

July 22, 1934
July 10, 1934

December 27, 1935

Professor Edward Mead Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, New York

My dear Professor Earle:

I am sending you herewith duplicate deposit
slip showing deposits to your credit as follows:

December 1935 salary after having deducted payment towards your retirement allowance	\$395.84
Books, stenographic assistance, telegraph, telephone, postage, railroad fares of Messrs. Clough and Barzun to and from Saranac Lake and hotel accommodations at Saranac Lake	<u>101.85</u>
Total	\$497.69

You will be glad to know that I have good news
from Mr. and Mrs. Flexner, who left Princeton on the twentieth
for a Christmas vacation.

With kind regards and the season's greetings to
you and Mrs. Earle and Robin, I am

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

EDWARD MEAD EARLE - THE SANCTUARY - SARANAC LAKE - NEW YORK

21 December 1935

Dear Abe

As you know, I am at your service in any way you wish about the Windelband book. Just say the word, and I shall see what can be done. Historians will be busy with their annual meeting over the holidays, so there probably is no rush. Just let me know what you want me to do and when.

It looks and feels like Christmas here—a great deal of snow and bitter cold weather in spite of bright sunshine. Really very pleasant except at about 5 a.m., when it bites the nose.

Herzlichen Grüßen.

As always



Dr. Abraham Flexner

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December 19, 1935

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Dear Ed:

I have your two letters - one of December 15 and the other of December 17. I hope that I can get to see you sometime early in the new year, but, although the Institute is a small affair, there is something that requires my attention practically every day so that since I came here in September I have hardly been away at all.

I don't object a bit to your coming under the tyrannical domination of Mrs. Bailey. That will do you good, as it has been one of the most helpful and useful influences in my life, but the "mysterious MCE with the pleasant voice" is a different matter. She is not a tyrant and does not dominate. She is tall, slender, with Titian hair, young, etc. You can have your day with her when I am laid on the shelf. She and Mrs. Bailey make a wonderful combination. I don't know which of the two is the nicer to the other. All I know is that Beatrice is safer if you will ignore MCE and let Mrs. Bailey keep you in the middle of the road, as she has kept me for two decades. When it comes to harems, Riefler has not done so badly for himself. He has brought a charming secretary for the economists from Washington, and, though I have seen her only once, I think she is going to make a very charming and efficient member of our little group.

I will do nothing about the Windelband book without further thought.

Your suggestions are excellent and show quite clearly that whatever may have been

E.M.E.

Dec. 19, 1935

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the matter with other parts of your anatomy, your head is as good as it ever was, though this does not come to me as a revelation.

Anne and I are going to New York tomorrow to have a quiet holiday with Eleanor. We did wish you might have been here for the musicale. Beatrice looked lovely, and "a good time was had by all".

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Ever affectionately,

A. F.

P.S.

Since dictating the above, I have been wondering if one of these men would be more likely to review the book if you brought it to his attention rather than I, for I do not know any of them personally except Jameson and Beard. As I wrote you the other day, Professor Windelband's father was long a professor of philosophy at Heidelberg, and he himself was an important official of the Education Ministry of Prussia and recently banished to an insignificant post because he is a liberal.

A.F.

Professor Edward Mead Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, New York

AF:ESB

Saranac Lake
17 December 1935

Dear Abe

I hasten to reply to your letter of Saturday concerning the recently published book of Professor Windelband.

The subject matter of the book, judging from the title, is one which makes the selection of a reviewer a little difficult. Most of our specialists in European diplomacy have chosen a more restricted field—Langer, at Harvard, for example, knows the period 1870-1918 very well but might be qualified in only a general way to handle the period before 1870. Fay's work is even more narrowly circumscribed.

My judgment would be, therefore, that we should try to get someone who is familiar with the field of European history as a whole without special reference to international relations. My first choice by all odds would be Ferdinand Schevill at the University of Chicago. Schevill is of German extraction, knows the German language very well, and would be thoroughly sympathetic with the human problem involved. He is a fine scholar. His health has not been of the best, however, and he might not wish to undertake the work. Next to Schevill, I would choose Becker. Becker is more adept at French than German affairs, but his heart is in the right place and he would refuse to do the review unless he felt himself competent.

The best place for the review to appear is, of course, the American Historical Review. You know Jameson, do you not? Although he no longer is actively editing the review, he is influential in determining its policies. His address is J. Franklin Jameson, The Library of Congress. (If you refer the matter the Jameson, specify that you would prefer not to have the review done by Bernadotte Schmitt; I shall explain sometime when I see you.)

If you want a little wider publicity than is afforded by an historical journal, I have two suggestions. The first is Beard, whose erudition is amazing, who handles German with facility, and who knows the whole field of historiography as no one else in America. He would know where to place whatever he wrote. The other suggestion will surprise and perhaps horrify you. It is Harry Elmer Barnes. For years Barnes was an enfant terrible, a jumping jack, and a Charlie Chaplin in the profession. His more recent work commands real respect, and he has a surprising following in Germany because of his writings on "war guilt".

I know all of these men and would be glad to have you mention my name to any of them, although it hardly will be necessary. Let me know if I can help in any other way.

Always affectionately

Dr. Abraham Flexner



EDWARD MEAD EARLE - THE SANTANONI - SARANAC LAKE - NEW YORK

15 December 1935

Dear Abe

Naturally I am disappointed about Clough, as he would have added distinction to the department at Princeton; in ten years, in my opinion, he will be known as an outstanding man both here and abroad. I was glad to do this for you and for the Institute, and my principal concern is over the unnecessary expense to which you were put. I enjoyed seeing and talking with these lads.

Beatrice tells me that the concert given you by the Musical Art Quartet was thoroughly delightful. I wish I could have been there to see Chotzie, Sascha, and Marie Rosanoff, all happy friends of my youth(?).

You must arrange to come up here for a couple of days in January or February. There are many things, personal and Institute and international, concerning which I am bursting to talk with you.

To you and Anne and Eleanor and Jean go every affectionate holiday greeting.

Please give Mrs. Bailey a Merry Christmas for me and tell her that I am eagerly awaiting the time when I can come under her tyrannical domination. Good wishes also to the mysterious MCE whose pleasant voice I hear over the telephone. Win Riefler says he approves of the Institute harem.

Always affectionately



Dr. Abraham Flexner

December 14, 1935

Dear Ed:

One of my German friends, Professor Windelband, whose father was long a professor of philosophy at Heidelberg, and who himself was an important official of the Education Ministry of Prussia under the Republic, subsequently made professor of German history in Berlin, and now recently banished to a professorship in Halle because of his presumably liberal opinions, has written a book entitled Die auswärtige Politik der Grossmächte in der Neuzeit von 1494 bis zur Gegenwart. His publishers have asked me to review the book in this country; but that would, I am sure, be a mistake, for nothing that I say on the historical question would be worthy of the paper it is written on. On the other hand, unless the book can be favorably reviewed - honestly, of course - that would not be helping Windelband. Who is the person whose assistance we can invoke? I confess I do not know. The book is not large - 368 pages - and ought to be a scholarly performance if I can judge from my own personal intercourse with its author.

