

he would be anathema. This is not the way of our people; they will give their souls for their lusts; they will spend on others what they amassed for themselves; but they must be spurred to fortune-seeking by personal interest, and they are more careful of the individual conscience, however puny, than they are of the common welfare.

It is being rumoured about that this will does not, in fact, represent Mr. Rhodes: that he had assistance in the making of it. Most men, all wise men, have assistance in making their wills; and the hand of the lawyer is visible here in the long, ordered sentences which mean what they say and say what they mean. But to those who are familiar with such compositions the dominance of the testator's own style over that of the draughtsman is unusual and remarkable. It is at least equally certain that, whoever may have advised Mr. Rhodes as to the substance of his bequests, here, too, it was, in all that is essential, the intention of the testator that prevailed. If any one is inclined to think otherwise, let him consider how many men there are in England—or in Europe—of sufficient calibre to meet Mr. Rhodes on equal terms, much more to dominate him, and what has been the success of those who are known to have attempted such an enterprise. Let him also consider the complete correspondence between the ideas indicated in Mr. Rhodes's autograph note published by Mr. Stead in the *Review of Reviews* for April, and those set forth in the will, which carries on and develops the same train of thought. If there be a God, he reasons in the note of 1890, then

As He is manifestly fashioning the English-speaking race as the chosen instrument by which he will bring in a state of Society based upon justice, liberty, and peace, He must obviously wish me to do what I can to give as much scope and power to that race as possible. Hence, if there be a God, I think that what he would like me to do is to paint as much of the map of Africa British red as possible, and to do what I can elsewhere to promote the unity and extend the influence of the English-speaking race.

These views have been known for more than ten years past to some, at any rate, of his intimates, but they were not given