

PRESIDENT TAFT AT BEVERLY TREES OF HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES AND CURING THE WIVES CONNECTING HIM WITH CAPITAL AS DAY OFF



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(Manchester Guardian.) It is now five years since the first Rhodes scholars came to us, and already they seem such a part of Oxford that it is difficult to realize that there was a day when their advent seemed a thing to wonder at. How far, one asks, has the experiment proved justifiable? How far have the dreams of the founder of the trust been realized? It is, of course, too soon even to attempt to estimate the effects produced throughout the empire and in the various States of the American Union and in Germany by the return year after year of some of their picked young men. Most of them have still their careers to make, and no ideal was ever yet accomplished in the space of a few years. But with regard to Oxford the case is somewhat different, for there we can watch the experiment in the making. It must be remembered that in ordinary college life Rhodes's last wishes, the scholars were to be chosen not on the grounds of scholarship alone, but with special reference to their character, their powers of leadership, and their skill in many sports. Yet though scholarship was thus not the basis of their selection, already they boast a considerable array of "first" university scholarships and prizes, and fellowships. Among their number are some of our finest athletes, and only last year, to take a single instance, the Rugby football team was captained by a Rhodes scholar from South Africa. In almost every department of Oxford life some of their number have gained distinction.

Place in College Life. Less easy to analyze, because personal influence is so indefinable, is their place in ordinary college life. There is little room in an Oxford College for the man who does not identify himself with its life. He may succeed in examinations, but such success is dearly bought, if it means isolation throughout his college days. To their credit, a large proportion of the Rhodes scholars have recognized this, and these are the men who both contributed the most to the glory of the school and who have stayed. To a man just up from school the matter is simple. But most of the Rhodes men are already graduates. They have already, before having played games for their college before, and perhaps have been the leading men there. Hence it is not always easy to begin all over again, to be "tubbed" on the river or play in a college "squash." But the best men among them have cheerfully done so, and have made every effort to share in the college life, to join clubs and in its ordinary social life, even though they do not always find it the simplest of tasks to understand the Englishman and his ways. It is because of this attitude towards the college life that their presence has become so normal a part of Oxford. A few, indeed, tend to consort only with their fellow-Rhodes scholars and find the American or Colonial Club much more congenial than the college society. Nor is this to be wondered at. There is so much camaraderie among the Rhodes scholars that they do not already form a sort of caste. Yet happily their leading men have set themselves against any such tendency, with results that are happy for them and for us. It is chiefly at debating societies that any marked contrast would be seen between them and the Englishman. Many of them are so very serious that it is difficult for them quite to understand the various shades of English politics. Perhaps it is for this latter reason that no Rhodes scholar has as yet made any great mark at the Union Society.

The Secret of Oxford. It may be asked why it is so essential that the Rhodes scholar should identify himself with his college life, and why those who have done so have chosen the better part. In the words of one of them: "If you don't, you might as well stay at home. We are missing the secret of Oxford. After all, we came not so much for your learning as for your culture, to share in your social life, and thus widen our point of view. And, indeed, those who have kept to themselves or with representatives from their own particular country do not seem to have developed at all, but to go back to their own look much as it was when they first came up." Looking at it from the Oxford point of view, the admitted advantages of their thus associating themselves are equally evident. One of the most serious criticisms that can be urged against public school and university alike is that they tend to turn out men of one type. The best of the Rhodes scholars are men of individuality, the picked men of their colony or state. By identifying themselves with their college, by throwing themselves as fully as possible into Oxford life, they do not cease to be themselves; much less do they become mere imitations of the Saxon. But by remaining themselves, preserving their individuality, and yet adapting themselves to their new environment they not only increase their own possibilities of development, but they also widen the outlook of the ordinary Oxford man, which is often remarkably narrow and insular. And, obviously, they cannot do so unless they mingle in his society and refuse to be frightened by English reserve.

The Value of Previous Training. Here lies the value of their previous training. The character of most of them has been formed in circumstances very different from the home of the English public-school man. Some of them are self-made men; most of them are here for a definite purpose, regarding themselves as trustees for the country or college from which they come. Though they appreciate the traditions, the culture, the spirit of the place, they care little for social distinctions, from which the English public-school man has the greatest difficulty in escaping. The public-school man often finds it hard to go on terms of equality with the

President and Mrs. Taft, seated on the wide veranda of their summer home at Beverly, Mass. This is the first picture of the president's wife since her recent illness, the marks of which are plainly indicated in her face and attitude. President Taft does not show the strain of the long, hot struggle with the tariff bill; indeed, this picture shows him weighing 326 pounds.

Beverly Aug. 17.—President Taft and Mrs. John Hays Hammond played a joke upon the president's official family yesterday and were lost to all communication for more than two hours. Mr. Hammond proposed the "cutting of the wires" between the president and Washington and the president fell heartily into the scheme. From half-past two until after four o'clock in the afternoon Secretary Carpenter waited with a big package of mail at the Taft cottage, while Assistant Secretary Forster followed with a big portfolio, but the president dodged all business and played the boy.