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"Conferred with President Dodds this morning. He finds that history group have already proceeded much further than he knew in negotiating with two or three other persons so that it would not be fair to Clough to count on anything here. Very sorry"

The explanation is that there was a lack of team work. President Dodds has been in Cuba doing an unselfish and none too pleasant public service in helping the Cuban Government to reorganize its franchise. While he was gone, the History Department went further than he knew in committing itself in reference to the post in history. He was himself very greatly interested in Clough, but he found that he could not in good faith ask the Department to retrace its steps. I should rather that this explanation in its fullness did not reach Clough, but I hope it will be enough to say to him that, while, the President had spoken to me, the History Department had been moving on its own lines and that he found that they had gone farther than he had supposed.

I am not altogether sorry that I troubled you, for I think it was perhaps a welcome task, as far as you were concerned, to have your mind play once more on a small academic problem of this kind. I hope that Clough will take the post which will give him the largest chances of development. That ought to be the main, perhaps the sole, consideration of men of real promise at his time of life.

E.M.E.

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The morning Times announces that Fosdick has accepted the presidency of the Rockefeller Foundation and the General Education Board. I regard this as extremely fortunate both for the boards and for Fosdick. For almost twenty years I have been urging him to concentrate upon one great task. He has intelligence, flexibility, quickness in apprehension, and is in addition a layman, who will find out where to seek advice. The Rockefeller boards have not been particularly distinguished, as you well know, for the last few years. Fosdick will restore them to their greatness. The opportunity was never greater.

I continue from time to time my flirtatious telephone conversations with Beatrice. There is a saying that "one must beware of the man of whom all the world speaks well" - it does not apply to a woman, for the whole town rings with praises of her charm, her courage, and her ability. She is coming to my belated birthday party tomorrow night, of which she will probably tell you. The Musical Art Quartet of New York, the best quartet probably in this country at this time, think for some reason that I do not understand that they owe me something or other. At any rate, they suggested to Anne that they would like to come down here and give a chamber concert in honor of my birthday. I am enclosing a program. It will be a simple affair but will bring together a number of our friends and acquaintances - Beatrice and her mother among them.

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Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

710 Hamilton Hall
Dec. 13, 1935.

Dear Ed:—

It all goes to show that university presidents ought to attend to their knitting. It looks to me — though the history department scoffed Dodds during the Cuba interlude and it is possible that they got wind of the fact that someone from the glorified C.C.P.G. was in the rooming. Naturally I am somewhat disappointed at the turn of events, but I feel that the experience was worthwhile, for I consider that it made me a friend, contact with whom I cherish very fondly. The day that I spent with you was worth more than I can say and if our friendship continues, as I hope it does, the best part of the Princeton portion will still be mine.

The development of things here is, as you have been informed, to my good. The proposed set-up for me has many attractive features. I shall still be able to give the course I my greatest interest and the library work offers possibilities. I should like to work out in the latter job some kind of university library ordering

system, so that duplication of effort and money that is now expended could be cut down. Why wouldn't it be feasible to establish lists of books that should be purchased by different categories of schools? Then why shouldn't I be able to function not only for Columbia, but for some other university or universities, for the extra labor involved would be very small? I might, for instance, be of some use to you at Princeton. Undoubtedly in my search for books, I shall run on to collections that have but a few items that are not available here yet which some other place might lack entirely. In other words, there is enough room for interuniversity cooperation in the library job and a chance to perform a real service for the university. I think that I have sense enough to resist from becoming a librarian and that, to the contrary, the job can aid my scholarly endeavors.

My book moves ahead slowly but surely and it looks good to me. I hope to go to Europe this summer to see Henri See look at it. At the same time, I can make some contact with book dealers and plan for my next book. I am thinking very seriously of doing a study of the economic crisis of 1788-89 in

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

From, this is important for the Revolution and might be an
example for other studies on economic crises. I have been
astounded by the lack of "historical" accounts of depressions;
nearly all ^{studies/series} that I have seen are economic analyses and
they do not tell an adequate story of the entire economic,
social, & political ramifications of depressions. My present study
ought to show the way for ^{similar} other studies of other nations; the
Federal movement did that for ^{of} ~~minority~~ ~~states~~ ~~Latin~~
of minorities; and this new project would blaze a trail
in treating the bottom part of the business cycle. What
do you think of it?

I am wandering rather far afield and must get back
to the point. Now that Princeton is out, I shall probably
remain at Columbia. I agree with you that Nebraska is very
far away and as for the Pacific coast - I've seen too
many folks from California! Before I do anything more
I shall certainly talk over the situation with

older and wiser "birds" than I. Your article will certainly be included in the book. I admire and value his frankness, honesty, and usually his judgment. You too will be consulted, if I may.

Your "jiff" about me is found enclosed. Don't let that get into general circulation, for if you did there wouldn't be a University in the country that would be able to get along without my services! You did me more than justice; I should have toned down considerably some of the virtues that you ascribed. Nevertheless, I am going myself, even if inflated.

If I can be of any service to you when you get back to Princeton, you may count on me 100 per cent. Some nice balmy day, at any rate, you can look for a visit, for I shall want to see you and the place ^{where} bright has been.

Yours sincerely,

Shepherd B. Lloyd.

P. S. I see no reason why people here should not be informed that the thing is off. I've already told Ervyn Robinson, as a matter of fact.

P. P. S. I meant that Princeton remunerates you for the expense of bringing me up to Landon. Will you tell me if Dado lets you down in that respect too?

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December 11, 1935

My dear Professor Earle:

Thank you for your letter of the fifth.
My impression is that the Treasurer lists all of
our faculty as employed in Princeton, New Jersey, when
reporting to the Collector of Internal Revenue. I have
never been requested to give specific addresses.

Checks are only sent out once a month
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I shall deposit this check with your salary check
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After Dr. Flexner has finished reading
"The Heavenly City", I shall see that the book is
returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Ed:

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I am delighted to know that you are moving around more. Keep me informed as to what Dr. Price makes of the slight rise in temperature. I wonder if it is not due simply to the effect of the increased activity after this long siege in bed.

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a letter to me had miscarried, for
we have a new superintendent & this
house & he has managed to lose
some of my mail - as to misplace it.

If you think that something has
gone wrong in the negotiations, you
might drop me a line; as drop
me to President Doolle. I can wait,
but things have come up which
make me a little impatient to get
the whole business settled. Nebraska,
Washington, and California all have

547 Riverside Drive

Dec. 10, 1935.

Dear Mr. Earle: -

I have nearly worn out my
mail box searching for a letter
from Princeton! Not a word has
reached my efforts to date and
I have begun to have ants in my
pants" about it. I noticed in the paper
that President Doolle has been
to Cuba to formulate a new electoral
law, and that my account for
the delay. I found that possibly

me with consideration. I am to
see the man from Nebraska soon
and should like to have all the
information about Princeton before
so I can come to a decision without
delay. The proposition that has been
offered me here, if I stay, has its
merits. As you may know, I have
a graduate course and the job of building
up the library; the salary would be
that of an assistant professor. In the
course of time, I should have a considerable
amount of freedom for research

writing, but I still would have to live in
New York with my boy and the salary
is not very magnificent. I lean
rather strongly toward Princeton, but
should like to know more about it.

