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yet with its future all before it.

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## MEMOS

**C**ORRINE ROOSEVELT ROBINSON *was a recent visitor and chapel speaker. In her talk she presented a vivid and inspiring portrait of her brother, Theodore Roosevelt.*



*The Rollins Debating team has won to date (March 17) sixteen intercollegiate debates this year without a single defeat.*



*The "Rollins League of Nations" this year consists of sixteen foreign students from fourteen foreign countries.*



*Impressive exercises for the dedication of the new Pugsley and Mayflower Halls took place February 19. Hon. Cornelius Amory Pugsley of Peekskill, New York, donor of Pugsley Hall, was present.*

## THE ANNIE RUSSELL THEATRE

**I**T WAS a thrilling moment in the life of Rollins College when President Hamilton Holt announced at the recent Convocation that Mrs. Edward W. Bok of Mountain Lake, Florida, had offered to build on the Rollins campus a beautiful theatre as a memorial to her life-long friend, Miss Annie Russell, the famous actress, who is now a resident of Winter Park.

The theatre will be known as the "Annie Russell Theatre" and will provide a home for the Rollins Department of Drama which has made a distinguished place for itself under the direction of Dorothea Thomas Lynch.

In announcing this generous gift which memorializes a beautiful friendship of thirty-five years, President Holt said: "The value of the Annie Russell Theatre to the dramatic, artistic, and musical life of Rollins College will be incalculable. The cultural background of Rollins College and Winter Park makes it an ideal place for the development of all the arts. Mrs. Bok, through this testimonial gift to a great actress is providing Rollins College and the community with an opportunity to "save" the best in drama for the Rollins students and the townspeople."

Plans for the Theatre are now being drawn, and it is expected that ground will be broken next month.

## NEW KNOWLES CHAPEL

**G**ROUND was broken on March ninth for the new Knowles Chapel. This is the fourth unit of the New Rollins to be erected under the administration of President Hamilton Holt. It is located in the block extending from Chase Avenue to Interlachen Avenue, fronting on Interlachen.

The building has been designed by Ralph Adams Cram, the noted ecclesiastical architect of Boston, and will seat 800 people. The plans call for a cream white stucco exterior in Mediterranean architecture, with a rich and colorful interior. The pipe organ will be one of the best in the South.

This building, which represents the second largest gift in the history of the college, is presented by Mrs. George E. Warren of Boston and her sister, Mrs. Homer D. Gage of Worcester, as a memorial to their father, Francis B. Knowles, one of the founders of Rollins College forty-six years ago. Mrs. Warren is also providing an endowment fund for the maintenance of the building.

At the ground-breaking exercise President Holt said, "I hope that this beautiful building will forever symbolize the beauty of religion, and be a vitalizing force on the campus by making it the focus of all the religious and cultural activities of the College."

## ROLLINS ANIMATED MAGAZINE

**T**HE fifth issue of this unique magazine was "published" on February 22 under the editorship of Dr. Hamilton Holt. The fifteen distinguished "contributors" appeared in person on the program. The 5,000 "subscribers" were seated out of doors under the southern pines and live oaks of the college campus.

Among the notable speakers who participated were:

JOHN ERSKINE	CORRINE ROOSEVELT
JOSEPH J. EARLY	ROBINSON
JESSIE B. RITTENHOUSE	FRED LEWIS PATTEE
JOHN PALMER GAVIT	CLINTON SCOLLARD
RAY STANNARD BAKER	IRVING BACHELLER
PERCY MACKEY	MARGARET DREIER ROBINS
S. PARKES CADMAN	WILLARD WATTLES
	OPIE READ

This is the only magazine in the world that "comes alive," and each year it attracts a larger and more appreciative audience. With the aid of loud-speakers everyone present in the large audience was able to hear clearly, while thousands more in the radio audience listened in on the national hook-up of the Columbia Broadcasting System.



## THE NEED FOR ENDOWMENT

**R**OLLINS has about \$1,600,000 in productive endowment. It needs another million to make it self-supporting on the present basis of 400 students.

