

THE FIRST COLORED MAN TO GO ON THE RHODES FOUNDATION.



ALAIN LEROY LOCKE.

Alain LeRoy Locke, the successful candidate at Harvard University for the Cecil Rhodes Oxford Scholarship, which knows nothing of race, color or nationality, and which is given for "scholarship, manliness and athletic ability," is one more example to be quoted in evidence of the brain-power that resides in the pure Negro race. He was born in 1885 and was consequently 22 years of age when he was graduated at Harvard, having taken the entire course in three years instead of the usual four, winning honors through the various terms.

His great triumph in scholarship was the winning of the Bowdoin Scholarship in March. Even without having secured the Rhodes Oxford Scholarship of \$1,500 annually, this would have been in itself a rare achievement. It carries with it a medal and \$250 in money with the public presentation of his thesis.

In the Rhodes Scholarship he was one of the five out of fifty contestants. Such as he—and there are many—are living refutations that superior mental possessions belong only to people of fair complexions, and these who are absorbing the highest influences are significantly uplifting the standards of their race.

It has been reported—and we have seen no denial—that a prominent business man of New Orleans and a member of the Board of Administrators of Tulane University, has written a letter to the British Ambassador at Washington, D. C., protesting against the appointment of Negroes to the Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University. He thinks "it will make the Rhodes Scholarship unpopular in the South." So Prejudice speaks for itself.

