

These men come to Oxford with the traditions of the English aristocracy behind them. It could not very well be otherwise. They are from the higher walks of life and very naturally feel themselves socially superior to men with a "day" school backing, — of which the Americans are examples. Moreover, being good Englishmen, they feel quite convinced that their institutions are about the best in the world, which is quite as it ought to be. Moreover, Oxford of all places is the embodiment of their ideals and has a thousand years of tradition to back it. This man is the typical Oxford student and he sets the pace, socially at least.

There is, however, another very interesting British group in Oxford. These are the "scholars," and they are there because of ability. They may come from some of the better known "day" schools, but mostly they are drawn from the smaller private institutions. These men come from a class which is economically not as well-to-do as the first group. Generally, also, they come from a lower social level, from the middle or even from the laboring class, although this is by no means a hard-and-fast rule. They are there because of their scholarship, are naturally a picked group from the intellectual point of view, and feel it a great honor to be Oxford students. Moreover they have a profound respect for their social superiors and for the traditions of the institution to which they belong.

The ambition of the Oxford scholar is to fit into the structure in which he finds himself and to become a true Oxford man. Obviously there are and must be exceptions. Clear-cut boundaries do not exist even in Oxford and we must generalize. But broadly speaking all the students from the British Isles have the highest respect for the institution just as it stands and are politely insistent that its traditions be observed.

Into this setting the late Cecil Rhodes made possible the injection of the American. Worse still, by the terms of his will Oxford gets the most American of all Americans, picked as the dynamic representative of liberty, equality, fraternity and Americanitis. The Englishman is willing to die for lib-