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## STUDENTS MUST SEE RESPONSIBILITY

DR. MERRILL DRAWS STRIKING PICTURE OF THE HOST OF WITNESSES ENCOMPASSING THE COLLEGE STUDENT OF TODAY.

On Saturday, January 25th, in one of the most inspiring talks of the year, Dr. Merrill addressed the Chapel audience on the subject of the responsibility of the college boys and girls to the many "witnesses" who are making their school life possible and who are looking to them to fit themselves in the best possible manner to take up the new and carry on the old work of the home and of the country.

Dr. Merrill, in whose talks the students are always able to find something of interest and benefit, drew a vivid word picture, placing before the assembled students instead of the blank panels of the Hall the expectant faces of Mothers, Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Alumni, Business and Professional Men, Founders of the College, Trustees and Benefactors, all intent upon the progress of the students as they go about their work each day.

He urged that the students realize the position they are in, and not allow any disappointment to come to the assembled interested spectators.

The closing thoughts were reminders that the Boy and the Girl of today must take up the burden of the country in a short time, and the words of Paul, "Seeing that we are compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

## PICTURES BY FRENCH ARTIST SOLDIERS SHOWN HERE.

M. Ludovic LeBlanc, a well known artist, and art critic of Paris, exhibited paintings by wounded or disabled artist soldiers at the two hotels here during the past week.

M. LeBlanc volunteered in the war, but was not able to serve on account of his eye. So he has taken this means of helping his friends in the artist colony, who are in the trenches, in hospitals, or who are disabled or wounded from fighting.

He has exhibited all over the United States having been in this country seven times on this mission. This is his first visit to Florida, and Winter Park is the first place in the state to see his pictures. The pictures are admired by many well known artists and responded to the colors. Some

## FORTNIGHTLY CLUB MEETS IN CARNEGIE

FACULTY MEMBERS ENTERTAIN WITH UNIQUE PROGRAM—PROF. HARRINGTON GIVING DRAMATIC RENDERING OF CREEPY GHOST STORIES.

Last Monday evening, January 18th, the Fortnightly Club was the guest of faculty members, who turned the Reading Hall in Carnegie into a cozy reception room.

After the transaction of routine business, the president, Dr. Coffin, introduced Professor Walter Harrington, who informed the audience that for once, the learned lectures would be interrupted by an hour of play. The electric lights were turned off, and the room was dimly lighted by pink-shaded candles.

This proved an appropriate setting for the two ghost stories (from a book, long out of print, by A. Conan Doyle) which Professor Harrington told in a masterly manner. His amazing versatility was perhaps never more strikingly displayed than in his dramatic and yet discreet rendering of these creepy tales which were listened to in breathless silence.

Strong applause rewarded the speaker.

After the guests had been sufficiently frightened, delicious refreshments were served.

## CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. McEwan, who is well known to Rollins folk, will speak before a joint meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. next Thursday, February fifth, in Knowles Hall.

Dr. McEwan has just returned from France, and judging from reports of his recent lectures in this vicinity, this lecture will be of great interest to all.

## DELPHIC NOTICE

Election of officers Monday, February 4th, at 6:45. All members are urged to be present.

are amusing, in the form of cartoons and caricatures, others are sad and show the tragic side of life in the trenches. The French "poilu" is shown in many phases of his existence on the firing line, and the true French spirit of gaiety and cheer pervade most of the paintings.

M. LeBlanc sold a number of pictures in Winter Park and went from here to Orlando, where he showed his collection at the Rosalind Club. He will go from Orlando to Belleaire, and later to Palm Beach and other places on the East Coast.

## GLEE CLUB MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE

GIRLS GET GREAT APPLAUSE IN PROGRAM OF PATRIOTIC RALLY IN ORLANDO—HOME CONCERT TO BE GIVEN FEBRUARY 14TH.

The Rollins Glee Club which has for the past two months been practicing under the direction of Miss A. B. Waterman, made its first appearance Tuesday evening, Jan. 22nd, when it assisted in a patriotic program given at the Methodist church in Orlando. Two very delightful pieces were rendered with much vim and enthusiasm, calling forth spirited applause from the audience. The Glee Club responded with two appropriate songs, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and "Tis the Girl Behind the Man Behind the Gun."

The auditorium of the church was divided into sections, each section representing a State of the Union. The program was varied and highly interesting, the Glee Club being the special feature of the evening. The church was crowded with enthusiastic people and the entire affair was a great success.

The Glee Club will appear again on Feb. 14th in Knowles Hall, where the home concert will be given. This is an event anticipated with great pleasure by college and townspeople. The program this year will include the cantata, "The Lady of Shalott," and other pleasing selections, making it unusually varied and interesting. Faculty and students are eager to attend this recital and show their appreciation of the splendid organization.

