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Scholarships to be Established at Oxford under the Will
of the Late Right Honorable Cecil John Rhodes.

The Trustees of the Will to Mr. Choate.

30, MINCING LANE, E. C.,
London, June 16, 1902.

DEAR SIR: At the request of my colleagues, trustees of the will of the late Mr. C. J. Rhodes, I send you an extract from his testamentary dispositions relating to scholarships to be established for students from certain colonies and from the United States of America.

Your Excellency will note the qualifications which Mr. Rhodes desired should be sought for in the candidates and his suggestion that before election the trustees should consult with the ministers having the control of education in the various colonies, States, or Territories to which his dispositions apply.

The trustees are desirous of making regulations with regard to the method by which qualifications of candidates are to be ascertained and as to the examinations.

They will, therefore, be obliged if you will be so good as to bring the scholarship provisions of Mr. Rhodes' will to the notice of your Government, with a request on their behalf that the views of the chief officials having the control of education in the various States and Territories of the Union may be ascertained and communicated to the trustees.

It would further be of great assistance to the trustees if they could be furnished, through your kindness, with the opinion of the leading educational authorities in the United States, especially the heads of Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and other universities, with regard generally to the election of qualifying students and the best mode of giving practical effect to the scholarship trust.

It is hoped that the students can be elected in time to go into residence at Oxford in 1903.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

BOURCHIER F. HAWKSLEY.

To His Excellency the Hon. JOSEPH H. CHOATE,
United States Ambassador,
Carlton House Terrace, S. W.

THE RIGHT HON. CECIL JOHN RHODES.

Provisions of the will relating to scholarships.

The following are the provisions in the testamentary dispositions of the late Mr. Rhodes relating to the establishment of scholarships at Oxford for students from the colonies and the United States of North America:

Whereas I consider that the education of young Colonists at one of the Universities in the United Kingdom is of great advantage to them for giving breadth to their views for their instruction in life and manners and for instilling into their minds the advantage to the Colonies as well as to the United Kingdom of the retention of the unity of the Empire And whereas in the case of young Colonists studying at a University in the United Kingdom I attach very great importance to the University having a residential system such as is in force at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge for without it those students are at the most critical period of their lives left without any supervision And whereas there are at the present time 50 or more students from South Africa studying at the University of Edinburgh many of whom are attracted there by its excellent medical school and I should like to establish some of the Scholarships hereinafter mentioned in that University but owing to its not having such a residential system as aforesaid I feel obliged to refrain from doing so And whereas my own University the University of Oxford has such a system and I suggest that it should try and extend its scope so as if possible to make its medical school at least as good as that at the University of Edinburgh And whereas I also desire to encourage and foster an appreciation of the advantages which I implicitly believe will result from the union of the English-speaking peoples throughout the world and to encourage in the students from the United States of North America who will benefit from the American Scholarships to be established for the reason above given at the University of Oxford under this my Will an attachment to the country from which they have sprung but without I hope withdrawing them or their sympathies from the land of their adoption or birth Now therefore I direct my trustees as soon as may be after my death and either simultaneously or gradually as they shall find convenient and if gradually then in such order as they shall think fit to establish for male students the Scholarships hereinafter directed to be established each of which shall be of the yearly value of £300 and be tenable at any College in the University of Oxford for three consecutive academical years.

I direct my Trustees to establish certain Scholarships and these Scholarships I sometimes hereinafter refer to as "the Colonial Scholarships".

The appropriation of the Colonial Scholarships and the numbers to be annually filled up shall be in accordance with the following table:—

Total No. appropriated.	To be tenable by Students of or from	No. of Scholarships to be filled up in each year.
9	Rhodesia	3 and no more.
3	The South African College School in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope...	1 and no more.
3	The Stellenbosch College School in the same Colony.....	1 and no more.
3	The Diocesan College School of Rondebosch in the same Colony.....	1 and no more.
3	St. Andrews College School Grahamstown.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony of Natal in the same Colony.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony of New South Wales.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony of Victoria.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony of South Australia.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony of Queensland.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony of Western Australia.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony of Tasmania.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony of New Zealand.....	1 and no more.
3	The Province of Ontario in the Dominion of Canada.....	1 and no more.
3	The Province of Quebec in the Dominion of Canada.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony or Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony or Islands of the Bermudas.....	1 and no more.
3	The Colony or Island of Jamaica.....	1 and no more.

I further direct my Trustees to establish additional Scholarships sufficient in number for the appropriation in the next following clause hereof directed and those Scholarships I sometimes hereinafter refer to as "the American Scholarships".

I appropriate two of the American Scholarships to each of the present States and Territories of the United States of North America Provided that if any of the said Territories shall in my lifetime be admitted as a State the Scholarships appropriated to such Territory shall be appropriated to such State and that my Trustees may in their uncontrolled discretion withhold for such time as they shall think fit the appropriation of Scholarships to any Territory.

I direct that of the two Scholarships appropriated to a State or Territory not more than one shall be filled up in any year so that at no time shall more than two Scholarships be held for the same State or Territory.

