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MEMORANDUM.

The Rhodes Scholarships in the United States.

THE Trustees of the Will of the late Mr. C. J. Rhodes have prepared the following Memorandum for the information of College Authorities and intending candidates for scholarships in the United States :—

The first election of scholars in the United States under the Rhodes bequest will be made between February and May, 1904. The elected scholars will commence residence in October, 1904.

A qualifying examination will be held within this period in each state and territory, or at centres which can be easily reached. This examination is not competitive, but is intended to give assurance that all candidates are fully qualified to enter on a course of study at Oxford University.

It will therefore be based on the requirements for Responsions—the first public examination exacted by the university from each candidate for a degree.

The Rhodes scholars will be selected from candidates who have successfully passed this examination. One scholar will be chosen for each state and territory to which scholarships are assigned.

The requirements of the Responsions examination, as stated in the Statutes of the University of Oxford, are as follows :—

Candidates must offer the following :—

- (1) Arithmetic—the whole.¹
- (2) *Either* Algebra.

Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Greatest Common Measure, Least Common Multiple, Fractions, Extraction of Square Root, Simple Equations containing one or two unknown quantities, and problems producing such equations.

Or Geometry.

Euclid's Elements, Books I, II.² Euclid's axioms will be required, and no proof of any proposition will be admitted which assumes the proof of anything not proved in preceding propositions of Euclid.

- (3) Greek and Latin Grammar.
- (4) Translation from English into Latin Prose.
- (5) Greek and Latin Authors.

¹ Candidates are expected to be able to do correctly sums in Vulgar and Decimal Fractions, Practice, Proportion and its applications, Interest (Simple and Compound), Square Measure and Square Root.

² Candidates should be careful to answer questions in both books.

Candidates must offer two books, one Greek and one Latin, or Unseen Translation. The following portions of the under-mentioned authors will be accepted :—

DEMOSTHENES : (1) Philippics 1-3, and Olynthiacs 1-3, or (2) De Corona.

EURIPIDES, any two of the following plays : Hecuba, Medea, Alcestis, Bacchae.

HOMER (1) Iliad 1-5, or 2-6 ; or (2) Odyssey 1-5, or 2-6.

PLATO, Apology and Crito.

SOPHOCLES, Antigone and Ajax.

XENOPHON, Anabasis 1-4, or 2-5.

CAESAR, De Bello Gallico 1-4.

CICERO : (1) the first two Philippic Orations ; or (2) the four Catiline Orations, and In Verrem, Act I ; or (3) the Orations Pro Murena and Pro Lege Manilia ; or (4) the treatises De Senectute and De Amicitia.

HORACE : (1) Odes 1-4 ; or (2) Satires ; or (3) Epistles.

LIVY, Books 21 and 22. (After Michaelmas, 1903, Books V. and VI.)

VIRGIL : (1) the Bucolics, with Books 1-3 of the Aeneid ; or (2) the Georgics ; or (3) the Aeneid, Books 1-5, or 2-6.

Papers covering this range of study will be prepared by examiners appointed by the Trustees, and will be sent to each centre, where, at a date publicly announced, the examination will be held under proper supervision, and the papers returned to the examiners.

A list of those who have successfully passed this test will as soon as possible be furnished to the chairman of the committee of selection in each state or province, or to the university making the appointment, and from this list the committee or university will proceed to elect the scholars.

The committees and the universities making appointments will be furnished with a statement of the qualifications which Mr. Rhodes desired in the holders of his scholarships, and they will be asked in exercising their right of selection to comply as nearly as circumstances will permit with the spirit of the testator's wishes.

They will also be asked to furnish to the Trustees as full a statement as possible of the school and college career of each elected scholar, with the special grounds of his appointment, together with suggestions, if desired, as to the course of study for which he is best fitted.

It has been decided that all scholars shall have reached at least the end of their Sophomore or second year work at some recognised degree-granting university or college of the United States.

Scholars must be unmarried, must be citizens of the United States, and must be between nineteen and twenty-five years of age.

Where several candidates present themselves from a single college or university, the committees of selection will request the Faculty of the college to decide between their claims on the basis of Mr. Rhodes' suggestions, and present to the committee the name of the candidate chosen by that college as its representative in the final election.

Candidates may elect whether they will apply for the scholarship of the state in which they have acquired the above-mentioned educational qualification, or for that of the state in which they have their ordinary private domicile, home or residence. They must be prepared to present themselves for examination in the state they select. No candidate may compete in more than one state.

