

1936

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MATHEMATICS

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Academic Activities

✓HARDY, G. H.

Biographical

LEVI-CIVITA, PROF. T.

CARTAN, ELIE

The Director stated that he had received a letter from Veblen to the effect that these three are attending the Harvard Tercentenary in September and suggested that these three be invited to come to Princeton before Christmas recess at the joint invitation of the Institute and the University at a stipend of \$2000 respectively. This was approved by the Board provided that the budget of the School of Mathematics for 1936-37 would not be increased thereby. (Minutes 1/27/36, p. 14)

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WGAJ

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

PLESSER, A.

HARDY
✓ HARDY, G. H.

Letter from Plesser to Veblen acknowledging his letter of
November 7, filed under Chronological file, November 7, 1936.

IV-20

1933

12/8

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

✓ HARDY, WILLIAM B.

Hardy to Mrs. Flexner, December 8, 1933.

He is ill in bed with a heart condition which carries him off in January.

"Of course I do not know how this thing is going to end. If it is thumbs up how the common things of life will have gained in savour! The sun, the road, the tools in the workshop. Men will walk as trees. I have never before been withdrawn from life to see it with eyes washed clean of commonplace."

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1944

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MATHEMATICS

Academic Activities

WEYL, HERMANN

Biographical

✓ HARDY, SIR WILLIAM

SIEGEL, C.

Weyl to R. H. Fowler of Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, England. On question of a successor to Sir William Hardy in Chair of Sedlerain, Chair of Pure Mathematics.

Speaks of Max Newman as one of more distinguished of the "numerous topologists (of which Princeton is a branding Place)." And of others.

But suggests name of C. L. Siegel as "of same caliber as Hardy," at the height of his productive power; an extraordinary personality and a sovereign teacher. Strength is as characteristic of him as Hardy... he is one of the few who in our days really increase the substance of mathematics." A German opposed to

Hitler who, though he left Germany in 1935 but returned to Frankfurt to support his Jewish friends and colleagues there. Escaped through Norway "by the skin of his teeth" in 1940. Resigned his professorship in Göttingen and has since been a temporary member of I. A. S. But he does not fit into the American scene...

1945

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CARNEGIE FOUNDATION

Foundations

EARLE, E. M.

Biographical

✓ HARTZ

Earle to Aydelotte: "Mrs. Hartz's salary has been paid out of Carnegie funds since 1939." Asks I. A. S. to meet the salary. Later I. A. S. paid 1/2 and Carnegie Corporation paid 1/2. As of August 31 he asked Aydelotte to charge Carnegie Corporation funds with 1/4 and take balance out of his gift of \$10K \$1,000 to I. A. S.

Earle, I. A. S., 1944-5

1945

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GIFTS

Finance

GENERAL

Personnel

EARLE, E. M.

Biographical

✓HARTZ, MARION

Earle to Aydelotte, August 31, 1945, on arrangements at the time--one-half of Mrs. Hartz's salary is paid by the Institute and the remaining half paid from Carnegie funds. "Effective October 1, would you please charge only one-fourth to the Carnegie $\frac{1}{2}$ fund and one-fourth to the \$1000 which I have given to the Institute for studies in military affairs, as I am eager to conserve the $\frac{1}{2}$ rapidly dwindling Carnegie funds for other purposes."

Notes Aydelotte has assured him beginning July 1, 1946 the Institute would assume the entire responsibility for Mrs. Hartz's salary.

Earle files, Institute--1944-45 - General Correspondence

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October - December

EARLE, E. M.

Biographical

BARZUN, JACQUES (COL. U.)

CLOUGH, SHEPARD B. (COL. U.)

✓ HAYES, CARLTON (COL. U.)

WESTERMAN, WILLIAM L. (COL. U.)

Correspondence between Earle regarding a man for I. A. S.

Earle papers (Vertical)

1931

10/19

HEAD, SIR HENRY

Biographical

GENERAL

Academic Organization

Head (Hartley Court, England) to Flexner:

"I am extremely grateful to you for letting me see your memorandum, setting forth the sort of things you have in mind to do and the spirit in which they ought to be done.

"Through your kindness I am already familiar with the greater number of your aims, but I am much interested to see that you now include Economics in your scheme, for I imagine that it will be much more difficult to obtain the right kind of man for this subject than for Mathematics.

"I was much interested also in your account of how the right kind of students are to be obtained, and I think you might be able to amplify what you say on P.8 for the sake of those who, like myself, are not familiar with the conditions of student-life in America.

"I imagine that at first and for many years the number of men capable of studying Higher Mathematics will be scanty.

