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DIRE NEED OF FUNDS.

Generally Supposed to Be Rich—Correspondent Says the Holders of Rhodes Scholarships Will Marvel at Lack of Equipment—The Great Seat of English Learning Declared to Be Too Poor to Keep Abreast of the Times.

When Cecil Rhodes decided to found scholarships for American, German and colonial students at Oxford, he could not have been better informed as to the needs and financial condition of the historic university, says a London correspondent. Had he been so, he probably would have made still another bequest to provide his beloved alma mater with modern equipment, the lack of which is daily becoming a greater embarrassment and handicap to the famous institution. For, although Oxford has the name of being one of the richest universities in the world, it actually is too poor to afford a large enough staff, or even sufficient books and accommodation to enable it to keep abreast of other institutions of its class, to say nothing of outstriking them.

It is now being said openly in England that when the Canadian holders of the Rhodes scholarships reach Oxford they are likely to be much less impressed with the beauty, age and stateliness of the classic university than by its lack of proper equipment. Simply because there is no money to provide them the celebrated Bodleian library at Oxford is practically without foreign works on philosophy or on political economy.

Its stock of books on modern history is so comparatively scant that it is no exaggeration to say that the scientific study of European history can now be carried on at Oxford. For the same reason there is no equipment at all for the study of mineralogy, a subject which, it seems likely, the holders of the Rhodes scholarships will be especially anxious to pursue. There is only one professor to teach geology, there is no mechanical laboratory, while the arrangements for the studies of electricity and magnetism were described by one who knows Oxford well as "nothing but a brilliant professor lecturing in a tin shed with scarcely any apparatus and on a scanty income."

The Assyrian language is now taught in almost every important university, but it cannot be studied at Oxford, and neither can rabbinical Hebrew, a tongue with an important bearing on the study of the Old and New Testaments. Though there are now millions of Buddhists under the British flag, the sacred language of that faith, is not dealt with in the Empire's most famous institution of learning.

Oxford is about the last place in the world which would strike the visitor as to the slightest extent in need of funds. Its buildings are impressive, and the ceremonies connected with them are stately. The great halls are decorated richly, and there is a general air of prosperity. If not the luxury the university has the reputation of being immensely wealthy, and so it is, but to-day its expenses almost equal its income. The different colleges all are well to do, but each one of them spends nearly all its income on its own needs and sets only a small percentage aside for the use of the university as a whole.

In Oxford's present state every additional student means an extra strain upon the university's exchequer. And Mr. Rhodes' scholarships will make an addition of one-seventh to the number of undergraduates.

Oxford is so poor to-day because she is supposed to be so rich. Huge gifts to colleges are not common in England, but there is no lack of rich men who would loosen their purses if they could be made to understand that the famous university is really hard up.

The Mother of a Sailor.

Mrs. Emma Haines walked from London to Plymouth, at the age of seventy-five, on a fruitless effort to see her sailor son, Mrs. Haines, with a very young store of money, started for London early in October, and for the best part of the first week she covered as much as twenty miles a day. In a little while, however, the poor old lady found her strength lessening, and soon she could only compass a few miles a day. As her funds grew scantier, she made valiant efforts to push on, whatever the weather, and for three consecutive days she toiled with weary steps through a heavy down-pour of rain. Her greatest difficulty was to obtain lodgings suited to her means. In many villages she found this impossible, and had to stagger on to the next place. Despite all these difficulties, however, she only rode the last nine miles of her journey, over which a gentleman gave her a lift in his cart. At Plymouth she was confronted with the staggering fact that the son on whose behalf she had tramped over 250 weary miles was posted as a deserter. Sick at heart, with her little store of money all but exhausted, Mrs. Haines set out on her dreary journey homeward. She got feebler every hour, and at last, at Tiverton, she quite broke down, and had to seek refuge in the workhouse, where she still is.

United Convention in Ireland.

Arrangements are being made both in Ireland and America for the holding of a united convention of Irish societies in Ireland next year, at which delegates from the United States, Canada, Australia and Ireland will be represented. The convention will be held on the site of the Rock of Cashel, in County Tipperary, which the leaders consider is a proper place from which to issue a declaration of independence.

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TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Windsor lost nineteen hundred dollars on its municipal woodyard.