## U. S. NAVY ACCEPTS PROF. PALMER'S TELESCOPES FOR SPRINGFIELD RIFLES

Prof. Eric S. Palmer, for many years in charge of the departments of Mathematics and Natural Science in Rollins College, has during the past month perfected a telescope equipment which promises to be a great asset to the Navy. The telescope is to be used in connection with the Springfield rifles which are now being used by the United States Navy. The Navy Department has recently signed a contract and very shortly Mr. Palmer's telescopes are to be officially put out and all the snipe shooters' guns "over there" are to have them.

Rollins College is to be congratulated on this great work of a former professor.

File your Sandspurs.

## "VERDI AND THE ITALIAN OPERA" PRESENTED

PROF. JOAKIM REINHARD ADDRESSES LARGE AUDIENCE IN THIRD LECTURE OF MUSICAL APPRECIATION COURSE.

On Thursday afternoon, January 24, an unusually large audience of college and town people assembled in Knowles Hall to hear the third of a series of lectures in the Musical Appreciation Course, which is being presented by the conservatory.

A masterly exposition of "Verdi and the Italian Opera" was presented by Professor Joakim Reinhard, who occupies the chair of French, Italian and Greek in the college.

One could not help feeling as he listened, that Professor Reinhard was master of his subject. His description of the various elements of musical composition that make up the opera, oratorio and other types is abundant evidence of his thorough knowledge of the art. His facility of expression in discussing the composer may have been partly acquired during his connection as a critic with a famous musical journal in New York, where, if anywhere in the United States, musical conditions are favorable.

Professor Reinhard has heard many of the world's best musicians and has, besides, a wonderful personal knowledge of musical technique. Professor Reinhard was fortunate in the friendship of Professor Price, of Columbia, whom he met soon after his arrival in this country from Denmark, and who showed himself a warm personal friend and proved a great source of inspiration during his life time. Previous to coming to New York, Prof. Reinhard took his degree at the University of Copenhagen.

His subject was inspiring, and, handled in so logical a manner, was very instructive. Verdi was one of the world's greatest musicians, a great composer, and a man of splendid character. His home life and his unstained public life stand out in sharp contrast with too many, alas, of the world's geniuses. A point of note is that Verdi retained the high use of his gifts well past the period of life that men have set for good work in any human undertaking.

To illustrate and to make evident the points in the lecture, numbers giving Caruso's interpretations of Verdi's music were played on the Victrola, and the duet from "La Traviata" was rendered by Miss Siewert and Mr. Noxon, who surpassed themselves in the rendering of this by no means easy number.

The afternoon with Verdi was un-  
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None of us should have any superstitions about his birthday. Bismarck was born on April Fool's Day!

The editorial board is looking for that write-up of a canoe trip or party of some kind, which does not describe the affair as being "most delightful," or as being one "which was enjoyed by all."

It is with no small feeling of shame and chagrin that we print in this number the account of our usually temperate seniors going on a "bat." The Sandspur receives, weekly, several very edifying Temperance papers. We trust that those who represent the pinnacle of academic distinction to which we aspire will avail themselves of this literature.

## HAVE YOU GOT THE "WHY SHOULD I'S?"

If they say, come on to Chapel,  
Do you answer, blithe,  
"Why should I?"

If you do not take the Sandspur,  
Do you console yourself,  
"Why should I?"

If they ask you, why not study,  
Do you stoutly state  
"Why should I?"

Then—

If the "Why-should-I's" have got you,  
Quit it now!  
Before you're older  
And dull sorrow sobs,  
"How could I?"

## Our New Lesson

All of us believe we have been bearing, and are bearing, a burden so heavy that we cannot add to it. We have been called on to purchase Liberty Bonds, to contribute to the Red Cross, to the Y. M. C. A., and in numerous other ways to do our bit for our Country, in this, its hour of trial.

But we must do more!

We must learn a new lesson, not a lesson of patriotism, not a lesson of loyalty, nor a lesson of free giving to our government, but a lesson of thrift, of savings. We must learn to strengthen our army at home, to make our citizenship a second line of defense so strong that no matter what aid our boys on the firing line shall call for, we will be able to give it, and give it in abundance. The government has provided the plan in the War Savings Stamps which have been placed on sale everywhere, and about which every citizen should be informed.

They say, who have come back from Over There, that at night the troubled earth between the lines is carpeted with pain. They say that Death rides whistling in every wind, and that the very mists are charged with awful torment. They say that of all things spent and squandered there, young human life is held least dear. It is not the pleasantest prospect for those who can yet feel upon their lips the pressure of a mother's goodbye kiss.

But, please God, their love of life is not so prized as love of right. In this renaissance of our country's valor, those who will edge the wedge of her assault make calm acceptance of its hazards. For them the still swept trench, the stiffening cold—weariness, hardship, worse. For us for whom they go, we millions safe at home—What for us? They shall need food. They shall need care. They shall need clothes for their bodies and weapons for their hands. They shall need terribly and without failure supplies and equipment in a stream that is constant and never-ending. From us who are their resource and reliance, who are the heart and hope of that humanity for which they smite and strive, must come these things.

