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yet with its future all before it.

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MEMOS

DR. Robert Russa Moton who is Dr. Booker T. Washington's successor as president of Tuskegee Institute was a greatly appreciated speaker at a recent college assembly.



Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews of New York, presided at the recent annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society held at Rollins.



Through the courtesy of Mr. Addison Mizener, the noted architect, the Rollins College Library has received a very rare and beautiful Spanish missal dated 1620. He also presented the Library with a German volume of great historical interest dealing with early Florida history.



Mr. Preston Davis of New York has recently presented to the College Library a remarkable volume dealing with the early history of Florida. The book bears the library mark of the famous French Cardinal Mazarin who died in Paris in 1661.

DEDICATION OF "KNOWLES MEMORIAL CHAPEL"

TUESDAY, March 29, 1932, was a day long to be remembered in the history of Rollins College.

On that day two of the dreams of President Hamilton Holt came true. In the morning occurred the dedication of the majestic "Knowles Memorial Chapel." In the evening came the opening and the dedication of the beautiful "Annie Russell Theater."

These two buildings designed in Mediterranean architecture, with the connecting Chapel Garden inclosed within lovely cloisters, constitute one of the most impressive architectural units on any college campus in the United States.

The Chapel was presented to Rollins by Frances Knowles Warren (Mrs. George E. Warren) of Boston as a memorial to her father Francis B. Knowles who was one of the founders and early benefactors of Rollins College.

The impressive Service of Dedication was in charge of Dr. Charles Atwood Campbell, Dean of the Chapel. The sermon was preached by Dr. Robert Russell Wicks, Dean of the Princeton University Chapel. The organist was Dr. Wallace Goodrich, Dean of the New England Conservatory of Music of Boston.

The large overflow audience heard the service through amplifiers from seats in the Chapel Garden and its cloisters.

DEDICATION OF "ANNIE RUSSELL THEATER"

IT WAS to honor her life-long friend Miss Annie Russell, that Mary Louise Bok presented Rollins College with this beautiful Theater.

Miss Russell who is recognized as one of America's most famous actors, is now a resident of Winter Park, and will serve as Director of the Theater which happily bears her name.

For the opening on March 29 Miss Russell chose Robert Browning's poetical drama "In A Balcony," with herself playing the leading part as the Queen. She was ably supported by Rollo Peters and Mary Hone who came from notable successes in New York to assist Miss Russell on this occasion.

The play "In A Balcony" was produced for three nights and drew a crowded house each night, many being turned away. Especial interest attached to the occasion quite apart from its being the opening and dedication of the Theater, for it marked Miss Russell's professional return to the stage after an absence of fourteen years.

Miss Russell's playing was characterized by the same charm, the same artistic interpretation of character, and the same sincerity which made her for so long the idol of the American stage. Few if any colleges in the country are so fortunate as Rollins in having a beautiful Theater presided over by one of America's most distinguished actors, who has given her life for the betterment of the American stage.

ROLLINS HAS TWO IMMEDIATE NEEDS

FOR GENERAL ENDOWMENT

IN THE midst of President Hamilton Holt's campaign for an increased endowment of \$2,500,000 for Rollins there came the so-called depression. Fortunately, President Holt had already secured approximately \$1,000,000 of the amount which brings the total endowment of the College at the present time to about \$1,600,000.

Even with this substantial increase in the general endowment, the student body and the opportunity for service increased *much more rapidly*. The result, as in the case of most American colleges, is a deficit in the operating budget of the College for the current year. Rollins is doing the work of a college having an endowment of \$5,000,000, and doing it on an endowment of less than one-third of that amount.

Others have shown their great faith in the future of Rollins and its unique opportunity for a large service. In addition to the increase in the general endowment, Rollins Hall for men, and Pugsley and Mayflower Dormitories for girls, have been erected during the past three years. This month has seen the dedication of the "Knowles Memorial Chapel" and the "Annie Russell Theatre."

Where in the United States can you find a place to invest your money, that will yield larger dividends in human service, or larger satisfaction to you, than here at Rollins—a college of ideals, of strategic location, and of notable achievement. Why not?

