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## Oxford and the Rhodes Scholar Controversy

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**T**O the American Rhodes scholar, Oxford is just Oxford, the same as Yale is Yale or Stanford is Stanford. Just plain simple university. There are several hundred of them in America, more or less, and he has them all pretty well catalogued. Faculty, football team, frat. houses, student societies, and a few thousand students all striving for an education and all with lots of "pep." Oxford is just another one of these. So let's hit it the same as we hit the alma mater back home! That's simple.

It looks even more simple when you realize who the Rhodes scholars are. Chosen for character, counting among their numbers the best college athletes in the U. S. and boasting some of our most brilliant intellects. But above all leaders, aggressive, determined, and with plenty of past experience in American college life. Small wonder, you say, that they should lead Oxford by the nose, remodel many of its ancient customs and generally modernize and civilize the old place. And from our point of view it is the most natural thing in the world that they should do so. There is only one little flaw in the whole perfect scheme—they don't.

Oxford has been exposed to this acute inoculation of Americanitis for over twenty years. Strange as it may seem, she hasn't caught the disease. Quite the contrary, she seems to be building up a decided immunity to it and the American is becoming even less of a leader in her life than he was fifteen years ago. He arrives prepared "to make his contribution," in fact determined to thrust his contribution down her throat if necessary. Three years later he departs—and his gift is still with him.