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Cecil Rhodes' Scholarships. The world has been startled by the death of a man of whom it knew little and whom it understood less. His will disposing of a large fortune has been a surprise to mankind, only a few of his intimate friends being aware of its contents before his death. The future results of this will are what interest us. The presence of a hundred American students in the old English University at Oxford may change its course and make some of its old customs quiver. But the opportunity for an American student to spend one, two, or three years in England is not a thing to be scorned. It is true that Oxford is not as much up-to-date as some of the continental schools and some schools in the United States as well, but the traditions, the splendid opportunity, and the change and experiences will more than compensate for this fact. The sum provided is sufficient to maintain any student in comfort. This opening is not for a class, but for students all over this country who are capable of passing the requirements exacted for such a scholarship.

Cecil John Rhodes was a man with whom America as a nation was not well acquainted. His hopes, his desires, his accomplishments, have been misinterpreted and sneered at. He was a singularly selfless man and never married. He had dedicated his life to the pursuit of a lofty ideal over which he had brooded for years in the solitude of the South African des-

ert. "To him had come early an abiding sense of the brevity of life as compared with the eternal realities which underlie the phenomena of this transitory existence." He was devoted to his country and had in his own way a deep sense of the justice that was due to the black race among whom his lot was cast, but he was a man of action rather than of words. He was a real, earnest man, strenuous to do with might whatever his hands found to do in his brief working day of life. Rhodes was a man accustomed all his life to ponder on questions of empire. William T. Stead said of him some years ago that some men think in parishes, others in nations, but that Rhodes thought in continents. The voluminous papers which he wrote on questions of imperial policy are said to be a mine of wisdom for any statesman.

Mr. Rhodes was not born a millionaire, but in the usual impecunious condition of the youngest son of a village parson. He had to abandon his studies early at Oxford and flee to South Africa for his health and was not expected to live, but the life in the desert cured him. After he had laid the foundations of a great fortune, he doggedly returned to England and completed his education, after which he retired again into the depths of Africa and was unheard of for years.

It was, perhaps, due to remembrance of his early life and struggles that he made these final bequests, although he had a larger and grander motive ultimately. The world will learn to appreciate more the life of this man whom circumstances have placed in rather a bad light at times. The man is brought much nearer to us in death than could ever have possibly been the case in life.

On two or three occasions in the recent past it has been forcibly demonstrated to the students of the University of Oregon that it is not necessary to go outside the institution for lecturers. This is no disparagement to outside speakers, but merely indicative of the high capacity of members of our own faculty. These Assembly talks have been to the point and have shown a grasp of the subject on the part of the speaker. It would, at least, be a courtesy on the part of certain students if they should "grace these halls" with their presence occasionally.

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