That they may have these things, save, and put those savings in our Country's Bonds, the Baby Bonds—War Savings Stamps. Buy them as the mainspring of our holy endeavor.

It is understood that a few venturesome souls from Cloverleaf tried the lake last Wednesday. They lived through it and were chattering as usual that night, whether from cold or from natural —, we know not.

It is interesting to note that Mallard Ducks, of which an interesting dissertation is printed in this issue, are of the very highest rank and culture as will be seen from the facts as stated. They are "members of the Antidae family," "belong to the Order of Anseres," have a large family tree, and "are distinguished."

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## Conservatory Overtones

### Weekly Conservatory Calendar.

Tuesday—Glee Club Rehearsal, 4:15.  
Community Chorus, 7:30.

Wednesday—Orchestra Practice, at 4:15.

Thursday—Music Appreciation Course, 4:15.

"What Next in Music?" Miss Rous.

Friday—Glee Club Rehearsal, 4:45.

The Conservatory Club is scheduled to meet this (Saturday) afternoon at four fifteen. As this is the first, the meeting will be devoted to organization and other business details, after which the regular programs will begin.

The orchestra is rehearsing for its first appearance on Feb. 22nd, and is doing splendid work. The string section is by far the best in the history of Rollins, the cellos adding tremendously to the body of tone.

The following lines are peculiarly appropriate to the average amateur singer:

### THE SPARROW.

'Long came a sparrow bird,

Gave his head a twist.

He said, "I reckon dat you's heard  
About an optimist.

"I ain't de best dar ever was

At singin'; dat I know.

But optimistic singers does

Deir best, an' lets it go."

—Washington Evening Star.

The Music Faculty gave a half hour program in Knowles Hall Friday evening for the Missionary Conference which was much enjoyed. Miss Waterman sang a group of modern songs Miss Rous played the Liszt "Gondolier" and the Faculty Violin Quartet gave two numbers, Mrs. Harcourt at the organ.

The third informal students concert took place Thursday afternoon at Knowles. Pupils of Miss Rous, Miss Waterman, Dr. Allen and Mrs. Harcourt playing.

The third of the Music Appreciation Course Lectures, given last Thursday by Prof. Reinhard, was a great success, and was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience. Mr. Reinhard spoke on "Verdi and the Italian Opera" and was assisted by Miss Siewert and Mr. Noxon, who sang the duet for baritone and soprano from Traviata, "Dite alla giovine."

Mr. Reinhard spoke most interestingly, and illustrated his talk with some Victrola records of well known numbers from the Verdi operas.

Miss Rous will give the next Music Appreciation talk next Thursday, Feb. 7th, at 4:15. Her subject is a particularly interesting one, "What Next in Music?" and she will give a program of the very most modern character.

## The Air Service.

### ITS PLACE IN WARFARE AND THE KIND OF MEN WHO ALONE CAN QUALIFY FOR IT.

College men are needed for the air service.

There, of all places, they are best fitted to serve. There they can use the education and the physique that their peculiar advantages have given them; there they can express their own individuality and be their own directing general.

Picture a battle plane three to four miles above the trenches, alone in the richness of the skies, ever watchful for a lightning stroke from the enemy, ever eager to swoop down upon an observer below, itself a tiny mechanism less than thirty feet from tip to tip, though powerful with the power of a 200 horse power engine, Uncle Sam's advance guard "over there."

Or the observer or photographer, soaring down to within a mile or so of the enemy's trenches, seizing upon and recording every movement among them, guiding the big guns behind, locating enemy batteries, directing shells into convoys, guarding friends beneath from treacherous surprise attacks or traps, laying bare the enemy's ruses.

Or the bomber, swooping down to blow up an enemy convoy, raining hundreds of pounds of the world's most deadly explosives from the skies, converting a withdrawal into a rout, winging off across country to cut the enemy's arteries over the Rhine or to annihilate his ammunition center at Essen.

Such is the air service.

Warfare in the clouds has become as specialized in the last four months as that on land. It is fought in different strata by different planes. There are the tiny, tough little machines for spotting and photography; there are the cumbrous, awkward machines of great sustaining power for all night bombing trips into the heart of the enemy's country. And each requires a different type of man to guide it. Each places before America a different problem in personnel.

It is pretty easy to say what kind of man is not wanted for the air service. First, of course, you do not want a man who has a weak heart or lungs and who might collapse at a high altitude. Nor a man who is timid or cowardly, who might lose his head in an emergency. Nor again a man who is ill-disciplined, unable to obey orders, or to play his assigned role in the great team work of the skies. Each and every airman, responsible for the lives of thousands of men on the ground beneath him, the guide of the army and the hope of victory, must be as nearly perfect as is humanly possible.

