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Rollins, the oldest College in Florida,
yet with its future all before it.

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ONE MILLION—PLUS OR MINUS

THE trustees of Rollins are continuing this Fall their efforts to complete the \$2,500,000 endowment fund. Figures, cold and impersonal, show that approximately one million dollars of the objective fund were secured during the past year. But written into the figures, also, is a million dollars' worth of endorsement—a form of endorsement that has given President Holt and his colleagues renewed faith in the Rollins Adventure in Education.

Gifts of \$5,000 each from Mrs. Maude B. Cook, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Miss Elizabeth G. Houghton, Boston, one of \$1,000 from R. B. Barbour, Winter Park, and several gifts between \$1 and \$500 were received during the summer months. Up to September 30, 1930, the total subscriptions were \$945,513.47. This amount does not include any estimate of the share Rollins will receive from the Conrad Hubert Estate which was administered by Calvin Coolidge, Alfred E. Smith and Julius Rosenwald.

COLLEGIATE INDIGESTION

RUMBLES of discontent with the present standardized forms of higher education continue to be heard on the college fronts; and occasionally one hears the report that an institution, Rollins-like, is doing something about it.

A news dispatch from Madison, Wis., reports that "drastic recommendations, with far-reaching educational significance for students entering the University of Wisconsin . . . were made today in a report by a special committee on curriculum revision to the faculty of the College of Letters and Sciences. . . . Most of the recommendations stress actual attainment and growth by the student rather than the mere attendance at class and the meeting of routine requirements."

Implied endorsement of the conference method employed at Rollins College is indicated in the recommendation for changes in method, with the words: "good students, as they progress, will receive increasing freedom. The tutorial method of personal conference is definitely introduced with the hope of future expansion."

Commenting editorially, the New York Times remarks that "the Big Bertha fired by the special committee of the University of Wisconsin punctured with a single shot the ancient bulwark of inflexible freshman requirements and the entanglements of credit hours and courses for graduation . . ."

A news dispatch from Bryn Mawr, Pa.,

reports that "Dean Helen Taft Manning, acting president of Bryn Mawr and several members of the faculty, in cooperation with a group of undergraduates, have made radical changes in the present college curriculum. The break with tradition consists mainly in doing away with the hour system . . . In some cases a reading period will be substituted, when the student will have opportunity for doing independent reading and writing of reports. The tendency of this new system is thus toward fewer lectures and more independent work and specialization on the part of the student."

Dr. Frank Ayledotte, president of Swarthmore College, in a recent article in the New York Times, is frankly critical of the present forms of college education. "The most encouraging features of the outlook for higher education in this country for the future," he begins, "is our saving discontent with conditions as they are at present. We are living in a period of change and experimentation . . . The college life of the present day is, in my opinion, as transitory as the stuff that dreams are made of—in this case not a wholly pleasant dream. Changes are coming so rapidly that we shall soon look back in wonder that such things should have been. . . . It seems to me that the outlook for the future improvement of our standards in higher education is dependent upon the success of an experiment which, in a number of colleges and universities, may almost be said to be beyond the experimental stage . . ."

NEW *G. P.'s

NEW members of the faculty of Rollins this year include three professors, one associate professor, three assistant professors, two instructors, and a librarian. They are Dr. Arthur D. Enyart, former dean at Rollins, as professor of business economics; John A. Rice, graduate of Tulane and Oxford, former Rhodes Scholar, associate professor at Nebraska University, department head at New Jersey College for Women, and Research Fellow for Guggenheim Foundation, who has been appointed professor of classical languages; Dr Edwin L. Clarke, former member of the faculty at Oberlin, Clark, Hamilton, Ohio State, and Minnesota, who is to serve as professor of sociology; Cecil R. Oldham, Oxford graduate, as associate professor of history and crew coach; Theodore Dreier, graduate of Harvard and formerly an electrical engineer, as assistant professor of physics; Harold C. Sproul, graduate of Columbia, and former instructor at Minnesota and Amherst, as assistant professor of English; Miss Audrey L. Packham, graduate of Florida State College for Women and Columbia, as assistant professor of education; Rhea M. Smith, graduate of Southern Methodist University, as instructor of history; Bruce M. Dougherty, New York tenor, as instructor of voice; and Miss Alice H. Lerch, formerly of the New York Library, as librarian.

