

Rollins Conference Plan Explained

The Purpose of the Modern Method of Class Room Conduction Stated by the President

Mr. Hamilton Holt, former editor of the Independent and now president of Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, described the Rollins conference plan of education as a revolt against the usual lectures and recital system.

He declared that the traditional "cut-and-dried lectures and quiz system" turned students into sponges, and that "no one ever got an education by being a sponge."

"The conference plan is an adventure in old-fangled education," that frequently a student does not know how to study, that he most needs the professor when he is preparing his lesson and not after he has learned or failed to learn it. Instead of professor quizzing students, President Holt said, the students quiz the professors.

(Extract from *The Davidsonian*.)

THE VALUE OF READING

President Hibben of Princeton recently stated that the university student of today is becoming so bored with himself that he seeks no longer a way of escape but rather resigns himself to hopelessness and ends in wasting more time than ever before.

Perhaps the so-called "bull sessions" are indispensable. The profound and important questions of life must be settled; but there is an extreme. Unquestionably the majority of us waste a great deal of time. Could not we, instead of utterly throwing away valuable minutes, use some of them in the recreation of reading?

Whether it shall be poetry, fiction, essay or drama, depends largely on one's particular taste. Perhaps a special study of plot, characters or historical settings will be desired. Well and good, for surely there are many books to be had that are stimulating, instructive, and entertaining.

Read to find and to enrich oneself with a larger knowledge of human nature. For after all there is a distinct difference between the bookworm and the scholar. The former uses books as a substitute for life, the latter uses them as a help to understand life.

(Extracts from an editorial in *The Davidsonian*.)

World News

Brazil—

Ten Italian planes made a remarkable cruise across the South Atlantic from the coast of Africa to Brazil, a distance of 1,600 miles.

Two others in the group of twelve that started from Bolama, Portuguese Guinea, were forced down as they neared the coast of South America. The crews of both were believed safe, but one of the planes was reported destroyed. Warships were dispatched to the assistance of the planes and their crews.

Turkey—

Many deputies in Parliament are arguing that it is almost impossible to collect debts in Turkey and are therefore urging that a law, abolished last year, be restored. It provided imprisonment for debt.

Raleigh, N. C.—

The 1931 General Assembly of North Carolina convened at 12:10, Wednesday, January 7.

Paris—

France mourned her "savior," Marshal Joseph Joffre, with all the splendor due one of the generation's outstanding heroes as the funeral procession passed through the streets of Paris from Notre Dame cathedral to the Invalides. Princes, generals, and statesmen, whose names are famous throughout the world marched in the procession with maimed privates who served Joffre in the trenches.

SIMPLE THOUGHTS

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have to start all over again . . . I wish it were the style to wear big hooped ear rings and lots of glass beads—perhaps I have African instincts . . . Katchie Lyerly does Senior write-ups—if she doesn't give me a good one I'll pan her in this paper—and that's both a threat and a promise . . . If we had a gym, we could have a gym complete with covered swimming pool—if we had a covered swimming pool . . . Who remembers the good old days when we had potato salad on Saturday nights? . . . How many know what kind of columns the Main Hall ones are? . . . Did you ever plan to spend your free days after exams at home and then look at the schedule and find you have Latin on Saturday afternoon? Did you ever?—O well, perhaps it will help to teach me that "Life is real, Life is earnest, and it's goal is not—week-ends."

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