I was glad to hear news from you and
its departmental desires the other night.
I trust that you are well, and that
the mercury in the thermometer has not
disappeared entirely from sight. I
wish that I were there for some sking; it
must be perfect now.

yours very sincerely,

Shepard B. Clough

Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

December 8, 1935

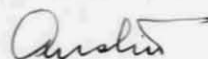
Dear Ed.:

The group last Saturday night were more than pleased to have your letter and instructed me to write you in the name of the Department, expressing their pleasure that you are enjoying such marked improvement. We all hope, as you do, that next year and the years thereafter may find you with us at the annual dinner.

We had, I think, rather more fun than usual last Saturday night, due to the very witty and interesting talk by Professor Vasiliev, who succeeded in giving the right touch to put the thing across. He is a charming person and we are enjoying him very much this year.

I saw Bee some little time ago and she said that she was going to see you within a few days. I sent a message, which I presume she delivered, to the effect that if the recommendation of the Department of History went through, Clough would probably find it difficult to decide between here and Princeton, assuming that the Princeton job were offered him. What we have had in mind for a number of years but have not dared to recommend because of the uncertain state of finances was the creation of what, for want of a better term, we call departmental bibliographer. Such a man would act as liaison officer between the Department and the Library, devoting a considerable part of his time to the building up of both the manuscript and printed collections. The Library people are very much sold to the idea, and we have dared this year to put it in the budget. For the last four or five years we have had our eyes on Clough as a person unusually well-fitted by interests and training for such a job, and we are, therefore, recommending him for the position. He would be relieved of a considerable portion of his teaching in order to have leisure for this work. I gather from conversation with him that he would be much interested in the job provided it materializes. None of this is for the record at present, since I do not know how the administration will act. But I thought you might like to know about it since you were recommending him for another job.

Faithfully yours,



Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, N.Y.

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6 December 1935

The Institute for Advanced Study

to

Edward Mead Earle, Dr.

Expenses as follows:

Books	\$11.50	
Stenographic assistance	7.50	
Telegraph, Telephone, postage	<u>6.20</u>	\$25.20

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6 December 1935

The Institute for Advanced Study

to

Edward Mead Earle, Dr.

Expenses of interviewing and obtaining information concerning the qualifications of Messrs. Shepard B. Clough and Jacques Barzun, as follows:

Railroad fares of Messrs. Clough and Barzun to and from Saranac Lake and hotel accommodations in Saranac Lake	\$70.00
Telegraph and telephone	6.65
	<u>\$76.65</u>

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
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Sourac Lake

8 December 1935

Dear Mr.

Many thanks for your generous letter of the 5th concerning books and research assistance. I am not planning to do anything very definite until after the first of the year, but shortly after that I should be able to let you know something of what I have in mind. I don't think any very considerable amount of money will be involved.

I am glad to know that we have free access to the Princeton Library. I may wish to borrow some things from them (they could be shipped by express), and I can always get things from Columbia, too. I'm even borrowing from your niece Jennie Flexner.

I am walking around a good deal more now
and to strengthen my knees have recently been put
to climbing stairs. (5 steps two feet). We are being
cautious about it because of a slight but per-
sistent fever which has bothered us this week. Dr.
Prace is a very fine person to work with.

Had I known of your birthday, you would
have had a greeting from me. There are belated
congratulations and good wishes. You seem so
young to me, Al - in some ways younger
than five years ago.

Always affectionately

Ed.

EDWARD MEAD EARLE - THE SANTANONI - SARANAC LAKE - NEW YORK

5 December 1935

My dear Mrs. Bailey

In reporting my salary to the Collector of Internal Revenue next month will you please give my address as 8 Ober Road, Princeton, N. J. It is essential, as you know, that Mrs. Earle and I file from the same address in order not to appear divorced or legally separated. In any case, I wish to be considered a resident of Princeton, and a lawyer-classmate of mine tells me that that is really my legal address at the moment.

I am sending you enclosed two bills. One is for the expenses of two young men from New York to Saranac Lake. They were candidates for a possible professorship at Princeton whom Dr. Flexner authorized me to bring here at the expense of the Institute. The other bill is for a variety of miscellaneous expenses, some of them of long standing. I thought ^{you} might like to have these before the end of the year.

Of Professor Becker's books which Dr. Flexner has, "Everyman His Own Historian" is the property of the Institute, and "The Heavenly City" may be returned to me whenever it is convenient.

Sincerely yours



Mrs. Esther S. Bailey
The Institute for Advanced Study

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This from my friend W. L. Westermann (whom I wish you knew. Ben and Mary liked him immensely).

"The latest member of Flexner's historical group is Ben Meritt. And he is a real scholar. I mean a scholar blown in the bottle. And the label will not come off Ben Meritt if a little realism and scepticism should rain upon him. One other man as good as you and Benjamin Meritt, and you will have a good Triple Alliance in history." (I hesitated about including the last sentence).

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

December 5, 1935

Dear Ed:

Since writing you yesterday I have received yours of the 3rd, and I am very happy that you are beginning to feel more and more like getting down to work. I should like, however, before I go further, to issue a stern warning that both physically and mentally you must do less than you feel yourself able to do, thus accumulating both a physical and a mental reserve. The amount you do will, of course, increase day by day and week by week, but it should always fall short of either physical or mental fatigue.

There is no difficulty about complying with your requests respecting the assistance which you would like, as well as the books which you need. As regards books, I should bear in mind that we have at present no library facilities outside of our own rooms, though, of course, we take books from the Princeton Library with the utmost freedom and are depositing our own books in the Princeton Library, where they are ^{separately} "accessioned", so that if the moment ever came we could easily abstract them. My hope is that Princeton will get a new and adequate library, in which the Institute will share on the basis of complete equality. If you can form any estimate of the cost of what you will need in books from now to July 1st, let me have it. It need not be accurate or absolutely binding, but I am anxious to keep within budgetary limits. But don't bite off more than you can chew without effort.

President Dodds has been out of town this week, but I have an appointment to see him on Monday and I shall talk to him more about Clough.

Professor Earle

December 5, 1935

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You have doubtless heard from Beatrice as to the weather here. There is no snow on the ground, but the temperature is fluttering about ten degrees above zero, so that we realize we are in comparatively easy reach of Christmas.

Ever affectionately,

Alie

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, New York

AF/MCE

Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY December 5, 1935.

Dear Ed:

I am still pretty much in the midst of proofs; and all sorts of other things, even the amenities of life, are being sadly neglected while I devote all of my waking hours and most of my sleeping ones to dealings with the manufacturing department of the Macmillan Company! The galleyproof has now been all corrected and returned and I have completed pageproof into Chapter XXV and foundry proof through Chapter XXII. If all goes well I shall complete all the proof work by December 20th, and then I am taking Evelyn and the children down to the Canal Zone for a little rest and recreation before resuming work at the University on January 6.

I think you have acted with your usual insight and perspicacity in recommending Clough. I do think that Clough, all things considered, is the best man we have had in modern European history since the time of yourself and Parker Moon. In my original letters to you I refrain^{ed} from pressing him unduly because I was not exactly certain just what they wanted at Princeton, and, besides, I wanted you to make an independent judgment from amongst the various persons.