This leads us to positive qualities. Besides health, besides bravery, besides conscientiousness, an airman must have brains and judgment. Brains because only a trained mind can master flying, radio, aerial photography, codes, reconnaissance and

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### POOR TOMMY ATKINS

Two British soldiers went into a restaurant at Saloniki and asked for Turkey with Greece. The waiter said:

"I'm sorry, gentlemen, but I can't Serbia;" whereupon the Tommies cried: "Fetch the Bosphorus!"

When that gentleman arrived and heard the complaint, the manager said:

"Well, gentlemen, I don't want to Russia, but you cannot Roumania."

And so the poor Tommies had to go away Hungary.

### CANOE PICNIC

A jolly party of Rollinsites canoed out on the lakes Tuesday afternoon, and, after a bit of invigorating pad-

dling, beached their craft upon the wooded shore. Here they built a campfire, that most necessary pledge to the watchful forest gods, and partook of a delightful basket luncheon. Healthy appetites at last satisfied, they gave themselves up to the care-free enjoyment of nature's evening balm in the shadows and the breezes of the shore, the strain of mid-year examinations being o'er.

The happy party were Professor and Mrs. Herrick, Professor and Mrs. Harris, Elizabeth Russell, Winifred Stone, "Tiny" Hanchett, Lillian and Howell Sawyer.

Miss Gertrude Hall has registered in the School of Music for the coming semester.

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## ATHLETICS

Negotiations are in progress concerning a game with University of Florida, to be played at Rollins Thursday or Friday of next week. The game will have further advertisement if secured.

Arrangements are being made for a game with Southern College at the Lyman Gymnasium for the night of Monday, the fourth. As everyone knows, the last game with the Blue and White, in which Rollins came off victorious, was especially well fought, and the Monday night fracas promises to be a hard one.

#### CUBAN TEAM ORGANIZED.

The Cubans are off again! Uniforms have been purchased, the colors being blue and white. The boys are anxious to put out a good team and some excellent material has been found among them. The first game will be played in the near future.

Manager Cunningham has been forced to seek foreign aid, by lack of numbers, and as a result the new lineup will be:

Gusman, forward; Scofield, forward; Cunningham, center; McGaughey, guard; Casansas, guard.

#### TENNIS.

Great interest has been taken in tennis of late. Many are out now that the weather has warmed up, preparing for the tourney which is to be held soon.

Hildegard Slaughter and Annie Stone of the girls' team hold sway three days in the week. The girls are developing a brand of tennis which will be hard to beat.

Tilly, Tommie, and Freddie Ward, of the boys' team are practicing regularly. This combination will prove no mean opponent for any college team in the state.

It is expected that the entries for the tournament to be held in March will be far greater in number than ever before. Other prominent Rollinsites seen on the courts during the past week were: Mary Conaway, Florence Stone, Isabel Foley and Louis Miskovsky, Registrar Hanna, William Sherman, Jimmy Noxon, Ben Shaw.

#### SENIORS GO ON BACON BAT

The Senior Class, for the second time this year, hied themselves away to Nature's haunts on Monday, the 28th, and enjoyed a bacon bat.

This dignified yet blithesome party consisted of the entire Senior Class (Freshies, read reverently!) with the exception of "Bob" Hutchinson, who was absent in the North and whose absence was keenly felt by all, Miss Lelia Russell, and Mr. Wyatt Plantz, of Pomeroy, Ohio. Miss Gladwin chaperoned.

The party assembled at the boat-house at four in the afternoon and paddled to the usual picnic grounds on Lake Osceola, where it disem-

## The Training of an Airman.

The Steps Leading to the Conquest of the Air, a Commission in the Air Service, and a Place in the the Battle Skies of France.

The training of America's new airmen is one of the most scientific and the most fascinating courses of study ever evolved. It has every need to be scientific because it provides a general knowledge of the world's newest sciences. It has every certainty of being fascinating because it goes far into the mysteries of flight, of wireless, of codes, of reconnaissance. It is stimulated all the way through, moreover, by that irresistible urge of national service and by the knowledge that every bit of added skill gained will return with interest in one of those forthcoming crises in the skies of France.

The course is divided into three distinct steps: the ground schools, the flying schools in this country, and the final advanced flying schools abroad. This has been necessary because it provides an admirable means of measuring the men and rapidly and logically sifting out the unfit; and also because it allows the greatest mobilization of resources; the big universities in this country for the preliminary technical work, the new flying fields here with America's good training planes, and the wonderful schools abroad with their supply of fighting planes and seasoned pilots and their atmosphere of battle. Under this system Americans are assured of a composite course based upon the best of everything gained in three years of warfare abroad, and are not held back by the original lack of facilities here.

Immediately a cadet is called into active service he is directed to a "ground school" at one of the eight large engineering universities which have placed their resources at the service of the government. Here the student aviator is under military discipline, but with all the comforts, the facilities and the atmosphere of college life.

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barked and enjoyed a supper of fried bacon, rolls, sweet pickles, celery, fruit, walnut fudge, and "cafe noir."

