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yet with its future all before it.

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A NEW CHAPEL FOR ROLLINS

FUNDS sufficient to build a new chapel at Rollins College have been provided by Mrs. George E. Warren, Boston, Mass., a Rollins trustee, and her sister, Mrs. Homer D. Gage, Worcester, Mass. Although the amount of the fund has not been made public, it is announced as the second largest gift in the history of Rollins and the largest since the grant of \$500,000 by an unnamed donor fourteen months ago.

This new unit in the architectural plan designed for the College will be named Knowles Chapel in memory of Francis B. Knowles, father of Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Gage, and benefactor of Rollins in its earlier days.

The new Knowles Chapel will supplant, as a place of worship, the auditorium of Knowles Hall, also named for Francis B. Knowles in whose memory the building was given in 1911 by his widow, Hester Ann Knowles and Andrew Carnegie.

For three years Rollins has had a chapel

fund which was established by Mrs. Warren and her sister, Mrs. Gage. When this fund was found to be inadequate, Mrs. Warren offered to supply funds sufficient to build a chapel that would meet the standards of the whole architectural plan for the College.

In addition, Mrs. Warren is providing funds for the purchase of an organ, interior equipment, and general maintenance.

This is the second large gift from Mrs. Warren within the year. At the celebration of Founders' Week last year, she gave Rollins a substantial grant toward the endowment fund of \$2,500,000 with which the College seeks to maintain itself.

An architectural design by Ralph Adams Cram, of Cram and Ferguson, Boston, Mass., has been approved. Construction, under the direction of Richard Kiehnel, of Kiehnel and Elliott, Miami, Fla., will begin during the current year. It is hoped that the building will be ready for use in the Fall.

Knowles Chapel, designed to harmonize with the new dormitories, architecturally, will show a strong Spanish influence, not only in details, but in plan, proportion and composition. It will have a high nave with clerestory, colonaded side aisles, sanctuary, side chapel, and a gallery. The exterior design and composition are those of the Fifteenth Century Spanish Parish Church showing a tower and west front in the period. Ex-

terior features will show colored stucco walls, artificial stone trimmings, and tile roofs.

Knowles Hall, which has served the purposes of a chapel and assembly place for twenty years, was dedicated March 9, 1911 on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the first Knowles Hall, the first building on the campus. The first Knowles Hall, the gift of Francis B. Knowles, was destroyed by fire in 1910.

With the completion of the chapel next Fall, the present building known as Knowles Hall will probably be converted into conference rooms and in this capacity will relieve a pressing demand for additional space.

Knowles Chapel will take its place as the fourth unit in the architectural plan for Rollins and is the fourth building given to Rollins during the past eighteen months. The first was Rollins Hall, a men's dormitory, the gift of the late Edward Warren Rollins. Pugsley Hall, the gift of Ex-Congressman Cornelius A. Pugsley, Peekskill, N. Y., banker and Rollins trustee, and Mayflower Hall, a gift from an unnamed donor, are women's dormitories which were constructed in time for occupancy this Fall.

In addition to the gifts of buildings, Rollins has secured in the same length of time approximately one million dollars toward the endowment fund of \$2,500,000.

DR. GEORGE MORGAN WARD

IN THE passing of Dr. George Morgan Ward, president emeritus of Rollins College, who died in Palm Beach, Fla., December 28, 1930, in his seventy-second year, Rollins lost a true friend. His name has been interwoven into the history of the College since 1895 when he began the first of his two terms as president. Since 1900, he had been pastor in charge of Royal Poinciana Chapel, Palm Beach, during the winter seasons.

Dr. Ward was born in Lowell, Mass., May 23, 1859, the son of Sullivan L. and Mary Frances (Morgan) Ward. He studied at Harvard, Dartmouth, Boston University, Johns Hopkins and Andover Theological Seminary, obtaining the degrees of A.B., A.M., LL.B., and B.D.

He was one of the founders of the Christian Endeavor Movement and as the first general secretary of its international organization he guided its early growth by introducing the movement into all the states and territories of the Union.

Dr. Ward's first term as president of Rollins extended from 1895 to 1903. During this administration, Rollins became inter-denominational, greatly increased its enrollment and assumed its leadership, as Florida's pioneer college, in raising educational standards of the state.

In 1903, Dr. Ward accepted the presidency of Wells College and remained head of that institution nine years. His connection with Wells resulted in a marked internal improvement, the erection of new buildings and the raising of an adequate endowment.

