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Earth will go back to her lost youth,  
 And life grow deep and powerful as truth,  
 When the wise King out of the hearing Heaven comes  
 To break the spell of long millenniums—  
 To build with song again  
 The broken hope of men—  
 To hush and heroize the world,  
 Under the flag of Brotherhood unfurled.  
 —Edwin Markham.

### RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

The first delegation of American students to Oxford under the liberal provisions of Cecil Rhodes' unique bequest will enter the famous university at the opening of the fall term in October, 1904. It is not called the "fall" term, however, at Oxford and the average Britisher would never use the American designation "fall" as synonymous with "autumn." The fall or autumn term at Oxford is called "Michaelmas" term and begins this year on October 12 and ends December 17. It is followed by the Christmas and the summer vacation by the "Lent," "Eastern" and "Trinity" terms, the designations corresponding to the seasons of the Christian year in the Anglican church.

A four weeks' recess is taken at Christmas, when it is most agreeable to visit Southern Europe, a winter trip to the Mediterranean being an annual fixture with many of the university professors, dons, fellows and undergraduates.

The trustees under Mr. Rhodes' will have announced that the first election of Rhodes scholars will be held between February and May of next year.

In each state and territory a committee of college officers will make one appointment from the candidates between 19 and 25 years old, who qualify by passing the prescribed examinations. These examinations—which are not competitive—are based on requirements for "reasoners"—and are tests in arithmetic, algebra, geometry, Greek and Latin grammar, Latin prose composition, and Greek and Latin authors.

Scholars must also have reached the end of their second year in some recognized degree-granting university or college.

Harper's Weekly observes that this last requirement does not fit in particularly well with the other, as sophomores in good standing in American colleges have usually forgotten enough of what they know when they entered college to make the re-passing of an entrance examination a matter of some difficulty.

Those who aspire to secure the benefits of the scholarships will, however, be quite willing to "brush up" on subjects they pursued before entering college. Scholarships providing \$1,500 a year and three years' residence abroad will be eagerly sought by many applicants.

### MONEY HAS SPOKEN.

The Colombian government has refused to adopt the Panama canal treaty. It would be interesting to know just how much this cost the railroads of the United States.

This short-sighted country, which might have become the very gateway for the commerce of the Western hemisphere, has rejected an opportunity which comes only once in a lifetime. The people of Colombia have invested vast amounts on capital in anticipation of the canal. They have in-

vited foreign money to assist in meeting the demands to be made upon the resources of the little republic, during the construction of the canal, and have laid the foundations for an enormous trade, after it was completed.

The people of Colombia favor the treaty. They recognize the vast possibilities which it lays before a small, obscure country, with no political nor commercial prestige, in its present condition. They recognize the importance which would at once attach to the government, as the seat of the greatest strategical gateway in the world, in view of the westward march of civilization, toward the Philippines.

But the people of Colombia, like the people of larger and richer countries, have little to say in government affairs, where there is an army of politicians to be cared for and enriched.

The treaty by which the United States was to acquire a lease of the canal for 100 years, at a rental of \$10,000,000, met with the approval of the people of the Colombian republic. The United States came to the terms of the government officials, delegated with power to make the treaty. All the concessions asked for, were granted, and it was not a good bargain for this country, but in view of the need for a canal, over which this government should have control, it was accepted.

The enemies of the country have been busily engaged, with the members of the Colombian congress, since it became apparent that the canal would be built and operated by the United States, unless some unforeseen event transpired. The American railroads, which are opposed to any opposition in the carrying trade of the Pacific coast, and the representatives of the foreign powers, which are opposed to the United States gaining exclusive control of such a pivotal point in the commerce of the world, have joined hands for the defeat of the treaty in the Colombian congress.

Once more, in the history of progress, money has spoken.

The best interests of two governments have been prostituted to the base purposes of a few railroad magnates, who are willing to hold the world back, defeat the aims of the government and strike dumb the unfolding process of civilization, in order to maintain a monopoly on the traffic of a continent.

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Attention has been called several times to the condition of the streets in the vicinity of the high school building. The alkali dust is becoming almost unbearable. Several new houses have been erected in that vicinity this season, and it is rapidly becoming one of the permanent residence portions of the city, and the street committee cannot hope to forever ignore the need of street sprinkling there. The property on these streets pay taxes into the city treasury just as that on Water street, and the residents are just as much entitled to the benefits of city government. It is just as reasonable to refuse police protection to some portion of the business district, because it was off Main street, as to refuse to keep down the dust in this portion of town. The families living there are forced to submit to a fog of dust raised by passing teams every hour in the day, and the situation should be relieved.

The Employers' Association of Chicago, has been making investigations in the labor conditions of that city, in view of finding the real cause of so many and such disastrous strikes. The committee having this work in

charge, were experts in the science of social economics, and their findings are interesting. The first report made is that the cost of living in the city of Chicago has increased 15 per cent in the past five years, and that the wages are not as high as five years ago, hence the discontent of the working class. The committee recommends that wages be immediately increased to correspond with the increased cost of living. It further recommends that the cost of living in future, be accepted as a basis for wages. The committee declared that there is no other cause for the numerous strikes, and that a just and equitable increase of wages, to correspond to the advancing expenses of keeping families, will forever settle the labor question. This is a startling statement to come from an Employers' Association, but they went after the truth, and have evidently found it.

### BALLAD OF CREEDS.

Chinese worship a wooden Joss,  
 Persians kneel to the rising sun,  
 Christians turn to the book and cross  
 And Christ by Judas there undone,  
 I of their creeds will have me none,  
 Scrip nor psalter, prayer nor scroll,  
 Nor glittering web by the sophist spun  
 I am a Pagan heart and soul.

All to me is a sense of loss  
 Ceremony to flee and shun,  
 Temples wide where the censers toss  
 Perfume telling of rites begun,  
 Orzan peals that the senses stun  
 Bells that high in the towers toll,  
 Seasons follow and sands may run  
 I am a Pagan heart and soul.

Naught, indeed, is the Buddhist dross  
 Stripes or death by the pilgrims won,  
 Pillared fanes that the proud emboss  
 Saint or prophet, or priest or nun,  
 Greek or Roman, or Goth or Hun,  
 Angel, Devil or aureole  
 Nor miracles by the faithful done,  
 I am a Pagan heart and soul.

### Envoy.

And never as days go, one by one  
 I drain the glass and a song I troll,  
 Death, a health to thy benison  
 I am a Pagan heart and soul.  
 —Ernest McGaffey.

### A TENNESSEE SOCIAL EVENT.

Poetic justice was administered at a dance in Macon county, Tenn., the other evening. Because Miss Julia Bell showered her favors upon Jim Frets, he was attacked by Dick Mason, Tom Fields, Clay House, Mike Johnson and three others. Mr. Frets happened to be as handy with the gun as he was popular in the waltz. For after he had been cut about the head, he didn't do a thing but kill three of his assailants and dangerously wound the fourth. Frets is certainly entitled to the girl.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

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