WHAT HAVE RHODES SCHOLARS DONE?

Though the Rhodes scholarship scheme has been in operation for only six years, numerous estimates of its Imperial utility and academic effects have been published by irresponsible critics. Many of the positions represented in some instances have been obviously more opinions unsupported by authentic evidence; in other instances worthless generalizations have been founded upon exceptional cases, apparently without regard to qualifying facts which might easily have been obtained from the trustees' reports. It is not the duty of the trustees to refute criticisms, and they have adopted a wise course in withholding their own opinions concerning the merits and defects of the endowment upon the Rhodes scholarship trust. It was wise for telling how far it is carrying our object: Mr. Rhodes had in view.

In these circumstances special interest attaches to Dr. Perkins' report upon a curiously aperiod in the average caliper of South African and Australasian students. The fact that an inquiry was deemed desirable suggests that though the Rhodes scholars are patient, they are not fully satisfied with the results already attained. In an article in The Oxford and Cambridge Review, by Mr. Behan—formerly a Rhodes scholar, but now a Fellow of University College, Oxford—various aspects of the scheme, including that of sport in relation to academic success are discussed from the standpoint of a critic whose present detachment is tempered by personal experience of the positions occupied by overseas students in the University. He does not claim for his conclusions higher value than that which is usually attached to vague general impressions.

There is, however, a sense in which the limited impressions derived unmodified from daily observation and experience in the ordinary walks of life and the superficial ideas engendered by casual investigation form valid priorities. The first point upon which he lays stress is that a great deal of nonsense has been written concerning the alleged influence of new scholars upon Oxford. "Consider for a moment," he remarks, "what the Rhodes scholars begin to be. They are not being trained under the Government for a run in running in figures to £20,000.

UNIVERSITY AND ENGINEERING.

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RHODES SCHOLARS.

SPORTS AND LEARNING.

LONDON, June 7

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Perkins reports that the Rhodes scholars are all doing well, and are spending a year or two at their own universities before being sent to Oxford, so that they may be able to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the best universities in the world.

The Rhodes scholars are predominantly from the eastern Rhodesian and South African colonies, and are all expected to have a great influence on the future of the Rhodes trust.

Students and teachers from the Rhodes scholars' countries have been invited to the Rhodes trust meeting, and have been given the opportunity to discuss the future of the trust and its influence on the world.

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