

## RHODES SCHOLARS DINE; HEAR CHANGES IN TRUST

*Philip Kerr Tells Permanent Centre Plan at Oxford—Stipend Increased to 400 Pounds.*

At a dinner at the Harvard Club last night in honor of thirty-two Rhodes scholars who sail today on the *Lancastria*, the New York Rhodes scholars heard of new plans for administration of the Rhodes Trust from Philip Kerr, war-time secretary to Lloyd George, who was recently appointed secretary of the trust. Mr. Kerr told the diners the Rhodes scholarships have now passed the experimental stage, in the opinion of the trustees and they are preparing to erect a permanent center for the activities of the trust at Oxford. It was also announced the stipend of the scholarships would be increased to 400 pounds over the present 350, to meet the increased cost of living at Oxford.

"During the past twenty years," said Mr. Kerr, "1,269 Rhodes scholars have come to Oxford, 576 from the dominions and colonies, 634 from the United States and 59 from Germany. The German scholarships were discontinued during the war. The consensus of informed opinion is that this great experiment of maintaining some 200 overseas scholars in residence has been a success from the point of view of both the individual and of Oxford itself. There have been a few misfits here and there, but in the vast majority of cases Rhodes scholars have been liked and respected at Oxford and have themselves come to look back upon their sojourn there with affectionate and grateful remembrance. The scholarship scheme, therefore, has passed out of the experimental stage and it has been thought desirable to create in Oxford a more permanent centre for its activities."

Mr. Kerr also told of changes made in the organization of the trust. The number of trustees has been increased, he said, and at their head will be Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of England. With him will be Douglas Hogg, Attorney General; H. A. L. Fisher, Minister of Education in Lloyd George's Coalition Cabinet and warden of New College, Oxford; E. R. Peacock, a Canadian, who is one of the Governors of the Bank of England; Geoffrey Dawson, editor of *The London Times* and ex-secretary of the trust; and in addition, the existing trustees, Sir Otto Leit, Colonel Amery, Secretary of State for the colonies, and Lord Lovat.

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