Last year Rollins turned away more than 125 qualified students for lack of endow-

ment, and other resources. There is already a long waiting list for next fall, and it will probably be necessary to refuse admission to several hundred students who want, and who should have, what Rollins has to offer.

Ambitious students are clamoring for admission. Rollins wishes to help. Will you help us to help them by adding a sum, large or small, to our General Endowment Fund. There is no more effective way to capitalize and perpetuate one's life and ideals than by making a liberal Christian education possible for succeeding generations of young men and women. Nowhere will such an investment pay larger dividends than at Rollins.



## GOING TO COLLEGE BY PROXY

**O**WING to the present financial condition in the South Rollins is having an unusually large number of applications for "scholarships." In many cases these are from brilliant and ambitious students who cannot otherwise go to college.

Why not send one or more of these boys or girls to Rollins next year? You may have had the advantage of a college training and would be glad to go again "by proxy." Perhaps you missed going to college and would like to send someone now *in your place*. It would be quite exciting as well as satisfying to go to college "by proxy."

May we name a scholarship for you for the coming year?

## THE RELIGIOUS PARLEY

**T**HE third Intercollegiate Parley on Religion was held at Rollins, March 12 to 14. At each meeting the auditorium was crowded and a remarkable student interest was shown.

A feature of the Parley was the entire absence of set addresses. The distinguished leaders of the discussions were seated behind long tables and anyone was privileged to ask a question or to discuss the questions raised, subject to the ruling of the leader.

The purpose of the Parley was an analysis of vital religious values and their application to individual and group living.

The presiding officer was Dr. Samuel McCrae Cavert, Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches. The Round Table leaders included Rabbi Morris S. Lazon of Baltimore, Dr. Henry Stiles Bradley, pastor of the State Street Congregational Church of Portland, Maine, Dr. Benson Landis of New York City, Mr. Raymond Robins, President Ludd M. Spivey of Southern College, Irving Bacheller, and Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Chicago.

The personnel of the Parley represented many points of view and gave the students participating a broader outlook and a keener sense of the need and the universality of religious belief.

## THE PASSING OF MRS. ROLLINS

**T**HE death of Mrs. A. W. Rollins on February 25 at the age of 89 breaks we believe, the last direct link which binds the College to its founders.

Mrs. Rollins was the widow of Mr. Alonzo W. Rollins of Chicago to whom the college is indebted for its name. Mr. Rollins' original gift at the founding of the College in 1885 was \$50,000, and as a life-long member of the Board of Trustees he was its continual benefactor.

While the original founders have thus passed on, their deeds live after them in the traditions and ideals of the college. Neither Rollins' present, nor her greatening future, would be possible without the glorious past which they made possible.

It has been inspiring, as the founders have passed away, to have had their descendents and their relatives carry on their work and thus renew the ties of interest which death seemed to have broken.

The gift during 1930 of Rollins Hall by Mr. E. W. Rollins of Boston was the beginning of a series of such benefactions, the last and largest being the splendid gift of the new Knowles Chapel by the two daughters of Mr. Francis B. Knowles, one of the founders of the college.

## LITERARY ACTIVITIES

**U**NDERGRADUATE literary interest at Rollins continues to find expression in various forms. When work in creative writing in many other colleges is being neglected, an increasing number of students at Rollins are participating in this form of self-expression.

Last summer Frank Doggett, a senior student, published a volume of critical studies called "Dipped in Sky" through Longmans Green & Company of New York. This month Christy MacKaye, a junior in Rollins, published through Harper & Brothers of New York a volume of verse called "Wind in the Grass." The book had an introduction by Edwin Arlington Robinson.

Three undergraduates, Dorothy Emerson, Stella Weston, and Christy MacKaye, have already issued tiny volumes of distinguished verse in the series of "Vest Pocket Poets."

"The Rollins Book of Verse," published last year, was an anthology of the work of twenty-two Rollins undergraduates.

The March issue of "The Flamingo," the undergraduate literary magazine, now in its fifth volume, has just appeared.

Few colleges or universities can show so large a literary activity or so distinguished a literary output on the part of its undergraduates. It was John Godfrey Saxe who said:

*"'Tis well to borrow from the good and great,  
'Tis wise to learn; 'tis godlike to create!"*

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