

he and his friends think it is a very good thing for him, but the great majority of people think only that it is a good thing for New. When Rose wins the Ireland scholarship, he and his friends may meet and rejoice together; Rhodes scholars in general may feel that he is helping to justify their existence, but the ordinary man simply regards it as a further addition to Balliol's long list of successes.

To one "fresh" from the free untrammelled West an ordinary Oxford College looks suspiciously like a prison, except that the architecture is too fine. Only one door, and that with a porter always on duty, and all the windows on the ground floor strongly barred, the wall wherever there is the slightest possibility of scaling it lined on top with spikes or pieces of broken glass, all this makes it very formidable and he will soon find that the days of complete freedom are over. He is under the control of the authorities and must conform to the rules of the college: these will not allow him out after 9 p.m., while for coming in after 9 there are fines varying from a penny between nine and ten to sixpence from ten to twelve. Coming in after twelve is a serious offence, punished with a heavy fine at least, and if repeated without good excuse, by being "sent down." He has also another master in the shape of the university, which orders him to wear cap and gown in the streets after 9 p.m., and imposes many other restrictions on his actions. The university proctors prowl about the streets all evening and have an unerring sense for the undergraduate, being able to distinguish him from the townie with the greatest ease. They are attended by men called

"bullers," who are chosen for their fleetness of foot, and woe to the unlucky man who tries to find safety in flight. Unless he is a good 100-yards man the latter end of that man will be worse than the first, because running away makes the fine much larger. The rules which are supposed to govern the undergrad. life are found in "the Statuta et Secreta Universitatis Oxoniensis" and are about as long as the moral law. If one reads them judiciously, however, he can find some interesting things. It is there stated that no undergrad. shall carry any offensive or defensive weapons except bows and arrows and these only for the purpose of lawful amusement. Another rule which a short time ago was solemnly repealed, forbids undergrads. to play marbles on the steps of the Bodleian library.

The day's programme at Oxford during term is quite different from ours and it might be interesting to give some sort of sketch of a typical day. You are awakened by the sound of many waters as the scout fills your bath-tub and goes out with a "'alf-past seven, please, sir," or (as scouts are wise in their generation), he will often make it "five and twenty to eight," so as to spur you up a little. The first thing you do is begin to calculate how your "chapels" stand and whether you can afford to be in bed. In Balliol each man has to do six "chapels" or "rollers" a week. Chapel begins at 8.05 and lasts for fifteen minutes. Doing a chapel means getting to the chapel dressed and in academic costume before 8.05. The amount of dressing that has to be done is not exactly stated, but a collar and tie at least are necessary, as I found one morning when I was hur-