Bulgarian brigands are alleged to have massacred 165 people in one Mussulman village.

The Nationalist convention assembled at Dublin to-day to discuss Mr. Wyndham's land bill.

The young man who committed suicide in High Park has been identified as E. J. Welsh of Hastings.

The grand jury at Quebec found a true bill against Mrs. Shilley for indicting John Guard to kill her husband.

Alfred Allan, a C.P.R. special policeman at Vancouver, was arrested on charge of shooting Frank Rogers. Rogers is dead.

Judge McTavish, who investigated the alleged tobacco monopoly, found that the exclusive contract system prevailed, but it was not illegal.

A German ensign is to be court-martialed for killing an artilleryman who had attempted, while under arrest, to shake hands with him.

A congress formed with the object of defending the Latin world against the advance of peoples wishing to conquer the world was inaugurated at Rome.

A true bill was found at the Brantford Assizes against Thomas Elliott and the directors of the Ontario Coal Dealers' Association, and the trial is now in progress.

By the fall of a scaffold in the Methodist church at Oshawa, Messrs. Fred. Horn and John Brewer were, it is feared, fatally injured. Seven men went down.

Before the Agricultural Committee at Ottawa Professor Robertson announced the intention of the Government to introduce a bill imposing stringent regulations on the sale of seed grain.

The frequency of railway accidents in Canada was brought up in the Commons by Mr. E. F. Clarke of Toronto, and during the debate Mr. Blair announced that the Government would have appointed an investigating officer had he been able to find a suitable man.

Joseph Greenwall came all the way to Toronto from Pittsburgh to see if Isaac Taylor of Toronto is his sister's husband, whom she married in Poland twelve years ago. Greenwall took a look at Taylor in the Police Court yesterday, but concluded his sister was mistaken. Taylor was discharged.

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Diaphanous Indian muslin charmingly embroidered with green beetle wings is still renowned, as well as examples of painted spangles and artificial pearls strewn amid devices wrought in gold. But where is now to be found the incomparable Decca muslin, thirty yards of which were once inclosed for a turban in an ordinary cocoanut inclosed with gems and presented by a Persian ambassador to his master, the shah. Other varieties known as invisible have also disappeared. The term originated from the fact that when dipped in water or spread out on the grass the material was lost to the eye through its extreme fineness.

The trained fingers have disappeared, and through modern competition customers are no longer willing to pay the real value of genuine hard work. This superiority of eastern craftsmen over their western fellows was recognized centuries ago, first by Portuguese, who were in the habit of sending satin to India to be embroidered by the natives after European designs, a fashion which at times renders somewhat puzzling the classification of the marvels of handiwork.

The French followed suit, since the majority of the Louis XVI. court sets, including coat, waistcoat and breeches in satin, velvet, plush or corded silk, so exquisitely adorned with delicate sprays and admirable borders wrought in satin and tamaris stitches, are due to the skill and industry of the Chinese, who have reproduced the French devices with floss silk in such lovely and fast colors, which still appear in all their beauty, with a mellowness imparted by time which further adds to their charm.

BOOKS AND READING.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.—Addison.

A home without books is like a room without windows.—Beecher.

To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.—Burke.

Books are the best things well used; abused, among the worst.—Emerson.

Next to acquiring good friends the best acquaintance is that of good books.—Cotton.

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested.—Bacon.

Half the gossip of society would perish if the books that are truly worth reading were but read.—Dawson.

What is a great love of books? It is something like a personal introduction to the great and good men of all past times.—John Bright.

The three practical rules I have to offer are: (1) Never read any book that is not a year old; (2) never read any but famed books; (3) never read any but what you like.—Emerson.

What Makes Things Grow.

According to Maurice Springer, a French writer on the subject, the energy of growth is closely related to electric energy and may be identical with it. At any rate, growth energy is closely connected with the phenomenon called osmosis—that is, molecular pressure due to differences of density in adjacent liquid masses. Such molecular pressure in the cells of the body he believes to be the phenomenon that underlies the multiplication of these cells in growth, and osmosis has been shown by experiment to be closely connected with electricity. The writer referred to believes that we shall soon be able to measure growth energy as we now do heat or electricity and perhaps control it so as to produce tall or short families or races at our pleasure.—Success.

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