Dr. Ward returned to Rollins in 1916 to assist the trustees in securing a much-needed additional endowment. At great personal sacrifice in time and finances, Dr. Ward served the cause of education in Florida without remuneration and was instrumental in securing a half million dollar endowment. At the same time, enrollment became the largest in the history of the College. He retired from the presidency of Rollins eight years ago.

President Hamilton Holt has paid the following tribute to Dr. Ward: "Rollins has ever been the thing in life nearest his heart. I gladly testify that no friend of Rollins has been more zealous in the upbuilding of the College, more devoted to its interests, or more delighted in its successes than he. He was beloved by students, faculty and town-folk. His genius consisted in a profound spiritual influence which he exerted on all who met him and which characterized his every word, thought, and deed.

"Rollins is the monument of many builders, but no builder was endowed with higher ideals, deeper convictions or broader interests and sympathies. Rollins has lost a great leader and a steadfast friend."

SHIFTING THE EMPHASIS

PROFESSOR JOHN DEWEY of Columbia University and fourteen other educational experts held a conference at Rollins College during the week of January 19 to conduct a survey into liberal arts education with the ultimate view of recommending changes and improvements in curriculum.

Whatever the results, tangible or intangible, of the informal studies carried on by this distinguished group of progressive thinkers, it is a certainty that the Educational Conference served the purpose of calling attention to some of the shortcomings and weaknesses in the present system of higher education.

The conference recommended significant changes in policy governing the conduct of teacher training both in practice and in teachers' colleges, and went on record in favor of development of intellectual interests of students, appraisal of students on individual accomplishment rather than a time basis, and more attention to cultural development of the individual. It was generally agreed that the student should be the central unit in any system of liberal arts education and that emphasis should be placed, not upon imparting knowledge, but upon training for life.

Reports of recommendations for changes in curriculum submitted by four Rollins College groups—a student committee, a faculty committee, a “minority” faculty committee,

and an “independent” faculty-student committee—were considered by the Educational Conference as basis for various aspects of the week's discussion.

Members of the conference were: Professor John Dewey, Columbia, chairman; President Arthur E. Morgan, and Dean J. D. Dawson, Antioch College; President Constance Warren and Dean Beatrice Doerschuk, Sarah Lawrence College; Dean Max McConn, Lehigh; James Harvey Robinson, historian; Professor Joseph K. Hart, Vanderbilt; Director A. Caswell Ellis, Cleveland College; Henry Turner Bailey, former director, Cleveland School of Art; Professor Goodwin Watson, Columbia; Professor Wilder D. Bancroft, Cornell; Vice President James Creece, Stevens Institute.



A LIVELY ISSUE

THE ONLY “Animated Magazine” in the world, one that comes alive—will be “published” as Vol. V, No. 1, on Sunday afternoon, February twenty-second, during the annual observance of Founders' Week.

Five years ago, President Holt conceived the idea of issuing, as a Founders' Week event, a magazine in which all of the contributors appear in person and read their contributions. In his familiar role as editor, President Holt will include, in his “table of contents,” contributors to be selected from a tentative list of the following: John Erskine,

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, Irving Bacheller, Jessie Rittenhouse, Clinton Scollard, Winston Churchill, Albert Shaw, Ray Stannard Baker, Corra Harris, Willard Wattles, Fred Lewis Pattee, Opie Read, Rex Beach, and Joseph Hergesheimer.



A FLORIDA COMMITTEE

IN connection with efforts to secure an endowment fund of \$2,500,000 President Holt has organized the first section of a Florida Special Gifts Committee to assist the Executive Committee of the Rollins College Endowment Fund.

Joshua C. Chase, Winter Park, is chairman and Mrs. A. E. Dick, Winter Park, is vice chairman of the Florida Committee. Other members are Irving Bacheller, Halsted W. Caldwell, Judge D. A. Cheney, William R. O'Neal, and N. P. Yowell, trustees; Dean Winslow S. Anderson. Ervin T. Brown, Alfred J. Hanna, Miss Lida Woods, and Professors Thomas P. Bailey, Charles A. Campbell, Arthur D. Enyart, Royal W. France, Edwin Osgood Grover, Ralph Reed Lounsbury, Rollins College; Dr. Charles W. Dabney and Col. E. C. Leonard, Winter Park; William Edwards, Zellwood; Mrs. John T. Fuller, S. Kendrick Guernsey, and Karl Lehmann, Orlando.

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