Frankly, I shall be a bit surprised if Princeton takes Clough or any one else from here, especially in the last few years they have become very "high hat" at Princeton about Columbia people. Of course this may be a phenomenon peculiar to the Department of History there, and if the appointment is pressed by the President and by you, there may be some chance for Clough. In the meantime we here are recommending the promotion of Clough to the grade of Assistant Professor, with the understanding that if this is accomplished he will be a kind of liaison officer between the Department of History and the Library. Clough has a prodigious knowledge of and great interest in historical bibliography and our Library sorely needs some systematic buying and organizing in its historical sections. He would do a splendid work there, and, in addition, would continue his major course of teaching, though he would be relieved of the Contemporary Civilization work in Columbia College.

Which brings me to say a word about Columbia College. I am considerably upset by certain tendencies in the College, especially the increasing emphasis put upon big survey courses not only in Contemporary Civilization but in the humanities, the sciences, and everything else, which operates to discourage the acquisition of accurate detailed information and at the same time puts a premium on maintaining and promoting a teaching staff more concerned with cooperative spirit than with scholarly interest. This is all quite confidential between you and me, but I will vouchsafe the further confidence that in my opinion something drastic must be done about this situation. I should greatly prefer to talk with you at some length about the whole situation before talking with Douglas Black. I wonder if by any chance you are contemplating a trip to Princeton, and, possibly, being there in January? After I get back from my little recreation at the Panama Canal I would love to see you at Princeton, or for that matter at Saranac. I would have the leisure in January and very much the wish.

Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Professor Edward M. Earle ----2.

As an earnest of my wishes I am asking the Columbia University Bookstore to send you, with my compliments, copies of "France: A Nation of Patriots" and "The Historical Evolution of Modern Nationalism". At the same time let me express the ardent hope that a perusal of these books of mine may not raise your blood pressure or otherwise oblige us to postpone a mutual visit in January!

As ever,

Carlton

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanomi
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December 3, 1935

Dear Ed:

I am greatly indebted to you for your letters of November 7 and 18, to which I believe I have not replied, and for the memorandum which I have placed in Dodds' hands for his confidential information. He had unfortunately to leave Princeton by aeroplane for Havana immediately after he received it and will not return until the end of this week. I imagine that he will discuss the matter with his history faculty and that the outcome will depend on their attitude and upon the efforts which Columbia makes to retain him, of which Beatrice gave me some intimation.

Since I last wrote you I have finished the little book on Canada, which you sent me some weeks ago. It is in every respect admirable. ^(before) He knows the men, the conditions not only in Canada but in England and the United States. He writes both fairly and vigorously, and I should imagine would make an admirable representative at Washington - admirable for us as well as for his own country.

I have long had a high opinion of Becker, though as a matter of fact I know much less of his work than I do of Turner or Beard, but I am happy to have the book which you sent, and I shall be reading it within the next few weeks. My birthday brought me quite a collection of interesting volumes, and it may therefore be a little while before I shall get around to Becker, but I shall be there sooner or later.

I spent yesterday and Sunday in Washington where I had an exceedingly

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interesting time, of which I shall be able to write you more freely after there has been a meeting of the Executive Committee, scheduled for Friday. I hope then to be able to take a further step in each of the two new schools, but I shall not count any chickens until they are really hatched.

It is needless to say that I am delighted that you and Riefler have taken to one another with such enthusiasm. Riefler liked you as much as you liked him. I find both him and his wife extraordinarily attractive and able. There seems to be no question that he was generally regarded in Washington as having the best economic head down there - so Secretary Morgenthau told me, when I met him here at Princeton a fortnight ago - and others have told me the same. If that is the case, as I believe it is, he will do more for his country here than as an official in the Federal Government.

I told Mitrany this morning that, when you had finished undergoing your Christmas festivities, I hoped that he would have a chance to run up to Saranac to visit you for a day or two. I will tell you in confidence that Mitrany puzzles me slightly. I thought when I last spoke with him abroad - and I am of course telling you this in complete confidence for your guidance in speaking with him - that he had a clear grasp of what the Institute was about. I am less certain now, though I think he has made considerable progress since he arrived here in October. There is no question in my mind of his great learning and of his familiarity with continental affairs, but he ought, if he is to teach politics or international relations in America, to be just as familiar with American history and politics as he is with English history and politics. Such of course is not at the moment the case. Though I have never mentioned the fact to him, I had supposed that he would make it his first concern to settle down quietly as Riefler has done and devote himself to this problem. He seems, as far as I can make out, inclined to have the idea of getting to work at once

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on some problem which with his more or less one-sided training would, I think, be a mistake. I am telling you this so that, if the question arises in the course of your conversation, you can know my views, though you are of course perfectly free to urge a different point of view if it seems to you sound. Mr. Houghton said to me yesterday in Washington that his diplomatic experience in Berlin and London had convinced him of the enormous role that this country plays in international affairs - not openly but by the sheer weight of its importance. It is that consideration which makes it desirable for anyone who is teaching politics to know America, its history, its mentality, its constitution, its ups and downs and ins and outs as well as similar elements and factors abroad.

Ben and Mim are both very well, and Anne is in splendid health. I have nothing to complain of, though I have had a little trouble with my digestion this autumn, which has been rather more stubborn than I had supposed it would be, but this is a slight matter if one reflects that I have passed almost seventy years without knowing that I had a digestive apparatus.

There is a telephone message from Beatrice on my desk, reporting her favorable impressions of you. I shall call her up tonight and talk to her about you.

With all good wishes from both Anne and myself,

Ever affectionately,

me

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, New York

AF:ESB

*I have talked with Beatrice and
delighted with her account of you.*

EDWARD MEAD EARLE - THE SANTANONI - SARANAC LAKE - NEW YORK

3 December 1935

Dear Abe

Bee will have told you by this time how much improved she thinks I am. I want to add that I am daily increasing the use of my legs, as well as my head, and am encouraged by the outlook. It is all tantalizingly slow, however, as you know.

I want to get your impressions about a few points. As Riefler doubtless told you, I have some valuable work in the field of Near Eastern affairs which I should like to gather together and prepare for publication some time. Riefler seemed to feel that it might be well for me to do this because: 1. It is a subject on which I could write at the moment with unchallenged authority; 2. Because we are not yet quite ready for a completely coordinated (Earle-Mitrany-Riefler) ^{project} and may choose not to be for some time; 3. Because I obviously would enjoy the project I have in mind.

In such work, which I should hope to begin very shortly, I should need the assistance of several persons in New York and Washington to examine, digest, and perhaps translate documents for me. I know of one or two persons whose services I should like to utilize and have made inquiries about others; none would be available for a full-time job but would have to be compensated for a specific project. Also I should have to purchase a number of books.

Thus far I have taken almost no advantage of your generous offer to let me purchase books for the Institute

Dr. Abraham Flexner -2-

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library in connection with my work. Now I am at the point where I should like to do so on a fairly extensive scale. Some of these volumes will of necessity duplicate volumes which will be available in the Princeton University library, but I should think this unavoidable. A number of them will be on the side of history, rather than economics or politics narrowly interpreted, with a decided bent for international affairs. As far as possible, of course, I should avoid the purchase of expensive reference sets—no encyclopedias, for example, except perhaps the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences which we certainly shall need some time.

