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FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

✓ McCABE, DAVID A.

Flexner to McCabe (Princeton University):

"I have no words in which to express how deeply I was touched by the joint letter which I received from you and your colleagues. Princeton has been inexpressibly kind and generous to us - both the University and the townsfolk. The letter which you and your colleagues have sent me shows, what indeed I already knew, that the economists and social scientists connected with Princeton University would cooperate with the Institute economists unselfishly and impersonally in trying to advance a study in which they all are profoundly interested and to which they have all devoted their lives. I have in my own mind no doubt whatsoever that we can repeat in the field of this thorny and difficult subject the experience, cooperation, helpfulness, and tolerance characteristic of the mathematicians in Fine Hall. It would not be possible to aim at a higher ideal, and we shall all be satisfied with nothing less."

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GRADUATE SCHOOL

Academic Standards

✓McCLUNG, C. E.

Biography

FLEXNER, A.

Prof. McClung (Zoological Laboratory, U. of Pa.) compliments Flexner on Universities and tells of a U. of Pa. meeting called 6 years ago to consider position of American Universities in relation to the research program of the country. Forty representatives of educational and research institutions, & commercial laboratories, participated. Nothing accomplished but a survey of Yale, Cornell, Stanford, and Penna. decided upon which also did not result successfully. Shapley conducted the survey. Fundamental question not answered.

The original Research Committee recommended that work for the MA degree be referred to the College and that the Graduate School be made a school for research.

Sends Flexner a report (in file) of the Committee's work and also a 4 page suggestion for the organization of a "School of Research". (in file) (McClung to Flexner 4/1/32)

File III-17 Vault

McILWAIN, CHARLES HOWARD

Educator

Born Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1871

Son of William R McIlwain and Anne Elizabeth (Galbraith) McIlwain

Education: A. B., College of New Jersey (now Princeton University,
1894
A. M., Princeton University, 1898
A. M., Harvard, 1903
Ph. D., Harvard, 1911

Honors: LL. D., Harvard, 1938
LL. D., College of Wooster, 1927, University of
Chicago, 1941, Rutgers University, 1941
L. H. D., Williams College, 1937
Litt. D., Princeton, 1946, Yale, 1952
M. A. Oxford, 1944
D. C. L. Colgate University, 1949

Career: Admitted to bar of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, 1897
Teacher Latin and history Kiskiminetas School, 1898-1901
Professor History Miami University, Oxford, Ohio,
1903-1905
Preceptor Princeton University, 1905-10
Thomas Brackett Reed prof. history and political science
Bowdoin College, 1910-1911
Assistant professor history Harvard, 1911-16,
professor history and government, 1916-26,
Eaton professor science of government, 1926-46
George Eastman visiting professor Oxford, 1944
Lectr. history Princeton, 1948-49

Honors: Hon. fellow Balliol College, Oxford

Activities: Trustee emeritus Princeton University
Fellow American Academy of Arts and Sciences,
Medieval Academy America
Corr. fellow British Academy
Member American Historical Association (president
1935-36), American Political Science Association,

Royal Historical Society (corr.), American
Philosophical Society, Mass. Hist. Soc.,
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GENERAL (FELLOWS)

McILWAIN

Biographical

EINSTEIN, A.

VEBLEN, O.

AYDELOTTE, F.

Aydelotte to Moe, October 9, 1944.

He has sent his proposed report for the next Board meeting for Moe's consideration. "My reference on page number 11 to the fact that all our problems have not yet been solved refers to this. We shall need in the future to get people like McIlwain here who are past the age of sixty-five. We shall occasionally want to keep people like Einstein and Veblen who have been members of our Faculty and who have also passed that age. The solution, in my opinion, is to establish a new category of Fellows of the Institute who can be men of any age, elected for any period of time from one year on and who can have any stipend within our

means or no stipend as the case may be. They would be a little like Guggenheim Fellows. I would put Einstein in this category and Hellwain and de Tolney, fixing the term for each. I am sure we would have many others and indeed it might come to be a more distinguished group than the Faculty. If the Trustees wanted to make me a Fellow, I should be only too delighted. Do you think I ought to insert an exposition of that idea into this report?

"Does the reference to you in connection with the organization of the Guggenheim Foundation in any way impair your neutrality as a Trustee of the Institute? I hope you will not think so but if you do I will cut it out. It seems to me we are here dealing with facts and not formalities."

Neither point was ultimately carried in the report of the Director to the Trustees at the next meeting, December 5, 1944.

A File, Henry Allen Hoe