The tempting aroma of the last course proved extremely irresistible. Dame Rumor fails to substantiate the exact number of times the "primitive" percolator was replenished. Anyone desiring exact information on the subject can proceed inductively and arrive at something like an approximate conclusion by demanding of the frivolous dignitaries a veracious confession of the sleepless vigils endured that selfsame Monday night.

The afore-mentioned vigils would have been exceedingly intolerable had not fantasies of joys and trials (ask Sara M. about the zigzags) remained to make vivid the rhapsodies and petrifying qualms of somnambulism.



## NOTED TRAVELER GIVES HISTORY RESUME

DR. W. H. GRIFFIS SPEAKS TO HISTORY CLASS AND VISITORS

The class studying the History of Western Europe enjoyed a rare treat at the regular recitation hour on Thursday. Dr. Griffis talked to them on Holland, a subject which, perhaps, no other writer of history is as well fitted to make instructive and entertaining.

The lecture gave the necessary perspective by a review of the movement of Europe from barbarism to the fixing of national boundaries, and of the various language groups.

Holland was then made the champion of the liberties sometimes believed to have been made in America.

The just, unbiased mind of the true scholar marked the whole discourse. The audience showed keen interest, and the spontaneous applause was a sincere tribute to the distinguished speaker.

## Flashlights on the Conference

The following people are here attending the Missionary Education Conference, which is progressing successfully and from which the delegates and students are gaining much benefit. We are very glad to welcome these congenial people to the campus. We realize that among them are numbered some of the most prominent Missionary workers in the country.

Mr. Harry S. Myers, who came direct from New York, to take charge of the executive work of the Conference, delivered the Monday evening opening address on "Missions in a Time Like This."

Rev. John Ladd Sewall, pastor of the Congregational Church at Lake Helen, Fla., is the successor there of Dr. Merrill, whom we all have the privilege of knowing. Rev. Sewall had as guests of the Conference, Tuesday, the 29th, five of his parishioners.

Mr. Lauran R. Harbaugh, of Winter Haven, Fla., who is president of the Y. M. C. A. at Southern College, is remembered by our basket ball boys as a guard on the Southern Basket ball Team.

Mr. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C., is one of the most prominent missionary workers in the South. Just previous to coming here Mrs. Cronk attended a Woman's Missionary Conference at DeLand. We are very fortunate in having her with us.

Rev. H. F. Williams, of Nashville, Tenn., of the Southern Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, is conducting a course on "Comrades in Service."

Miss Lucy Christine Sout, president of the Southern College Y. W. C. A., is the only last year's delegate who is back this year.

Miss Dorothy Eleanor Tucker, of Clearwater, Fla., represents the Ep-

## Ducks on Lake Virginia.

That the Audubon Society, which has established a community sanctuary, has already become a potent factor in the protection of wild birds within the outskirts of Winter Park, is well exemplified by the immunity with which a flock of seventy-five Mallards has been enjoying the waters and shores of Lake Virginia for the last two weeks.

Mallards are members of the Atlantic family belonging to the order Anseres. (We suppose this is a secret order). The two hundred species included in this family are now grouped into five sub-families, one of which, the Anatinae, contains all river and lake ducks.

The ducks of this subfamily are distinguished by the absence of a hole on the hind toe. They are, for the most part, northern-feeding birds and appear on our waters chiefly as migrants (foul tourists). At this time they differ but little in habits, and as a rule frequent sluggish streams, lakes, arms of bays, and marshes. In comparison with the deep water Fulgulinæ they might be called "dabblers" or "tip-ups," and anyone who has seen them dabbling along the shore, or, with upturned tail and head immersed, probing the bottom in shallow water like a flock of animated tenpins, will recognize the appropriateness of these terms. They feed upon mollusks, crustaceans, insects and their larvae, and seeds and roots of aquatic plants. The "gutters" on the sides of the bill act as strainers and, after probing the bottom, the mere act of closing the bill forces out the mud and water taken in with the food. As a rule they feed more commonly by night than by day.

They do not gather in such large flocks as the Sea Ducks, and in our waters are generally found in groups of less than fifty. The flock on Lake Virginia, however, numbers at least seventy-five. They spring from the water at a bound, and with whistling wings are soon beyond sight. Their speed is variously estimated at a hundred to a hundred and sixty miles an hour.

Their nest is composed of twigs, rootlets, grasses, leaves, moss, feathers and other debris. The nest is built on the ground, generally in grassy sloughs or marshes, but some times in dry places some distance from the water.

Ducks are shy creatures, and familiarity with their habit is gained only by long experience. It will repay anyone to arise about five some morning, and paddle to the east part of Lake Virginia for a sight of these wild fowl.

worth League from that place.

Mr. Earley DeWitte McFarland represents the Scout Sunday School Class of Odessa, Fla.