Started With Golf. It started during a golf game with Mr. Hammond and the president against Fox Grandpas, as he called the other two members of the foursome, who are generally Messrs. Adelbert Ames and W. J. Boardman, of Washington. When the younger man had won the game one up and made the series which they have been playing two all, Mr. Hammond proposed that the president run away from the office business for the day. "It won't do, Jack," replied the president. "Carpenter is on my trail even now."

discuss changes in the Interstate Commerce act. Secretary Meyer, to tell the president some Canadian fish stories. Secretary Meyer Gets a Shock. It was much of a shock to Beverly today to learn that the president had not lessened the cottage which he occupies at Burgess Point for next year. His lease is for but one season and jealous towns along the north shore are likely to make trouble when the news is circulated. Beverly had hoped that the lease ran for at least three years, as had been reported. The chairman of the board of selectmen, as soon as he heard the news, ordered the holes in the roadway near the point repaired, and the brightest side of Beverly is going to be turned toward the president from now on.

Secretary Carpenter today declined for the present an invitation from Mr. Thomas W. Lawson for the president to attend the Marshfield Fair on August 26. It was decided this morning that the president will entertain in some way the officers of the German-American sander class yacht which he presents the German emperor's cup to the winners on Sept. 4 at Marblehead.

China's Way of Managing Doctors. Pays Its Medicos to Keep It Well, Not to Cure It of Illness -- The Troubles of a Court Physician. In China physicians practice on the subscription plan; that is to say, family pays its doctor a certain fixed sum each year. But the Chinese consider that the principal value of doctors is to keep them well rather than to cure them of illness; so when a physician is unable to prevent one of his clients from becoming ill a certain sum is deducted from his pay, the amount being regulated by the length of time his client is sick. This sensible system makes the Chinese physician exceedingly watchful over the health of the people.

But the system has its disadvantages, as the court physicians have just learned to their cost. For the doctors found themselves unable to prevent the Emperor and the Dowager Empress from dying; therefore it was necessary that they should suffer the penalty of such grave ignorance. As a consequence of this double imperial death five imperial physicians have been degraded two degrees, although they retain their posts at court, while the president of the Imperial Hospital and two of his chief assistants have been dismissed from their positions, the reason assigned being "for their ignorance." -- Montreal Standard.

Its Variable Period. The period of this remarkable comet varies from 74 1/2 years to 79 years on account of perturbations caused by the planets Jupiter and Saturn. Sometimes they accelerate its progress, sometimes they retard it. Its last return took place in 1835, the one before that took place in 1759 and wonderfully confirmed the theories of Halley. The comet has presented very different aspects in its different reappearances. In 1066, the year of the conquest of England by Duke William of Normandy, it had a great effect on the people and the army. In 1456, the year of the war of the Turks against the Christians, it was still more extraordinary. In 1759, on the contrary, as well as in 1825, it was rather feeble.

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Youth Who Jumps From Train to Meet Sweetheart is Picked up Badly Battered -- Funny Story Says Girl.

New York, Aug. 18.—"Will you please tell us where we can find a physician?" asked a pretty girl of Lieut. Devery, who was behind the desk in the Fulton street police station yesterday afternoon.
"She was leading a badly battered youth by the arm. His face was gashed in several places, there was a laceration across the bridge of his nose and his forehead looked like the interior of a watermelon. His clothing was torn, and from where the lieutenant was sitting he looked like a total loss, fully uninsured."
"A surgeon won't do him any good," said the lieutenant. "What he needs is an undertaker. What in heaven's name happened to him?"
"I don't know," said the girl, "but I saw a voice which seemed to come from behind the bunch of bruisers."
"Do you mean to tell me you are conscious?" asked the lieutenant.
"Oh, it was simply a scream," laughed the girl. "I'll never forget how Ernest looked when he picked himself up."
"He's hurt now," said the policeman. "He fell out of an aeroplane. Well, come in here till I wash him up and then you can tell me the story afterward."
Devery led the young man into the rear room, where two or three of the policemen lent a hand fixing him up. When a damp sponge was applied to the wounds a shower of cinders fell to the floor.
"He must have landed in an ash barrel," suggested one of the policemen.
"This started the girl on another zig-zag, in which the young man joined. After he had been polished up a bit he said he was Ernest Glasser, twenty years old, of No. 74 Pacific street, Paterson, N. J., and that the young woman was Miss Olive Farrell, two years his junior, of No. 18 Washington street, same city.
"I had a date to meet Ollie at Rahway," said Glasser, "and when I missed my train I jumped on a freight. When we were going into Rahway I saw Ollie on the platform, but the train didn't stop. She waved her handkerchief, and I tossed her a kiss and she said that I would be with her in a minute. I had no idea of how far we were going till I started to dismount. It was a case of a broken face or a broken heart if I missed Ollie, so I took a chance."
"And you broke your face?" said Devery.
"I certainly did. I ploughed up the roadbed with my nose for fifteen or twenty yards. When I picked myself up there was Ollie laughing. It's a wonder I wasn't killed."
"Or arrested for stealing coal," said Devery.
"And what brought you here?" he added, as he directed them to the Hudson Street Hospital.
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Windsor, Aug. 17.—The death occurred of one of the oldest residents of Noel, in the person of Captain John O'Brien, who had reached the advanced age of 82 years. Capt. O'Brien was twice married, his first wife being Sarah A. Faulkner, who predeceased him 30 years, leaving a family of five sons and three daughters, all of whom except two, are still living. His second wife was Miss Gould, of Stewiacke, who survives him.
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