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From the estate of Frederick A. Canfield, of New Jersey, has come a mineral collection valued at \$50,000 and a bequest of \$50,000 as endowment thereof;

From John A. Roebling (who since 1920 has given already nearly \$125,000 for astrophysical and meteorological researches) has come the great mineral collection bequeathed to him by his father, Colonel Washington A. Roebling, valued at \$100,000; and this morning we have a letter from Mr. Roebling announcing an endowment thereof of \$150,000;

The Institution is in receipt of a communication announcing a bequest of about \$80,000 subject to a life interest by three persons now exceeding 74 years of age. The testator was a lady, and her bequest is to be additional to one contemplated by her living husband for the promotion of certain experiments in physics.

Thus, within the past six months, large gifts amounting to \$330,000 have come to promote the Institution's researches in special lines, and of these \$280,000 can be truly termed endowment.

In addition, there have been coming in from time to time unrestricted gifts in small sums amounting thus far to about \$800. This is the fruit of the publicity which has been ably put forth for the past year by Mr. J. R. Ellingston, employed for the Institution by Tamblyn x Brown. Undoubtedly the effect of this discriminating publicity will be cumulative. Already we have received several inquiries from legal firms on behalf of clients proposing bequests to the Smithsonian.

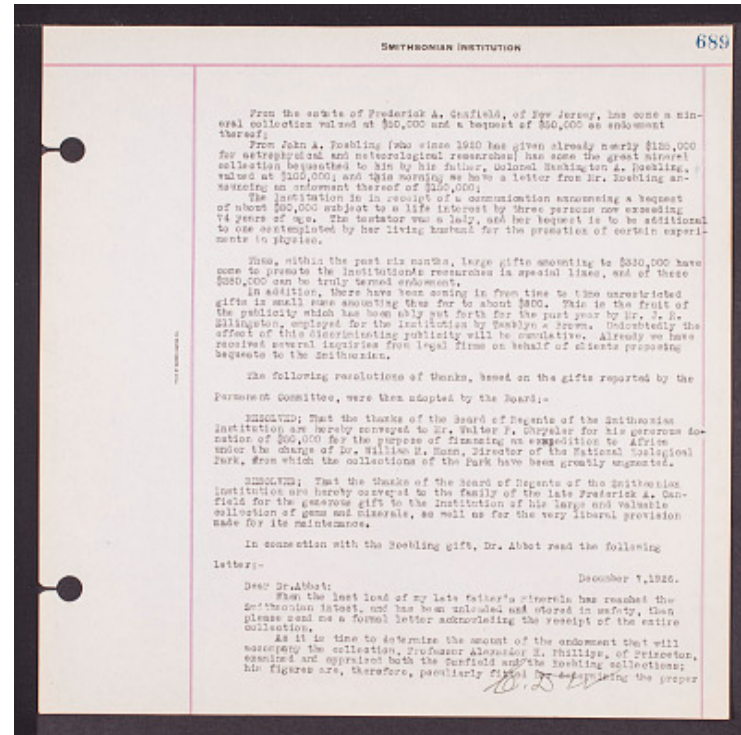
The following resolutions of thanks, based on the gifts reported by the Permanent Committee, were then adopted by the Board:-

RESOLVED; That the thanks of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution are hereby conveyed to Mr. Walter P. Chrysler for his generous donation of \$50,000 for the purpose of financing an expedition to Africa under the charge of Dr. William M. Mann, Director of the National Zoological Park, from which the collections of the Park have been greatly augmented.

RESOLVED; That the thanks of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution are hereby conveyed to the family of the late Frederick A. Canfield for the generous gift to the Institution of his large and valuable collection of gems and minerals, as well as for the very liberal provision made for its maintenance.

In connection with the Roebling gift, Dr. Abbot read the following letter:-

December 7, 1926.



Dear Dr.Abbot:

When the last load of my late father's minerals has reached the Smithsonian intact, and has been unloaded and stored in safety, then please send me a formal letter acknowledging the receipt of the entire collection.

As it is time to determine the amount of the endowment that will accompany the collection, Professor Alexander H. Phillips, of Princeton, examined and appraised both the Canfield and the Roebling collections; his figures are, therefore, peculiarly fitted for determining the proper

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