Before proceeding further with anything, however, I should like to have your reaction to my proposed temporary program. My ultimate field—one in which Riefler and I, certainly, shall be able to work harmoniously—^{may} will be international affairs, with emphasis upon American foreign relations.

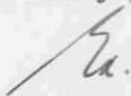
I hear from Columbia that they are going to make a determined effort to keep Clough. But Clough will seriously consider Princeton, and I am hoping President Dodds will like him well enough to make him an attractive offer.

It looks like Christmas here now, as we have a good deal of snow on the ground.

Avery affectionate good wish as always

Sincerely yours

Dr. Abraham Flexner



EDWARD MEAD EARLE - THE SANTANONI - SARANAC LAKE - NEW YORK

18 November 1935

Dear Abe

The first purpose of this note is to tell you how much I liked Winfield Riefler. He is a delightful person, possessed of the kind of mind which I find both congenial and stimulating. I hope he didn't learn how rattle-brained a person I am just now. I am happy to think that perhaps I have made a new friend.

After spending the weekend interviewing candidates, I think I shall be able to make a recommendation for the vacancy at Princeton. In a day or two I shall draw up a memorandum for you concerning the man in question. He is an instructor in history at Columbia, slated for promotion to assistant professor this spring. Were I President Dodds I would make a real effort to get him. Since his graduation from Colgate in 1923 he has spent almost six years abroad, where he studied at Heidelberg and the Sorbonne and where he did some useful research of which I have first-hand knowledge. He speaks French and Italian well enough to lecture in those languages if necessary; in addition he speaks German and has a working knowledge of Spanish. His wife speaks Italian, ^{Spanish} and Portuguese. His special interest is the history of economic nationalism in Europe; in addition, he ^{is} competent to teach either French or Italian history and the development of fascism in Italy and Germany. At first acquaintance his personality is ^{agreeable although} not imposing, but he wears well. He was an alert graduate student when I was at Columbia, and I hear from various reliable sources that he is a reliable and competent teacher. Of all of this, however, more later.

I am very happy about the treaty with Canada. I

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am not competent, of course, to pass on the details of the agreement, but certainly the spirit is encouraging.

Did you see that the person most frequently mentioned for the post of Canadian minister at Washington is Dafeo, the author of that little volume which I sent you last summer?

Becker's best book is, of course, "The Declaration of Independence", but unfortunately my copy is packed away in storage with the rest of my library. It was not my intention that he should be considered for any immediate purpose. You wrote last summer that you planned at some indefinite time to ask Woodward to give a lecture or two, and I merely hoped you would keep Becker in mind also. Incidentally, Riefler knows and admires him as I do. Needless to say, I am delighted with the prospect that our School is to undertake no definite projects or activities at the moment.

You will be hearing from me again shortly about the young historian. I am waiting to check one or two things about him, and also I want to rest a bit before I write the longer letter.

Yesterday we had our first heavy fall of snow, so that winter has now arrived here for good. I am looking forward to seeing Beatrice and Robin next week; then they will bring all the news of me.

Every affectionate good wish as always

Sincerely



CONFIDENTIAL

22 November 1935

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study

My dear Dr. Flexner:

It is a pleasure to be able to call to the favorable consideration of President Dodds the name of Dr. Shepard B. Clough of the Department of History in Columbia University.

One cannot help being struck by the unusual equipment of Dr. Clough for work in the field of modern European history. He speaks French, German, and Italian--Italian and French well enough to lecture in those languages if necessary. He has a working knowledge of Spanish and Dutch and some acquaintance with Portuguese and Rumanian. (His wife, who is part-time instructor in Hunter College, speaks Spanish, Italian and Portuguese fluently.) In addition to the usual graduate work in America--of which I shall say more later--Dr. Clough has studied at Heidelberg and the Sorbonne, and he has a wide acquaintance with several of the outstanding Continental scholars, notably Henri Sée. Counting holidays, he has spent about six years abroad since 1923.

Obviously, Dr. Clough is not a cloistered scholar. His record of publications is extraordinary for a young man. His doctoral dissertation on the Flemish movement in Belgium (1930) is sound historical research attractively presented in readable English; although I have no special interest in the Flemish movement, I got genuine pleasure from reading the volume. He cooperated with Professor Herbert W. Schneider in a volume Making Fascists published by the University of Chicago Press; one of the sections, written by Dr. Clough, deals with the South Tyrol--a problem with which I have some first-hand familiarity--and is a fine impartial statement of the difficult status of minorities under a distatorship. He contributed a section "Objectives in Fascist Education" in a two-volume work Redirecting Education recently published by the Columbia University Press; this is what it pretends to be--a clear and unpretentious statement of education under Mussolini. He prepared the material for two chapters (on the Army and on Alsace-Lorraine) for Professor Carlton J. H. Hayes's France: A Nation of Patriots. He has contributed articles to a variety of scholarly journals, including the Revue d'histoire moderne. Most important of all he has practically completed a history of French economic nationalism since 1789; this volume will go to the press next summer or early in the autumn.

Dr. Clough was an alert graduate student at Columbia. His personality is attractive--although not impressive on first appearance--and grows on one. He is modest, but is a man of ideas and convictions. I am delighted to see how he has developed in recent years. His mind does not run in conventionalized grooves; he has found it necessary in some of his work to challenge heretofore accepted theories, but he has not been self-assertive in doing so. He obviously reads widely and is catholic in his interests.

Dr. Flexner

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Born in Bloomington, Indiana, the son of a Baptist clergyman, Dr. Clough was reared in New England. He entered Colgate University in 1919 because of a life-long friendship between his father and the then President Bryan. He was an honor student at Colgate, was editor of the Maroon (the undergraduate newspaper), and graduated one semester ahead of his class (in February 1923). He went abroad immediately to study until a year from the following autumn. Then he enrolled for further work in the Faculty of Political Science at Columbia, where he passed his orals for the doctorate in the spring of 1926. Then followed more than two years of additional study abroad. In the autumn of 1928 he was appointed an instructor in history in Columbia College, a position which he still holds. He was abroad on a fellowship from the spring of 1932 until the autumn of 1933, and he makes it a practice to spend his summers on the Continent. At Columbia he teaches a section of freshman history (misnamed Contemporary Civilization), a course for upperclassmen on Europe 1500-1815, and a graduate course on the history of economic nationalism. His primary interest is the subject matter of the last-named course, but he has been urged by some of his colleagues to consider, also, Italian history and the history of the Fascist movements in Germany and Italy (both of which he has seen in action).

Dr. Clough has the tastes and interests of a scholar. With limited resources he has built up a considerable and well-selected personal library. He enjoys teaching and, I am informed, does it well. He ardently desires, however, to combine teaching with further research and writing. Professor Westermann, whose judgment I value highly, writes me: "This lad (Clough is 34) knows modern European history. In all modesty, he knows that he knows it. He wants a chance to teach and write it, and that is all he wants. He has worked quietly and hard here for eight years, and I have recently recommended him highly for a professorship at the University of Nebraska. I hope Clough will not go to Nebraska, because I think he has a future in the East and belongs in the East."

