

erty and will admit the possibility of equality and fraternity when pressed, but he balks at the last. The American student is loud, he is aggressive, he is absolutely certain of his ideas. He hits Oxford to the tune of "See the conquering hero comes," and, like Alexander of old, he gives a whoop of joy over the prospect of another world to conquer.

Result—trouble, but really not as much trouble as one would expect. The Englishman has tact, the American has common sense, and the Rhodes interests are represented by a man who has both. Greek meets Greek, but nothing very serious happens. In general they agree to disagree and go their separate ways. The Americans and Colonials do not as a rule mix freely with the English. Both sides are rather anxious to do so, and try the experiment. But in general the effort dies a natural death. Purely a case of incompatibility.

The American wants to try the English games but finds cricket deadly monotonous. English football, "rugger," is quite different from the American brand, and Oxford regards baseball as a disease. Besides, there is no noise at an English game. No cheer leaders, no bands, no college yells, no excitement. The whole thing just hasn't got any "pep," and what is far worse, can't be inoculated with the pep bug. It simply won't take. So the American and Colonial, with a few outstanding exceptions, loses all interest in games after his first year.

And then there is the matter of the Union and debating. The American tries that—once only. The Oxford Union debater is a polished orator, witty and entertaining. The American debater is forceful, logical, fearfully in earnest, a good pleader before a judge, but no one can accuse him of being polished and his wit is of the memorized variety. I have heard a number of good American teams debate in the Union, and the contrast was painful. The English more or less made monkeys of them. The whole Union sympathized with the Americans but were appalled at their crudity, even in the case of Bates College. So the American just doesn't debate. All my time there I heard only one American speak in the Union and he was "flat."