Mr. Kasper Duncan Greene, of Lake Butler, Fla., is a member of the Epworth League and Y. M. C. A. at Southern College.

Dr. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C., will be remembered by all who were at Blue Ridge last year. Dr. Cronk

is a widely known lecturer, and is giving a course on Mission Study.

Rev. C. G. Houshell was a speaker in the Conference here last year, and has endeared himself to many by his broad-minded treatment of that sub-

ject for which his experience so admirable fits him, Missions.

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## Spring Picnic Season Opens

### JOLLY PARTY TAKES TRIP UP SNAKE RUN — FIRST OF THE SEASON.

On Monday morning, January 28th, a party of light-hearted young people left the boat house (since they could not take it along) in canoes, and paddled thru the cool morning air up to the Snake Run dam.

Having arrived there just a little before noon, they pitched camp, and soon all (?) were busy preparing a repast for the crowd. In the midst of the bustle, the inevitable missing article made its absence felt—there was no salt!

Sherman and Miscovsky were despatched to find some, and, after a little while, returned with crafty looks in their eyes, a small package, and a large story of an ill-tempered lady in a nearby house who had given them a little salt. Someone was suspicious enough, though, to taste it, and found to the disgust of all that the "salt" was white sand.

The result of the preparations was a delicious dinner of bacon, steak rolls, and coffee.

On the return trip "Louie" conceived the idea that he could, like Robin Hood, bring down some birds from the wing with a rifle. Force was necessary to restrain him. At about four-thirty the party came in to "Bill" Sherman's home, the "Alabama," where dancing was enjoyed. Later a large bonfire was built at the municipal dock, and a light supper of rolls and steak was eaten.

By eight-thirty pale-visaged Phoebe, that silver-cheeked handmaiden of romance, had made her appearance, and lighted the homeward way for the reluctantly returning young people.

Those enjoying the day's outing were:

Winifred Stone, Helen Hanna, Hildegard Slaughter, Geraldine Muriel, Louis Miskovsky, William Sherman, Harold Tilden, and Karl Tompkins. Miss Bellows chaperoned.

### THE AIR SERVICE

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the kindred sciences necessary to this new science. Judgment because all these powers in the hands of an ill-balanced mind might work a ghastly havoc among the men who are sent forward or held back on an airman's signal.

Let us not think such men are plentiful. Most decidedly they are not. They must be sought with the greatest diligence. And they are being so sought, as can best be shown by figures. Only last week the air service turned away two applicants out of every three. The safety of the country as well as of the men themselves demands that the standard be maintained irreproachable.

The one greatest of all places for real airmen is in the colleges. There, indeed, is the flower of the country; men who having received much, owe much. The proportion of them an-

## PERSONALS

Mr. G. W. Plantz, of Pomeroy, Ohio, visited Elizabeth and Lelia Russell Monday, taking them to Daytona for the day, accompanied by Miss J. S. Short.

The friends of "Flo" Keezle are glad to see her on the campus after being ill for several days with the measles.

Hetty Lou Ivey has returned to her home in Paola, Fla., and it is regretted that she will not be back for the second semester.

Rose Powers is about the campus greeting friends after having been confined to her home for over a week.

Katherine Gates was the guest of Frieda Stewart at her home in Winter Park over the week-end.

Evelyn Haynes returned to the campus after spending the week-end in Orlando.

"Tilly" spent the week-end at his home in Oakland.

Robert Hutchinson returned from Buffalo Tuesday evening.

Amparo Cunningham and Cecelia Guzman have entirely recovered from their attack of measles and are attending classes.

Philip H. Salmon of Syracuse, N. Y., has registered in the business department and special English classes. Mr. Salmon's mother is spending the winter in Winter Park.

Mr. Irwin Chaffee, of New York, who attended Rollins last year, has returned to resume his studies for the second semester.

Dr. Allen and Miss Warner have just returned from a pleasure trip to Fort Myers, which included a short cruise in the Gulf.

Wright Hilyard and Bert Cleave have returned to the campus after having "killed their big one" at Daytona during the inter-semester holidays.

swering the requirements of the air service should be immeasurably larger than among less favored, less fortunate men.

If America breaks the deadlock of three years through the air, if the wings of her new eagles bring victory to the world's democracies, it will largely be the college men who will have the credit of it. Already there is a great fraternity of them in the service, working as they never worked before, in this country, in England, in France, in Italy, in Egypt.

Now is the time, for it will require until next summer for an aspirant starting now to become complete master of the air. The description of how a man is given his wings is given in another official article elsewhere in the paper.

### B. K.'s ENJOY PICNIC.

About 10 o'clock last Monday morning the B. K. Club started off for an all-day picnic at Shaffer's Landing. After a strenuous struggle with the unruly waves of the two lakes, they managed to arrive at the Landing with ravenous appetites.

After enjoying steak, coffee, fruit and other good things to eat, they spent the rest of the afternoon in frolicsome fun. About four o'clock they paddled back to the college in time for dinner.