Columbia will make an effort to keep Clough. He now receives the maximum salary of an instructor (\$3,000) and will probably be made an assistant professor this spring at \$3,600. His wife earns about \$600 additional at Hunter College. They are desirous, however, of having a second child (they have one boy of 4) and would prefer not to live in New York City all other things being equal. Mrs. Clough, I hear, is an attractive and well-educated person with interests similar to her husband's. I have made extensive inquiries concerning Clough and could present a fairly impressive set of credentials, should that be necessary. My feeling is, however, that these may well be left until after he has been granted an interview, should that be feasible.

Needless to say, I shall be glad to furnish any additional information which you or President Dodds may desire. I think we have here an unusual young man, desirable in every way, and I should be happy to see him at Princeton.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

EDWARD MEAD EARLE

WILLIAM L. WESTERMANN
23 DONELLAN ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

Monday eve.
Nov. 18, 1935

Dear Big Ed:

Quite aside from what may happen about Princeton - you have pulled a new member of the Big Ed Gang in young Shepherd Clough. He is a canny and straight forward bird, this Clough; and he would swallow his tongue rather than praise you to me for the effect upon his chances.

It is none of my business - and if you say that again I shall come up and hand the Boss of the gang a couple or two on the bender.

But this is how it lies.

For two years I opposed allowing Clough and Cole to offer courses in the Graduate School. I was right about Cole - and wrong about Clough. Since Cole is out of it I will say this. Seven ten years to go I will lay 2 to 1 on Clough as

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the better man. Cole will get on. If it is not in history, well then, let it be economics, or a phoney course which pretends to be economics, but is history. Clough is sick of the Cross Codfish Culture Course - and he was man enough to tell Harry Carman just that. He believes that it is a pretty good course; but he has had enough. There is not another young guy between Amsterdam + Broadway + 114th - 116th streets who has the guts to say that.

This lad knows modern European History. He knows that he knows it. He wants a chance to teach and write in it. That's all he wants. He has worked quietly and hard here for eight years.

There was a meagre suggestion that he be put on as the Bibliographer for the Department, ordering books for the Library. I will support it - to give him a chance; but I think that he is

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too good for it. It would be a shame to sidetrack him in that way. That is the sort of work for that eminent bibliographer, the Megalopygion Rockwell.

Saturday I answered a letter to Nebraska about Clough - for Fred M. Flory's position, praising him highly. I mentioned Barzun in passing, as a brilliant younger man; but, I thought, not so solid or so sure of development as Clough. I would not want Clough to go to Nebraska, because I think that he has a future in the East and belongs in the East.

Neither the Nebraska position nor anything which might come up here ought to attract Clough if a real opening turns up at Princeton.

Don't overdo the work on this matter. Take it easy. The Clough wife is, also, a nice, hard-working, intelligent young woman.
Yours affectionately and always
for advice unasked for, but freely given,
Westie.

Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

November 15, 1935.

Dear Ed:

I certainly got quite a thrill on receiving a letter pounded out by your own nimble fingers on a typewriter. Westermann had told me about his visit with you during the summer and I had kept your address prominently before me on my desk in the expectation of writing you long before this. It is certainly good news to know that you are coming along so well, and my only hope is that there may be no more bronchitis or other such to delay the good work.

In regard to the listing of your courses in the Announcements, you are, and I assume will continue to be, listed in the Barnard Announcement among the "Members of the Faculty", and certainly you hope no more than the rest of us that you may some time return here. My only question in regard to the Announcement of the Faculty of Political Science was, as I told you last spring, that it seemed rather unrealistic to keep your courses bracketed year after year in that Announcement.

With reference to your question, I assume that Carlton has told you all he knows about Clough and Barzun, and since both of them have been working in close contact with him anything that he has to say would carry much more weight than my judgment.

Clough I know very well and have the highest regard for him. He is a hard worker, reads widely, and reflects on what he reads. There is no question, I believe, that he will continue to work and continue to produce. He has a fine equipment in languages and thus is able not only to read the works of foreign scholars but to meet and really converse with them. Just how profound his work will be as he grows older is still a matter of guess work. My feeling is, however, that he tends rather to realistic description of men and movements than to broad philosophical generalization. He is a thoroughly fine man and has a very attractive family. The library which he has built up, heaven knows how, with almost no resources, is indicative of the scholarly interests of the man and the atmosphere of his home.

Barzun I know much more slightly. I have the impression, however, that he is a more brilliant man than Clough. For the first few years I got the notion that he was rather a cocky youngster who was very able and knew it. A year abroad, in 1933-34, matured him greatly in my judgment and it seems to me, as I have watched him last year and this, that he is coming along very rapidly. He is widely read, with very catholic interests, bridging between literature and history, and has excellent control of himself when he is up before people. The last two or three years I have hit upon a method of torturing the youngsters by asking those who have been abroad, either for a year or a summer to tell the group at the annual departmental dinner something of their work and impressions during their sojourn in Europe. It is a hard test, and I think of all the men who have thus been

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asked to undergo it that Barzun made the strongest impression by his poise, manner and judgment regarding the things which were worth while stressing. Whether he has the persistency to carry him along as far as Clough I can not say, but he gives evidence at present of considerable drive.

I believe Carlton has told you something about Barzun's home. Of that I shall not write as I know nothing. I never met his wife and have come in contact socially with him only very little. I would say that he himself has a more striking personality than Clough.

I think in this I have told you the plain unvarnished truth. If I had to make a decision I should want to consider both of these men very carefully. My own feeling is that either or both of them are material that we may very well ultimately want in the Graduate School. Clough, as you probably know, is already giving one graduate course and doing very well with it, and I personally have no doubt of Barzun's capacity to direct the work of advanced students.

Barbara was very glad indeed to hear of your improvement. It is too bad we did not know earlier in the summer that you were at Saranac, as she and the children were camping on an island in lower Saranac Lake for three weeks during the latter part of July and early in August. She would have liked very much to have seen you and Bee. Charles, whom you remember as the youngster who came into your room to waken you every morning, is now 15 (not 16) and about a half inch taller than his father and weighs nearly as much. Muriel has not made quite such rapid growth but she bids fair to out-distance her mother within a short time. Murray, whom you have never seen, though not quite so ample in size, has no doubt in his own mind that he is by all odds the most important member of the household, if not of society at large.

The best wishes of all go to you with this letter. Harry and Hawkes both said they would write you.

Faithfully yours,

Justin

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November 12, 1935

Dear Ed:

I had a talk yesterday with President Dodds about your letter of the seventh telling me that you are looking over three promising young men for the Princeton post. I think you are quite right to see them and talk with them before making a recommendation. President Dodds was favorably impressed with your caution and also the fact that they are acquainted with foreign languages. The initial salary would probably be \$4,000, perhaps a little more, but he prefers that you not mention this fact. If you can commend any one of them in high terms, he will see them, and this will clear up in the course of their interview.

Becker's book has arrived. Thank you for it very much. There may come a time when we will want to bring him down here to lecture, but at the present moment, as you will learn from Riefler, the men here are in the same position in which you are, namely, reflecting and reading. We are not yet ripe either for workers or for lecturers, and it is not clear when we will be. I shall read Becker's book as soon as I have read Austen Chamberlain's Reminiscences - not a great book, but an interesting one, as it is written by an honest, upright man in reference to events which took place in my own lifetime and in which he himself was deeply concerned. As one looks back on the tragedies of the last

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twenty years, one cannot but reflect how little wisdom and disinterestedness was put into their solution by someone or other, and it takes only one unwise or foolish person, for example, William the Second, Hitler, or Mussolini, to throw the whole of Europe into chaos.