The Scholarships shall be paid only out of income and in the event at any time of income being insufficient for payment in full of all the Scholarships for the time being payable I direct that (without prejudice to the vested interests of holders for the time being of Scholarships) the following order of priority shall regulate the payment of the Scholarships.

(i) First the Scholarships of students of or from Rhodesia shall be paid.

(ii) Secondly the Scholarships of students from the said South African Stellenbosch Rondebosch and St. Andrews Schools shall be paid.

(iii) Thirdly the remainder of the Colonial Scholarships shall be paid and if there shall not be sufficient income for the purpose such Scholarships shall abate proportionately; and

(iv) Fourthly the American Scholarships shall be paid and if there shall not be sufficient income for the purpose such Scholarships shall abate proportionately.

My desire being that the students who shall be elected to the Scholarships shall not be merely bookworms I direct that in the election of a student to a Scholarship regard shall be had to (i) his literary and scholastic attainments (ii) his fondness of and success in manly outdoor sports such as cricket football and the like (iii) his qualities of manhood truth courage devotion to duty sympathy for the protection of the weak kindness unselfishness and fellowship and (iv) his exhibition during school days of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates for those latter attributes will be likely in after-life to guide him to esteem the performance of public duties as his highest aim As mere suggestions for the guidance of those who will have the choice of students for the Scholarships I record that (i) my ideal qualified student would combine these four qualifications in the proportions of $\frac{3}{10}$ ths for the first $\frac{2}{10}$ ths for the second $\frac{3}{10}$ ths for the third and $\frac{2}{10}$ ths for the fourth qualification so that according to my ideas if the maximum number of marks for any Scholarship were 200 they would be apportioned as follows—60 to each of the first and third qualifications and 40 to each of the second and fourth qualifications (ii) the marks for the several qualifications would be awarded independently as follows (that is to say) the marks for the first qualification by examination for the second and third qualifications respectively by ballot by the fellow-students of the candidates and for the fourth qualification by the head master of the candidate's school and (iii) the results of the awards (that is to say the marks obtained by each candidate for each qualification) would be sent as soon as possible for consideration to the Trustees or to some person or persons appointed to receive the same and the person or persons so appointed would ascertain by averaging the marks in blocks of 20 marks each of all candidates the best ideal qualified students.

No student shall be qualified or disqualified for election to a Scholarship on account of his race or religious opinions.

Except in the cases of the four schools hereinbefore mentioned the election to Scholarships shall be by the Trustees after such (if any) consultation as they shall think fit with the Minister having the control of education in such Colony Province State or Territory.

A qualified student who has been elected as aforesaid shall within six calendar months after his election or as soon thereafter as he can be admitted into residence or within such extended time as my Trustees shall allow commence residence as an undergraduate at some college in the University of Oxford.

The scholarships shall be payable to him from the time when he shall commence such residence.

28. I desire that the Scholars holding the scholarships shall be distributed amongst the Colleges of the University of Oxford and not resort in undue numbers to one or more Colleges only.

29. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained my Trustees may in their uncontrolled discretion suspend for such time as they shall think fit or remove any Scholar from his scholarship.

30. My Trustees may from time to time make vary and repeal regulations either general or affecting specified Scholarships only with regard to all or any of the following matters that is to say:

(i) The election whether after examination or otherwise of qualified Students to the Scholarships or any of them and the method whether by examination or otherwise in which their qualifications are to be ascertained.

(ii) The tenure of the Scholarships by scholars.

(iii) The suspension and removal of scholars from their Scholarships.

(iv) The method and times of payment of the Scholarships

(v) The method of giving effect to my wish expressed in clause 28 hereof and

(vi) Any and every other matter with regard to the Scholarships or any of them with regard to which they shall consider regulations necessary or desirable.

31. My Trustees may from time to time authorize regulations with regard to the election whether after examination or otherwise of qualified students for Scholarships and to the method whether by examination or otherwise in which their qualifications are to be ascertained to be made—

(i) By a school in respect of the Scholarships tenable by its students and—

(ii) By the Minister aforesaid of a Colony Province State or Territory in respect of the Scholarships tenable by students from such Colony Province State or Territory.

32. Regulations made under the last preceding clause hereof if and when approved of and not before by my Trustees shall be equivalent in all respects to regulations made by my Trustees.

No regulations made under clause 30 or made and approved of under clauses 31 and 32 hereof shall be inconsistent with any of the provisions herein contained.

In order that the scholars past and present may have opportunities of meeting and discussing their experiences and prospects I desire that my Trustees shall annually give a dinner to the past and present scholars able and willing to attend at which I hope my Trustees or some of them will be able to be present and to which they will I hope from time to time invite as guests persons who have shown sympathy with the views expressed by me in this my Will.

The Trustees are the Earl of Rosebery, Earl Grey, Lord Milner, Mr. Alfred Beit, Dr. Leander Starr Jameson, Mr. Lewis Loyd Michell and Mr. Bouchier Francis Hawksley.