The picnic was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The most important and vital adjunct to the picknickers' paraphernalia was the victrola, which furnished plenty of amusement to the members of the club, who are: Mrs. Harcourt, Lillian Sawyer, Dorothy Richards, Helen Shelton, Winifred Hanchett, Helen and Alice Waterhouse.

### "CITY LEAGUE" GIVES PARTY.

On Wednesday evening, January

30th, a group of down town and college people enjoyed a delightful canoe ride and steak roast at the Seminole picnic grounds. Victrola music and marshmallow roasting were the side events of the evening.

The party consisted of Misses O'Neal, Antoinette and Vivian Barbour, Elsa Siewert, Rose Powers and Messrs. Howell Sawyer, Louis Miscovsky, George Arrants, Wilbur Waddell and Karl Tompkins.

### ORLANDO GIRLS GIVE DANCE.

Miss Helen Hoequist and Miss Lundrum entertained a number of their friends at a dance in the Orlando Moose Hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 23. The affair was very enjoyable.

Those attending from Rollins were Messrs. Walter Hunter, Frederick Ward, Karl Tompkins, Bradley Scofield, Wyman Stubbs and Warren Ingram.

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# PROMINENT EDUCATOR TO VISIT ROLLINS

One of the most prominent visitors to the recent meeting of the Association of American Colleges held in Chicago was Dr. George R. Parkin, Director of the Rhodes Scholarship Foundation, who is spending some time in the United States studying the college situation here. Arrangements were made with Dr. Parkin by President French of Rollins for the former to visit Winter Park on Washington's Birthday. Dr. Parkin will deliver one of the two addresses scheduled for the afternoon.

A bad habit is a cruel master. Why put yourself in its power?

# COURSE IN PRACTICAL NURSING OUTLINED TO Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. held an informal meeting Tuesday evening, at which Mrs. Dyer outlined to the girls plans for a course in practical nursing to be taught by Mrs. Deming. Mrs. Deming is a graduate nurse and a physician. She has kindly offered to teach those who wish to take up this course. There will be no expense aside from a charge of 35 cents, the price of the text book.

At the close of her talk Mrs. Dyer and a number of the girls adjourned to Knowles Hall to attend the lecture by Mr. Marcus Fagg, of the Children's Home Society of Florida, and one of the prominent speakers of the Missionary Conference now in session here.

Miss Elsa Siewert and Miss Antionette Barbour attended the Savage Company's production of "St. Elmo" last Saturday in Orlando.

There was quite a delegation of Rollins people at the Altamonte dance last Saturday night. Norma McFadden, Helen and Alice Waterhouse, "Cheesy," Freddie Ward and Bobby Tucker.

Do you read the Exchanges?

# "VERDI AND THE ITALIAN OPERA" PRESENTED

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doubtedly worthy of a high place among the delightful Thursday afternoons that the Rollins Conservatory is affording the public this year.

# THE TRAINING OF AN AIRMAN

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fold: First, and most important it provides a fundamental knowledge of the principles of all the sciences of aviation, which gives a rock bottom foundation to a cadet's training. Second, it quickly uncovers those who, both for the good of the service and of themselves, should not go further.

The cadets learn here how to take an engine, a machine gun or a plane apart and put it together again. They become so familiar with the mechanisms they will soon be using as to have an instinctive mastery of them. No one of them will be allowed to go up into the air until he understands

every phase of the machine underneath him. He will then have all the confidence that an expert horseman has in his favorite mount.

Wireless and the Morse code are also mastered so that the men can talk to their guns from the air as they would through a telephone. Then they are set at "spotting," looking down upon an exact reproduction of a part of the front and wirelessly back the location of flashes made to represent bursting shells. Aerial photography, reconnaissance, air tactics and the like are also studied, and military drill, calisthenics and army regulations mastered. By the end of eight weeks the cadet is thoroughly "grounded" in aviation and assured, as far as it is humanly possible to give assurance, that he is prepared to go off the ground.

Then come the flying schools. It is not possible for military reasons to describe them in detail. It can be said, however, that the size of these schools would be startling to the uninitiated, who would see in them a life of which he had hardly dreamed, a life that ushers in the new day of air-travel for man. And he would also see groups of cadets, flying, studying, working, oblivious of time and of hours, fascinated by the romance of their subjects, earnest to prove equal to every test in the realization that the great test of all lies just over the hill of tomorrow.

Picture the thrill of the first flight with the instructor; then the feeling of power that gradually begins to come as the control of the machine is more and more taken over; the exasperation and then the joy as the all-difficult work of landing is conquered; finally the exultation of the first soaring aloft, alone. Bit by bit the airman stretches out his wings, flying a little further, a little longer, a little higher each day, until he feels himself master of the air. Then with a 30-mile cross-country flight and a 10,000 foot altitude test, he is proved—a reserve military aviator and a commissioned officer in America's air army, wearing the coveted wings and shield of Uncle Sam.