I believe I did not answer a question you raised in your former letter as to the wisdom of Baldwin's calling a general election at this time. I object, as you probably do, to khaki elections, for great domestic issues are submerged beneath the wave of patriotic feeling, but Baldwin had to balance several things, and it was extremely important for him to show Italy and France that he has the English people at his back. Whether this was the determining questions with him or whether he saw a chance to win an easy electoral victory I do not really know, but I have great confidence in his straightforwardness and uprightness based on a personal acquaintance of some years. He has fortunately come to the conclusion that the League of Nations has got to make itself felt as a real thing, and the support of the English people will be the decisive factor in that effort. At any rate, I hope that his action has been thus motivated. One of his most intimate friends sent me the other day a long speech which he delivered to a peace association in England. It was a lofty utterance worthy of the situation, in which the world now finds itself. I hope I can continue to believe that there the real Baldwin spoke. In any event, he is no ordinary politician. He is an honest and personally unostentatious English gentleman, though it may be that in this instance political considerations have weighed more heavily than they ought. His closest friends are men whom I know well, and there is not a real politician among them.

I saw Beatrice and Miss Sabin both Saturday and Sunday. Beatrice continues to look well and to take her responsibilities much more lightly and sensibly than last year when she felt them far too acutely.

With all good wishes from us all,

Ever affectionately,

A. J.

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Handwritten note:
Would you please ask Mrs. Bailey to get this from Library? My copy is here?

November 8, 1935

Dear Ed:

Thank you for yours of the second. I shall see President Dodds in the next day or two and show him your note.

When you finish Carl Becker's Declaration of Independence, I should very much like to read it; also, if it is perfectly convenient, when you have finished with it, mail me Woodward's book on French Revolutions, for I have promised to lend it further.

I have not read Schuman's The Nazi Dictatorship, and I don't want to. Every day brings me letters which depict the situation far more vividly and painfully than any book, and we are entertaining here this winter at the expense of the Institute a number of wandering scholars whose accounts are simply harrowing. I myself have no fear that the German situation can under any circumstances be repeated in the "land of the free". Look how complacently this country accepted the result of the recent election and how Judge Coleman - a boy, whom by the way I prepared for college, and perhaps the ablest boy I ever taught - knocks the utility bill out without the slightest fear, and - right or wrong - his conduct will be sustained by the country at large until it is finally passed upon by the Supreme Court.

The Rieflers are making a great success from every point of view, and Mitrany is settling down, though of course there is more novelty for him to adjust

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himself to/here than there is for Riefler.

Beatrice has undertaken to make arrangements for Riefler to come to see you at his earliest convenience, and I am leaving the matter in their hands. I see her two or three times a week. She is looking extremely well, and the pressure of work upon her is far less than it was last year. Robin continues also to be a perfect "husk", as she has always been.

I finished recently reading a new book by Woodward on the naval situation between Germany and England from 1890 to 1914. It is written in a fair, judicious way and is, I believe, a scholarly piece of work. One can see that the seeds of the World War were planted in the early 90's, and the fool Germans are today repeating the tactics which frightened the whole world and brought on one war and may some day bring on another with the same alignment against them.

Anne joins me in affectionate greetings and in all good wishes.

Ever yours,

Alie

P.S.

I have a letter from Edgar Mayer written after studying your last plates. He finds them thoroughly satisfactory. Your days of laziness are rapidly approaching an end - thank God!

A.F.

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

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EDWARD MEAD EARLE - THE SANTANONI - SARANAC LAKE - NEW YORK

7 November 1935

Dear Abe

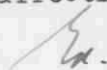
Under separate cover I am sending you Carl Becker's "Everyman His Own Historian", which I commend to you from dedication and introduction to concluding essay.

In my judgment Becker is one of the three really great scholars of American history in the past fifty years, the others being Turner (who ^{may} ~~might~~ have been at Hopkins with you) and Beard. His book "The Declaration of Independence" is a fine essay in political philosophy; Judge Learned Hand, to whom I mentioned it some ten years ago, was captivated by it. I have not read "The Heavenly City of the Eighteenth Century Philosophers", but it was enthusiastically reviewed in all the scholarly journals. Would it be presumptuous of me to suggest that you have Becker in mind as a person who might give a lecture or two under the auspices of the School of Economics and Politics some time. Personally, he is a thoroughly charming man, modest to a fault.

I have three likely-looking young men in mind for the Princeton vacancy. I think I shall want to see and talk to all three before I make recommendations. Meanwhile, I shall be hearing from you as to the salary. Each of these men speaks French fluently (one was born in France) and has adequate command of the other languages. I consider this a great asset.

Always affectionately

Dr. Abraham Flexner



Columbia University
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710 Hamilton Hall

Nov. 6, 1935.

My dear Professor Earle:—

Your letter of yesterday acknowledging receipt of the information about myself and requesting me to indicate the amount of salary I should hope to receive if I were to leave Columbia is before me. Let me state immediately that salary would not be necessarily a prime factor in making a decision to take a position elsewhere. I am especially interested in doing advanced work and writing, and I should hesitate to accept a post which precluded the possibility of such activity either because of poor library facilities or of long teaching schedule. This does not mean that I do not enjoy teaching. I do, and my work at Columbia College has been both pleasant and successful, as I am sure Harry Cannon could tell you. Then I should want

to take into consideration possibilities of advancement of
teaching graduate courses, of pleasant personal and intellectual
relationships. I think that I have a special bent for
directing research, an opinion based on my experience in
the graduate course I conduct here, and I should hope to
be able to give expression to this aptitude in another place.

I am sure that you can understand my sentiments
in these matters.

Salary is an item, however, that cannot be ignored
and as a basis from which to work let me explain my
present situation. I am paid now \$3000 a year, which
with pin money from outside work and my wife's part-time
teaching at Hunter makes a gross income of between
\$3700 and \$4000. I have been led to believe that I have a
good chance of being promoted the coming year to an
assistant professorship which pays \$3500. Therefore, I
should hope to receive between \$3700 to \$4500, if I were

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to change universities, but these sums might be modified
by lower costs of living elsewhere. If I were offered
\$5000, I do not see how I could afford to refuse. Unless
other factors were so decidedly unfavorable that I
could not be reasonably happy. I should like to earn
enough so my wife would not have to work as long as
could be another child; and she joins me in the
wishes. I should also like to go to a place where bringing
up children is easier than in New York!

