success. Success does not, strictly speaking, affect character. It is, rather, as our caption has it, a test of character; the severest, in truth, to which character can be exposed.

The gaining of the Rhodes scholarship is, intellectually, a great and noteworthy success. It raises the winner so high in the estimation of even his own kindred as to constitute a marked exception to the rule concerning a prophet's local lack of honour. Will he, in the homely phrases, "make good?" All who know him will expect him to do great things, how great, or of what nature, they would, probably, be at a loss to define. He is lifted, that is to say, onto a higher plane than those of his year. Like the city set on a hill, he cannot be hid. The territory of intellectual, as of all other real success, is but sparsely populated. In a word, he is a marked man, and must pay the penalty of his success to the uttermost farthing.

Can he stand it, or will he get above his oats? Honestly, I do not think he will—so long, at least, as he remains at Oxford. No matter what honour he may gain in his own country and among his own kin, he will gain none at Oxford that he does not deserve. He will be brought in contact with men of his own age, abler than himself, intolerant of all "side," quick to detect real merit, and to give it due, but not excessive, recognition; equally quick to detect pretence and to give it, also, its due recognition, all, as you say here, that is coming to it.

Oxford, in a word, is a little world wherein every man finds his place, without the delay which attends that process in the larger one, a delay which, indeed, often coincides with a man's lifetime. It is a very democratic world, intellectually, as it is, also, in all that concerns athletics. It has is own traditional standards of success, standards not by any means easy of attainment. Briefly, a man who shall make good—I know no better expression—at Oxford, ought to make good anywhere. If he succeeds there, it will, and must be, a real success. Best of all, he will have learned to estimate his success at its true value, the value, that is, set on it by those most fitted to judge of it, to compare it with the success of others. If, thereafter, he should get above his oats, he is past praying for. Unless, indeed, his experience of kicking should prove as salutary as it generally does; as most of us have found it.

I should say, therefore, that success in gaining the Rhodes scholarship ought, as a test of character, to prove all that we could