study and to secure the best faculty available.

Mr. Hoover has been a generous friend, his gifts to Rollins at various times during the past few years having amounted to \$7,500 prior to his latest grant. Other gifts of \$1,000 or more received since April 1 were as follows: The Keith Fund, \$1,000; Mr. and Mrs. E. Huyck, \$1,000; William McLauchlan, \$1,000; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pollock, \$1,000; and Mrs. Robert Schwarzenbach, \$1,000.

TO MERGE OR NOT TO MERGE

WITH the approval of the National Advisory Council, "Our Changing Economic Life" has been selected as the basis for discussion at the Third Annual Institute of Statesmanship to be held at Rollins College from January 5 to 11, 1931. As announced in the March-April issue of the RECORD, former Congressman Cornelius A. Pugsley, Peekskill, N. Y., banker and philanthropist, has offered to continue his subvention of the Institute.

Among members of the National Council who have given their approval of the decision to formulate a program around a discussion of the integration of American business into larger units were: Governor Doyle E. Carlton, Hon. John W. Davis, Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, Hon. Ruth Bryan Owen, Cornelius A. Pugsley, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, Professor James T. Shotwell, President John J. Tigert, Oswald Garrison Villard, and Hon. George W. Wickersham.

Special attention is to be given to the discussion of such topics as mergers and consolidations, co-operation between competitors, the chain store, bank mergers and branch banking, the co-operative movement in agriculture, power and power trusts, newspaper chains, overproduction and employment.

A WHITMANIA FOR ROLLINS

NUCLEUS for a rich collection of Whitmania has been found in the late William Sloane Kennedy's private library which was willed to Rollins College in addition to a bequest of \$10,000 for the Library Endowment Fund.

William Sloane Kennedy, who was accidentally drowned while sea bathing last summer at West Yarmouth, Mass., was the last surviving member of the little group of loyal friends that gathered about the house on Mickel Street, Camden, N. J., in which Walt Whitman spent the last fifteen years of his life.

Mr. Kennedy spent several winters in Orlando and was a frequent visitor at Rollins College. The entire Kennedy Library, containing approximately one thousand volumes, filled six large cases when received recently.

Included in the Whitmania are several first edition copies of translations of "Leaves of Grass", presented to Mr. Kennedy by the translators; books about Whitman by Horace Traubel, Dr. Richard M. Bucke, John Burroughs, Clifton F. Furness, and Mr. Kennedy; nearly a trunkful of correspondence with distinguished authors, both here and abroad, including more than a score of letters and post cards in the hand of John Burroughs; and several photographs including a copy of the famous Cox photograph of Whitman, autographed by Whitman in

1887, and which hung in Mr. Kennedy's study for 43 years.

The Kennedy-Whitman Collection is the second that has come to the Rollins College Library during the past year. The first was a gift of 2,000 books presented by Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee, Professor of American Literature, which are already installed in the Pattee English Seminar Room. The beginning has also been made toward the collection of material for a Florida History Collection.



THE PRESIDENTS IN BRONZE

A SET of thirty bronze medallions of the presidents of the United States, from Washington to Hoover, has been presented to Rollins College by J. R. Nutt, chairman of the board of the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio. The medallions, which were made at the United States Mint, measure three inches in diameter. The set will become a permanent exhibit in the College Library.



ROLLINS AN EXAMPLE

“ Though the weak small college with its backward, overworked faculties, its dogmatic precepts, its low educational standards, is anything but a cultural asset in America, the strong small college is leading the way to a modern point of view in liberal training. Rollins College in Florida is an example.” *Chicago Tribune*, April 15, 1930.

STUDENT LOAN FUNDS

SECURITIES worth approximately \$25,000 when presented to Rollins College by the late Judge Elbert H. Gary in 1926 as a loan fund for students have increased in value to about \$40,000 in the four-year period. In accordance with the wishes of the donor, only the income from the original fund has been used for student loans.

During the past four years, eighty individual student loans, amounting to \$8,766.45, or an average of a little more than \$100 for each loan, have been made. It is expected that students will begin repayment immediately after leaving school, or after graduation, and interest is charged at six per cent. Although the Fund has been in operation only four years, \$2,708.70 has been repaid, leaving the loans now outstanding, \$6,057.75.

The Gary Fund now gives Rollins College approximately \$3,000 per year which furnishes the means of aiding twenty to twenty-five students.

Unfortunately, the income from the Gary Fund has been insufficient, as the College often has many more applicants than it can aid from this Fund alone. To supplement service from the Gary Fund, Dr. Edwin Osgood Grover, Professor of Books at Rollins, conceived the idea of asking some friends to lend money to the College at five

per cent interest, the College in turn to lend the funds at six per cent to students who could not be accommodated by the Gary Loan Fund.

Dr. Albert Shaw, an honorary alumnus of Rollins, started the Fund. William Arthur Gallup, Boston, Mass., directly or indirectly, raised almost half of the money now on hand in the Investment Loan Fund. The Fund's principal, now amounting to slightly more than \$5,000, has furnished the means of accommodating a number of students.

In addition, the Senior Class of 1929 left, as a gift to the College, the nucleus of a small fund to be known as the Senior Loan Fund. As specified, loans are made to seniors only, the Fund being administered by a board composed of three members of the senior class, which selects and approves applications for loans. Although the Senior Loan Fund is yet small, it has been loaned entirely to seniors graduating in June, 1930.

The Class of 1930 has taken action to add to this Fund and possibly establish thereby a precedent which will enable this Fund in time to become large enough to take care of all members of the Senior Class deserving financial assistance.

ON THE OHIO FRONT

THE story of Rollins College and its efforts to answer the complaints of higher education by substituting the Conference Plan of Study for the conventional lecture and recitation system was brought before several groups of Ohioans by President Hamilton Holt in April.

At Dayton, on April 14, Dr. Holt was the guest at a luncheon in the Engineers Club sponsored by Judge O. B. Brown; E. G. Burkam, editor, *Dayton Journal and Herald*; Henry Dickson, secretary, Y. M. C. A.; Dr. Hugh I. Evans, pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Walter Locke, editor, *Dayton News*; Paul North Rice, librarian; and George B. Smith, trustee, Antioch College. Ninety-one men and women attended.

At Cincinnati, on April 16, seventy-two prominent men attended a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce given in honor of President Holt by John L. Shuff, Manager of the Union Central Life Insurance Company.

On the same afternoon, Dr. Holt talked about "An Adventure in Common Sense Education", before eighty-five members of the Women's Club of Cincinnati.

In the first week of May, President Holt addressed several groups in Cleveland. On the evening of May 1, he was the guest and speaker at a dinner in the Union Club, spon-

sored by Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Bulkley, Mrs. Stevenson Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hoyt, II, Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Thwing, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Williams.

The next day, he addressed the members of the Men's City Club at a luncheon, and on the same day he spoke at a meeting of 55 principals and supervisors of the Cleveland Board of Education. That evening he attended a dinner of the Park School and spoke to about ninety parents. On the following day, he attended the Rollins Alumni Dinner at the Women's City Club. He also spoke before Student Assemblies at four Cleveland schools.



A "FAMILY" MAN

EDWIN L. CLARKE, formerly of Oberlin College, has been appointed Professor of Sociology at Rollins College for the coming year. Professor Clarke has taught at Clark University, Hamilton College, Ohio State University, University of Minnesota, and Oberlin. He is the author of "The Art of Straight Thinking", and the originator of a unique course on "The Family" which he will conduct at Rollins.

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