*Golden Personalities.

DEVELOPMENT FUND
PERIOD ENDS

THE five-year fiscal period of the Orange County Development Fund of Rollins College ended, officially, on June 30, 1930. Of the \$289,370 pledged toward the Fund, \$137,958 has been paid to the College treasury.

The campaign to raise a development fund of \$300,000 was initiated by the trustees in 1925. Its purpose was to enable Rollins College to meet operating expenses for the five-year period while President Holt and his colleagues were engaged in efforts to raise an endowment fund sufficient to put the College "on its feet". It was during this five-year period that plans to secure the \$2,500,000 fund now sought as additional endowment were developed.

In directing the appeal exclusively to Orange County, the College pledged that the people of the county, as a whole, would not be asked to subscribe funds to the College for any other purpose during the five-year period.

Under the chairmanship of Karl Lehmann, secretary of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, the College received, as results of the Development Fund campaign, total cash pledges of \$289,370 and gifts of land valued currently at approximately \$68,418.

Although the collapse of the real estate market made it extremely difficult for many

of the subscribers to meet their pledges, many who have been unable to pay in full have given assurance that they will do so as soon as they are able.

It is needless to point out that the support from Orange County residents during the period that has just closed has been of immeasurable aid to Dr. Holt and his associates in their plans to make Rollins "the best small college in America." It is a source of gratification, also, that Rollins College has respected its pledge of not asking further aid of Orange County, as a unit, during the Development Fund Period.



CROWDING THE DOORS

WHILE college enrollment throughout the country this year is apparently taking a downward curve, registration at Rollins is distinctly upward. The freshman class, for which there is now a waiting list, is the largest in Rollins' history. The enrollment of upper class students, including an unusually large number of transfers from other colleges and universities, sent the total registration for the year to more than 400, and thereby established another high record. They are crowding the doors at Rollins.

THE PATH OF FAME

THE Rollins College Path of Fame, conceived as a permanent memorial to the great men and women in history, past and present, and constituting one of the unique collections in the world, is now composed of nearly fifty stones brought from the former homes or birthplaces of world-known celebrities.

The Path was presented to Rollins College by President Holt last Fall and dedicated with an initial collection of twenty-two stones. From time to time other stones have been added, the most recent units including stones from the former homes of Shakespeare, Milton, Shelley, Disraeli, Burke, Penn, "George Eliot," and Thomas Gray, obtained by President Holt in England this Summer. Before it is placed in the Path of Fame, each stone is inscribed with the name of the celebrity represented as well as an identification of the place from which the stone was taken.

Most of the stones comprising the first portion of the Path were collected by President Holt or his assistant, A. J. Hanna, on trips between Florida and Maine during the past three years. Represented in the collection are stones from birthplaces or former homes of the following presidents: Hoover, Coolidge, Wilson, McKinley, Jefferson, Washington, Lincoln, Johnson and Pierce.

Others represented by stones include Robert Frost, Lady Astor, Mark Twain, Mary

Lyon, John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, John Marshall, Jonathan Edwards, Henry W. Longfellow, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Louisa May Alcott, William Cullen Bryant, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Jonathan Trumbull, Mark Hopkins, Israel Putnam, Artemus Ward, Nathan Hale, Daniel Webster, Thomas A. Edison, William Jennings Bryan, General Lafayette, Joel Chandler Harris, Clara Barton, Samuel Smith, John Greenleaf Whittier, Thomas B. Reed, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Charles Dudley Warner, Helen Hunt Jackson and Andrew Carnegie.



GENERAL CARTY, TRUSTEE

BRIGADIER General John J. Carty, New York, N. Y., a vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and eminent as an electrical engineer, has become a member of the Board of Trustees of Rollins College to serve for a term of three years. General Carty became actively interested in the progress of Rollins during his residence as a winter home owner in Winter Park for the past two years.

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