"I have absolutely no criticisms to make, but there is one sentence on P.7

which I have marked with a which I do not understand. You mention a voluntary commission composed of scholars and laymen which has undertaken the study of the problems insufficiently dealt with by the last Royal Commission. I presume this alludes to those members of the University of Oxford who under the leadership of the Master of Balliol are pushing for further reforms.

"I must thank you again for your kindness know the various steps in your ^{most} ~~next~~ remarkable ~~form~~ of action. You know how much you have my sympathy in your life-long efforts to improve higher teaching."

Plan

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HEAD, SIR HENRY

Biographical

DIRAC, PAUL A.M.

EINSTEIN, A.

VON NEUMANN, JOHN

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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GENERAL

Educational Institutions

Flexner to Head (Hartley Court, England): (3/16/34)

"As Anne has written in her letter to your wife, Professor Dirac of Cambridge is coming to the Institute as visiting professor next year. The entire group agreed upon him as far the most desirable addition that we could make now that the trustees have created a visiting professorship, which will enable us to borrow distinguished persons from year to year.

"I wish that I could find the words to tell you how beautifully things have gone in the School of Mathematics this year. The Princeton people have been extremely kind and helpful. They have given us all the space we want in Fine Hall, a memorial building to one of their late professors of mathematics, erected by a grateful pupil. It is, I think, probably the best academic building in the United States, simple and in

admirable taste. In the professors' room there is a fine mantel-piece with an inscription which Einstein composed: 'Raffiniert ist der Herr Gott aber boshaft ist er nicht.' The Princeton mathematicians and our group are indiscriminately mingled together. Some of them conduct seminars together and they almost all attend one another's lectures, as they are not too frequent. Our white hope, so to speak, is a Hungarian, von Neumann, just passed thirty - a brilliant boy, charming and modest, and much like your own Dirac. Einstein, of course, has been the center of curiosity, of which he is altogether unconscious. When I went to congratulate him the other day on his birthday he said, 'I have been happy and satisfied here beyond anything I have experienced anywhere in my whole life.' Our own students are twenty-four in number, almost all of them men in the early thirties who are on leave of absence from good academic posts. They select, as they would at Oxford or Cambridge, the teacher with whom they are most interested to work, and make their individual arrangements for conferences and guidance. Of course, they all attend the lectures of practically the entire group. I let the whole thing alone and confine myself to doing errands and answering mail, for there is nothing that I can really do for the mathematicians. You will see from this description how much I owe to Cambridge and Oxford. Actually, the atmosphere of the whole place is, in its informality, much more like Oxford or Cambridge than like any American university. A German professor who visited us a week or so ago told Dean Eisenhart of Princeton as he left Fine Hall, 'This is surely an Island of the Blessed.' Think of the folly of Germany. Of our five professors three are Germans and two Americans. It is interesting to note that there are repercussions in other American Universities. We are, of course, counting no unhatched chickens, but I feel sure that in this atmosphere and environment something is bound to come forth."

1932
1935

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WEYL, HERMANN

Biographical

SCHRODINGER

✓ HEISENBERG

IAS official bradded file on Weyl beginning with rejection cable January 12, 1932--Letter of second appointment September 9, 1933 not in file but correspondence is and also revision of terms April 27, 1934 account uninsurability of Weyl's life, countersigned by Weyl.

A, 10/18/56, Bradded section IAS files on Weyl

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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SCHROEDINGER

Biographical

✓ HEISENBERG

ENRIK FERMI

SINGEL

FOWLER

Eisenhart to Flexner, April 9, 1936.

The Research Committee reviewed its past actions with regard to visitors and adopted this policy for the future: Under normal conditions, a visitor invited to the University for scientific research; maximum stipend shall be \$1,000 a month and the maximum traveling expenses \$500. In each case the Committee shall determine the stipend and grant for traveling expenses in the light of the circumstances of the case.

The maximum offer was made to Schroedinger, Heisenberg and Fermi, in each case for several months, "because of our desire to have

then visit Princeton to determine whether we wished to extend each of them an offer for a permanent position. We did not offer as much as this to either Professor Siegel or Professor Fowler."

D. Eisenhart, Luther P.

1949

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ASSISTANTS

✓ HERWARD, DAPHNE

~~Appointed.~~

Academic Personnel

Biographical

Meritt, Faculty Business, Vertical

1939
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

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Academic Organization

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Biographical

EARLE, E. M.

At the time Earle was working with Flexner to secure funds for Bailey, Vagts and Flexner on suggestion of Professor Whittton of Princeton University asked Dr. Hans Herz to come as a member School of Economics and Politics and raised money from outside to finance him. (Was this waz what steamed Earle up?)

Trustees' Minutes, 1/23/39, p. 7