Candidates for scholarships should, during the month of January, 1904, notify the chairman of the committee of selection in the state or territory for which they apply, or the head of the

university appointing to the scholarship, of their intention to present themselves for examination. The decision of the committee of selection or of the university making appointment shall be final as regards eligibility. A list of the chairmen of state committees is appended, and of the universities which make appointments.

Any inquiries about Oxford, its colleges and the courses of study there, should be addressed to F. J. Wylie, Esq., the Oxford agent of the Rhodes Trustees. The presidents of American colleges are requested to send to Mr. Wylie, for the information of the Trustees, copies of their annual calendar, and such other college literature as they may think useful.

Copies of Oxford Responson papers for past years can be obtained from the Oxford University Press, 91 and 95, Fifth Avenue, New York. The Students' Handbook of Oxford can be ordered at the same address. It gives full information about the examinations of the university, subject to changes made since the last edition was issued.

"Oxford As It Is," a small pamphlet prepared by Mr. Louis Dyer, of Harvard and Balliol Colleges, for the use of American candidates, gives all essential information in a condensed form. It can be ordered from Macmillan & Co., Fifth Avenue, New York.

"Oxford and its Colleges," written by Mr. J. Wells, of Wadham College, and "Oxford and Oxford Life," edited by the same gentleman, may be recommended for those who wish to gain fuller information about the university and its colleges.

The president of the state university or college is in each of the following states chairman of the committee of selection for that state:—Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

The following chairmen have been named for other states:—

CONNECTICUT.—President ARTHUR T. HADLEY, LL.D., Yale University.

ILLINOIS.—President W. R. HARPER, Ph.D., D.D., University of Chicago.

KENTUCKY.—President D. B. GRAY, D.D., Georgetown College.

MARYLAND.—President W. A. REMSEN, LL.D., Johns Hopkins University.

MASSACHUSETTS.—President CHARLES W. ELIOT, LL.D., Harvard University.

NEW JERSEY.—President WOODROW WILSON, LL.D., Princeton University.

NEW YORK STATE.—President NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, LL.D., Columbia University.

RHODE ISLAND.—President W. H. P. FAUNCE, D.D., Brown University.

In the following states appointments will be made by the chartered colleges and universities, in rotation:—

CALIFORNIA.—University of California.

Leland Stanford University.

Smaller colleges every seventh year.

MAINE.—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)

VERMONT.—University of Vermont.

Middlebury College.

WASHINGTON.—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)

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The following chairmen have been named for other states:—
Connecticut—President Arthur T. Hamlin, Yale University.
Illinois—President W. R. Hoar, Jr., University of Chicago.
Kentucky—President D. B. Gray, D.D., Georgetown College.
Massachusetts—President W. A. Ricker, I.I.D., Johns Hopkins University.
Maryland—President C. W. Barry, I.I.D., Johns Hopkins University.
New Jersey—President Woodrow Wilson, Princeton University.
New York State—President Nicholas Murray Butler, I.I.D., Columbia University.
Rhode Island—President W. H. F. Taylor, D.D., Brown University.

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CALIFORNIA—University of California.	MAINE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
ILLINOIS—University of Illinois.	MASSACHUSETTS—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
KENTUCKY—University of Kentucky.	NEW YORK—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
LOUISIANA—University of Louisiana.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
MISSISSIPPI—University of Mississippi.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
MISSOURI—University of Missouri.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
NEBRASKA—University of Nebraska.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
NEVADA—University of Nevada.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
NEW MEXICO—University of New Mexico.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
NORTH CAROLINA—University of North Carolina.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
NORTH DAKOTA—University of North Dakota.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
OHIO—University of Ohio.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
OKLAHOMA—University of Oklahoma.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
OREGON—University of Oregon.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
PENNSYLVANIA—University of Pennsylvania.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
SOUTH CAROLINA—University of South Carolina.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
SOUTH DAKOTA—University of South Dakota.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
TENNESSEE—University of Tennessee.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
TEXAS—University of Texas.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
UTAH—University of Utah.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
VIRGINIA—University of Virginia.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
WEST VIRGINIA—University of West Virginia.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
WISCONSIN—University of Wisconsin.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)
WYOMING—University of Wyoming.	NEW YORK STATE—(The order of rotation yet to be fixed.)