One step remains. Final training in evolution, in squadron formation, and in battle practice is given in France, on the latest, up-to-the-minute machines under seasoned French airmen, in the actual atmosphere of battle. At its conclusion the aviator is trained as highly as it is possible to train him, is awarded his junior military aviator brevet, promoted one grade and is ready whenever duty calls him.

This is man's work. It requires physique, brains and concentration. It is worked out upon the principle of complete mastery of every step before another step is taken. It is surrounded with every precaution of safety, as is shown by the fact that not a dozen fatal air accidents have occurred among all the hundreds of men trained. It requires the highest type of college men, not more men, but better men.

The final article in this official series will appear in our issue of February 9th, 1918.

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## Former Students

Mr. T. J. Evans, a former student of Rollins and a loyal supporter of the College, has sent a gift of twenty-five dollars to the Library. The College is deeply indebted to Mr. Evans for this and numerous other gifts of a similar nature:

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hamilton and two children of Winnipeg, Canada, were the guests of Mrs. C. L. Smith at her home in Winter Park, during the first of the week. Mrs. Hamilton, (Bessie L. Clemens) was a student at Rollins in '94 and '95. They returned Wednesday to their winter home in Ormond, Fla.

Below are extracts from a very interesting letter just received on the campus from Idabel Edwards, (1913-14-15) known to her Rollins friends as "Phil." This nickname was handed down to her from her brother who was a popular student in 1909 and '10. "Phil" is a senior at Oberlin College this year. Her letter tells of a very pleasant trip to one of the big army camps and how visitors are provided for. It would seem that nothing was being spared for the spiritual as well as the bodily welfare of our boys in the Service.

"\* \* \* Last Friday my mother and I went down to Camp Sherman at Chillicothe to see Phil. He received his promotion to First Lieutenant in the very first lot of promotions issued since he arrived at Camp Sherman. We certainly are very proud of him. He also has been regularly assigned to the 332nd Regiment. \* \*

"We surely had a wonderful time down there although we arrived in the midst of this awful storm (the Chicago blizzard). Coming back we caught the first train out of Columbus in forty-eight hours. There were people, a great many of them, who had spent the night right there in the station. One woman had been there over twenty-four hours. \* \* \* When we finally got to Wellington, after ten at night, with the wind blowing a gale and the streets regular skating rinks, we found that the street cars were not running! Finally we managed to get a taxi to come over this last ten miles in, only to get home and find the fire completely out, the cat starved and every pipe in the house frozen. Not even any drinking water—everything in the house was frozen solid. We haven't managed to get everything thawed out yet and so far there has been a break in every line that has thawed.

"But then the trip was worth it all. It was so very slippery we couldn't get around the camp as much as we wanted to, still we saw a lot. We stayed one night at the D. A. R. house and one night down town, having our meals at the Red Cross Community House. It is just like a big summer hotel, the Red Cross building in the center. The D. A. R., Masons, Y. W. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus all have rooming houses.

"The Red Cross building is an im-

mense single room in the shape of a cross. The office is just where you come in and is like a hotel office, with checkroom, telephone booths, etc. The Red Cross restaurant, in one wing, is the cheapest place to eat in town and the food about the best. A great many of the officers board there. Everywhere are nice chairs and couches with reading material. A nicer place to meet a soldier could not be found. The whole building is artistically arranged and the atmosphere one of refinement. The soldiers may smoke as much as they please, but they do not abuse the privilege. The floor is of hardwood and finished for dancing. They dance every night. Some idea of the size of the place can be gained from the fact that nearly a hundred couples were dancing at one time and the floor was not especially crowded, even though they only danced in the center of the room. A remarkable thing is that the whole building was put up in twenty-five days and is very comfortable, steam heat and all.

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Man—"I've lost my wife!"

Clerk—"Mourning goods on the third floor."

"That scar on your head must be very annoying."

"Oh! no, it's next to nothing."

"Why are you taking up botany?"

"Because Hubby is interested in some kind of plant and I want to be able to converse intelligently with him about his business."

The power to say "No" to wrong is the test of one's freedom.

## ANOTHER ROSARY!

The hours I spent in sweater art  
Are as a string of pearls: I sigh  
To count them over, every one apart—  
My rows awry—my rows awry.

Each hour I purl; each purl take care  
To drop no stitch, lest I be stung,  
I count, yes, count unto the end,  
And there a sleeve is hung.

Oh, memories that bless and burn,  
O ravelling out at bitter loss;  
I drop a purl, yet strive at last to learn

To knit across, sweet art, to knit across.  
—Anon.

## HOOVER HASN'T HURT HILDEGARDE.

Hildegard Slaughter, a mathematically inclined Freshman, who hails from Jacksonville, has recently calculated that if she continues to gain in weight at the same rate that she has gained since the Christmas vacation, she will weigh 840 pounds at the end of school.

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