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H. H. ROGERS AS
A CASH GIVER

HE ENJOYED HANDING OUT
THE CURRENCY

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ON HIS GREAT
HELP TO SOUTHERN SCHOOLS — AT
LEAST SIXTY-FIVE WERE BEING
ANONYMOUSLY AIDED BY
THE FINANCIER WHEN
HE DIED

The more experience I have of the world, the more I am convinced that the only proper and the only safe way to judge any one is at first hand and by your actual experience. It seems to me that, outside of the immediate members of my family, I knew the late Henry H. Rogers during the last fifteen years as well as I could know any one. Of all the men that I have ever known, intimately, no matter what their station in life, Mr. Rogers always impressed me as being among the kindest and gentlest. That was the impression he made upon me the first time I ever met him, and during the fifteen years that I knew him that impression was deepened every time I met him.

I am sure that the members of his family will forgive me for telling, now that he has laid down his great work and gone to rest, some things about him which I feel that the public should know, but which he always forbade me to mention while he lived.

The first time I ever met Mr. Rogers was in this manner: About fifteen years ago, a large meeting was held in Madison Square Garden concert hall, to obtain funds for the Tuskegee Institute. Mr. Rogers attended the meeting, but came late, and as the auditorium was crowded he could not get a seat. He stood in the back part of the hall, however, and listened to the speaking.

The next morning I received a telegram from him asking me