FOR SCHOLARSHIP AID

ROLLINS has always been generous in granting scholarship aid to ambitious and worthy students. Out of a student body of 520 for the current year, 84 have received such aid. Owing to the general financial situation Rollins cannot continue this scholarship aid for the coming year, much as it would like to do so.

What shall we say to these students? What would *you* say if you were in our place? Shall we ask them to leave Rollins, thus closing the door for them to a college education?

There is only one way to prevent this, and that is by increasing the amount of gifts designated as "Scholarship Funds". The amount needed per student varies from \$100 to \$400 to enable them to complete a year's work at Rollins. This is in addition to what they can pay, or earn while in college.

In this emergency which means so much in the lives of these young people, will you be one of those to assume the scholarship aid for *at least one* of these worthy students?

If you will tell us the amount of money that you have available for this splendid cause, we will select the student who will thus be enabled to remain at Rollins and forward you his or her name and address.

You can pay the amount in quarterly installments if you wish—to Mr. E. T. Brown, Treasurer of the College.

DEDICATION OF THE ORGAN

THE beautiful Skinner organ which was presented to Rollins College for the "Knowles Memorial Chapel" by Mabel Knowles Gage of Worcester as a memorial to her father Francis B. Knowles, was dedicated with impressive ceremonies on March 30. The organ is considered one of the finest in the South.

The organ recital for the dedication was presented by Dr. Wallace Goodrich, Dean of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

The Recital was one of the most brilliant and impressive musical events ever given at Rollins. Dr. Goodrich played with exquisite feeling and performed seeming miracles in melody which thrilled the large and appreciative audience.

This memorable evening was a foretaste of what the "Knowles Memorial Chapel," which was designed by Ralph Adams Cram in the finest spirit of Spanish Gothic architecture, and the marvelous organ will mean in the religious and musical life of Rollins for generations to come.

The College is under a lasting debt to Francis B. Knowles who was one of the founders and early benefactors, as well as to his two daughters, Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Gage, who have erected on the Rollins campus this noble chapel, and installed this beautiful organ as a visible memorial of his service to Rollins and the time in which he lived.

FIRST PREPARATORY SCHOOL TO ADOPT "ROLLINS PLAN"

IT WILL be of interest to many parents to know there is an accredited preparatory school for boys in Florida which has adopted the "Rollins Conference Plan." While this school prepares boys for any college its adoption of the "Conference Plan" will enable its graduates to enter Rollins with many advantages in their favor.

The school is located in the historic town of New Smyrna, one of the oldest towns in the United States, on the east coast of Florida, and is named "The Indian River School." The school is 50 miles from Rollins and is situated on a ranch of several hundred acres, twenty miles south of the winter home of John D. Rockefeller, in a climate and setting that gives boys an opportunity to live active, normal, and happy lives out-of-doors throughout their school year. The school is owned and directed by graduates of Princeton University and its standards of scholarship conform to those of the best preparatory schools in the North.

Among the recreations are camping, riding, baseball, touch football, track work, and aquaplaning. Sun-bathing and swimming are daily requirements.

Parents who are interested in giving their boys the benefit of high scholastic training, under the proven advantages of the "Rollins Conference Plan," and in a winter climate that permits the fullest out-of-door living, should write to the Indian River School, New Smyrna, Florida, for a catalogue.

ROLLINS DEBATING TEAM


THE Rollins Debating Team consisting of Lloyd Towle, Maurice Dreicer, Charles Brooks, and George Salley, is now "on tour" among some of the leading colleges in the North and West. Professor Harry R. Pierce who is at the head of the Department of Public Speech accompanied the debaters.

They have already won decisions in debates with North Carolina State College, Wake Forest College, Springfield College, the College of the City of New York.

Before their return the first of April they will debate with the following colleges: Bates College, New York University, University of Buffalo, Western Reserve, Ohio University, University of Cincinnati, University of Indiana, Washington University, (St. Louis), Drury College, and several others.

On March 28, 29, 30, and 31 they will attend the annual convention of Pi Kappa Delta, the national honorary debating society, which is held this year at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

During the past two years debating has taken a high place in the interest of Rollins undergraduates and the many victories of the debating team have brought distinction to the college.

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