

## Will Rogers Memorial Fund.

IF HE WERE ABLE to be present and vote on the use of the Fund being raised in his name, Will Rogers would unquestionably throw his influence to a project intended to aid underprivileged children with the handicaps of birthright, health and deformity. He was heart and soul in sympathy with the Warm Springs Sanatorium movement espoused by President Roosevelt. That cause was restricted to sufferers from the dread disease of infantile paralysis. The Rogers Fund purposes serving all children who are not facing a fair competitive race in the game of life.

Education, ethics, industriousness, love of the uplifting influences, worthy ambition—those are the gifts Will Rogers would have bestowed upon the children underprivileged in those respects. He would want the children to have the advantages of opportunity plus the practical and ethical training which will develop complete dependence on self-respect and love for work. Few persons have known the indefatigability of Will Rogers. There is little question that his gifts in aid of friends, causes and the needy totaled more than half of his earnings. He treated money as it should always be treated—as a medium of exchange. In his case he bartered humor, philosophy and a striking personality for the humanitarianisms available. There were no “bargain” sales. He traded output for intake.

Giving the generations the opportunity to emulate Will Rogers' code of ethics is the world's greatest “break” for underprivileged boys and girls. He personified honesty. He never was known to tell a “dirty story.” He never dealt in gossip. The barbs he fired in broadside fashion at the “stuffed shirts” were free from venom. He didn't laugh “at” persons, parties or institutions. He gave them opportunity to laugh at themselves and then laughed with them. He sought always for the good in the millions of persons who made contact with them. Whether or not he found any, he left them pretending to have done so. He performed more “bloodless operations” on the human race than stands to the credit of a most remarkable medical association.

Boys and girls deserve courses in Will Rogers—his enjoyment of life and his philosophy of it. It will injure none and it will instill industriousness, common honesty, a healthy sense of justice and the “Charity” that “vaunteth not itself” into everyone privileged to enjoy the Fund's service. The total should be so large as to deny none the privilege.