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Princely Rouss Gives Munificent Donation.

He Announces That He Will Present Win- chester Memorial Hospital with Five Thousand Dollars

Mr. Charles B. Rouss, millionaire, philanthropist, merchant prince, Winchesterian and Confederate Soldier, has announced his intention of giving the munificent sum of five thousand dollars to the Winchester Memorial Hospital fund, thus virtually assuring the institution to Winchester.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Rouss intended making a handsome donation to the hospital in fact he had said so, but the philanthropist believes in assisting those who make an effort to help themselves. Consequently he waited to see what the people of Winchester intended to do toward the establishment of a hospital and if they made the proper effort, then he would help the cause along by a generous gift from himself. This commendable feature of Mr. Rouss's generosity has characterized all of his gifts to Winchester and it has aroused a spirit of self reliance in the people which repeated benefactions dissipate when unaccompanied by self endeavor.

The hospital movement met with general approval and as a result nearly ten thousand dollars have been donated to the object exclusive of Mr. Rouss' intended gift. Of the amount raised, five thousand dollars was contributed by Mrs. Lewis H. Hyde of New York who also endowed two beds in the hospital which makes her gift the value of \$15,000 as the endowments will amount to the interest on \$10,000. The balance of the fund was given by Winchester people, assisted in no little measure by friends.

Mr. Rouss believed that the proper effort has been made by the Winchester people and he has now announced his intention of giving a handsome sum. To a gentleman who has just returned from New York and who saw Mr. Rouss, the philanthropist said that he would duplicate the gift of Mrs. Hyde. When seen by a Star reporter today, President McGuire, of the hospital. Said that while no letter had been received from Mr. Rouss of his intentions, it was known that he intended making a large contribution to the object.

The exact amount subscribed to the fund to date is \$8,939.06. It was the intention to raise \$15,000 for the hospital, so that with Mr. Rouss' gift the money has nearly all been subscribed, and there is nothing in the way of beginning the early erection of the hospital building.

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