

**OXFORD'S ADVANTAGES
ARE TOLD BY STUDENT**

HORACE ENGLISH ADVISES NEBRASKANS TO APPLY FOR RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

The following is a letter received by the editor from Horace B. English, Nebraska's Rhodes scholar at Oxford. The letter outlines briefly the plan of electing and sending the candidate, and the advantages to be derived from the scholarship. It urges Nebraska students to take a greater interest in the opportunity.

Cassel Nord, France.

April 17,

To the Editor of the Nebraskan:

Since you were so kind as to print my attempted "funnyism," will you spare me a little space for a more serious word? It is not too early to bring before the students at the University of Nebraska the advantages of a Rhodes scholarship—advantages which almost go begging because of a misapprehension. Time and time again I have been ashamed to report that Nebraska has scarcely ever had more than one or two applicants. (Illinois had thirteen last year.)

First—How can one of these prizes be obtained? By a qualifying examination and an appointment. It is generally considered that this examination is a difficult one. Such is not the case. By judicious cramming English boys of ordinary ability have been known to pass after a year's study. Anyone who has had three years or more of Latin and mathematics should be able to pass the examination with a little cramming. A "pass" is all that is necessary, for the examination is in no sense competitive.

Many Advantages.

Second—What are the advantages? Three years abroad, half of each year at Oxford, presumably in study, half of each year in traveling wherever your fancy wills. England, the

Continent, or America. Upon the advantages—and disadvantages—of foreign travel, there is no need to say a great deal. Most people would like about a year and a half of it, especially when it is divided into six week and ten week periods with rests in between.

Of Oxford, there seems to be more doubt. It is conceived of as a place devoted almost solely to classical learning—an idea entirely false. No one has ever figured out the various and varied combinations possible to obtain an Oxford degree. The main courses are: (1) Classics and philosophy, (2) modern history, (3) modern languages (any you like), (3) jurisprudence, (5) English, (6) mathematics, (7) natural science (including, in effect, medicine), (8) theology. This includes about all most people want; for such subjects as economics and political science come in modern history, etc. Moreover, there is no doubt that these subjects are taught with a thoroughness unknown in most American universities.

To do all this, Cecil Rhodes provides you with \$4,500—\$1,500 a year. This enables you to live in great comfort, probably in easier circumstances than at home. It emphatically does not permit you to sit in the lap of luxury; nor is this entirely regrettable.

Is Willing to Aid.

If I have not aroused interest by this, I fear it is impossible without more space than you, Mr. Editor, can spare. To come down to brass tacks, I will be glad to supply any further details personally to any who desire them. Knowing the examination pretty well and what is wanted by the examiners, I can tell what course of cramming to pursue. I want Nebraska to have more than two candidates next year and I want some of them (four or five) to come from the U. of N.

Respectfully,

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