This is an absolutely candid presentation of my
situation and of my thoughts on the matter. I hope
that this is what you wanted. You will realize the
confidential nature of some of my remarks, as far as
regarding promotion, and I should very much
dislike the people at Columbia to think that I
am so presumptuous as I appear to be in the letter.

you may feel perfectly free, however, to inquire of Professor
Rogge, Professor Westerman, or of anyone else as to the
possibility of my position, salary increases, and general
future here, but I should appreciate your not divulging
my personal feelings in the matter.

you may be certain that you have not been forgotten
at Columbia. All those who know you, even as slightly, I
did, hold a real affection for you. The thought of a possible
visit to you is pleasant not only because of the interest
I have in talking with you about the position in question
but also because of the opportunity of renewing my
acquaintance with you. If you do decide that you
would like me to come to see you, I should be grateful
for a few days notice so that I may arrange my work
here to allow for an absence.

yours very sincerely,

Shepard B. Clough

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in the City of New York

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4 November 1935

Dear Professor Earle:

Just this afternoon Professor Westermann communicated with me and asked that I send you by special delivery a brief statement of my educational and professional work. I am therefore setting down the facts below and mailing you under separate cover a copy of my dissertation.

I was born and educated in France (lycee Janson de Sailly) came to this country in 1919, naturalized as an American citizen in 1933. Entered Columbia College 1923, A.B. 1927. Phi Beta Kappa; Valedictorian. A.M. in History in 1928, Mitchell Fellow 1927-28; Perkins Fellow, 1928-29.

Dissertation: The French Race, Theories of Its Origins and Their Social and Political Implications, C.U. Press, 1932.

Fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies, 1933-34. Spent sixteen months in France, Germany and England gathering material for a work on the influence of race-theories in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This study of the modern superstition of race traces the effect on culture, politics, economics, and social relations of the major pseudo-scientific theories that seek to establish the inalienable characters of the so-called races of man. It will be ready for publication by the first of the year.

Since 1932 I have done reviews of works on Modern European History for The Herald-Tribune Books Section and for The Nation. I have been Instructor in Columbia College since 1929, and part-time instructor in Modern European History at Sarah Lawrence College since 1935. Previously I had lectured both there and at Bennington College on phases of Nineteenth Century history.

I think those are all the dry bones of my history that I can produce on the spur of the moment. I shall of course be glad to supply any further information you may require. Meantime I am, with kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

Jacques Barzun

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Professor Edward Mead Earle
The Santanoni
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General History
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Thought & Culture of 19th Century (with McKee)

Fellow of the American Council of Learning
Professor of the American Council of Learning
Wife now in the hands of Bernard.
Would like to write.

Modern European History for the Harvard-Yenching Book Section and
Brent's History book for Lester Wagner. Historical in
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Yours faithfully,

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EDWARD MEAD EARLE - THE SANTANONI - SARANAC LAKE - NEW YORK

2 November 1935

Dear Abe

You will be wondering what has become of me. I have been busy all week on lining up candidates for the Princeton vacancy. I have three able young men in mind, one an associate professor at Amherst and the other two instructors in the highest salary bracket at Columbia. I am busily engaged at the moment in reading the latest work of each of these men and later shall arrange to have one or two up here to see me—I would prefer to make no recommendation rather than a poor one. I have come up for air just long enough to let you know that I am still on the job.

Carl Becker's "Declaration of Independence" is a fine piece of work. You would enjoy reading it, at least in part and without too much concentration. I have just bought his "Everyman His Own Historian", a collection of essays and book reviews which show Becker at his best, and shall send it along as soon as I can read it. Have you seen F. L. Schuman's "The Nazi Dictatorship"? It has given me a better picture of the German situation than I have had. It is all even more terrifying than I had feared, and I feel it might happen in the Land of the Free.

I am going to ask Bee over the telephone to arrange a visit with Riefler for sometime this coming week if that is convenient for him.

Every affectionate good wish
As always

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study

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October 31, 1935

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Professor Earle

This morning Professor Westermann called me into his office and asked me to write you about myself and my scholarly training. He gave me little indication for the reason for so doing. He merely suggested that I cast my bread upon the waters. So, without exactly knowing the purpose for which this letter is being written, I am following his instructions.

My teaching experience has been confined exclusively to Columbia College, where I have been since 1928, except for one year's leave-of-absence. Here I have taught Contemporary Civilization, a course in European History covering the period 1500-1815, and for the last two years I have been giving a Graduate course in French and Italian Economic History Since the end of the 18th Century. This latter field is my main interest, although I am concerned with ~~the~~ allied aspects of the history of other European nations.

and Keynes

I obtained my Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1930. My dissertation was a History of the Flemish Movement in Belgium. In addition to that book I wrote in coöperation with H.W.Schneider, "Making Fascists," Chicago University Press. I assisted Hayes in the preparation of his "France, A Nation of Patriots," as you will be able to see from the Preface. Of the articles I have written I might suggest that you look at "The Evolution of Fascist Economic Theory and Practice, 1926-1930" in the Harvard Business Review for April, 1932; an article on "Objectives in Fascist Education" in Redirecting Education, edited by Rexford G. Tugwell, and published by the Columbia University Press; "Present Trends in French Historical Writing," Columbia University Quarterly, June, 1934; and a forthcoming article in Revue d'Histoire Moderne. I am engaged at the moment in writing a history of French Economic Nationalism from 1789 to the present time. I have completed seven of the eight chapters, and I hope that the book will go to press sometime next summer or early next fall. I am sending some of

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these articles and books to you.

that you might like to know

It is difficult for me to tell you more about myself for, as I stated above, Professor Westermann gave me practically no inkling of what this is all about. I might add that I am 34 years of age, I am married, and have one child. I am a native of New England but have spent about six years in Europe and the later years of my life, outside of those spent in Europe, in New York City. Any other information that you might care to have I would be very glad to furnish.

I do not know whether you remember me or not, but I met you several times as a Graduate student, and knew Mrs. Earle fairly well. I have shared the interests of my colleagues in your well being in these past years and have hoped continually for your improvement.

Yours very truly

Shepard B. Clough
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P.S. Would you kindly return the books when you have completed your investigation of them?

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Oct. 30, 1935

Dear Ed:

It was good to hear your voice over the phone last night. It was almost like seeing you.

I have tried throughout the day to reach Barzen. No dice. Maybe I shall have luck tomorrow. I saw Shepherd Clough and asked him to send his Lebensbahn. I like Clough and in general common sense and solidity would place him above Cole. How they compare in their work, I cannot say. They are out of my field.

Would you mind a suggestion? No. I thank you. It would have done you damned little good if I did mind, anyway. It is that when you get the plans lined up - C. J. N. Hayes should be asked to rate the

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men whom you have in mind. The reasons are of two kinds: (1) Stayer knows them all and could compare them, mentally and in general equipment. (2) Tactical reasons. He would probably be hurt if not asked. I do not want him hurt. He is a good-hearted and honest man. Further I want you to question and check any decisions from me. Actually I work by hunches and am inclined to go strongly for the under dog. Which is sheer emotionalism and flub dub. I am an emotionalist and a flubdubbit - so I know -

Yours for luck

Westie.

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Oct. 29, 1935.

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter of the 27th and for the special memorandum which, as usual, is very helpful. I fear I wrote the long story about the Einstein theory to clarify my own mind rather than to edify students and I shall certainly cut it very materially before it goes into pageproof.

My own copy of Cole's dissertation happened to be up at Afton but as soon as I received the telegram from you I requested the Columbia Bookstore to send you a copy of the book. I hope it has arrived by now. Since writing it Cole has been in France for a year and a half collecting material for a rather big and, I think, important work on the economic policies of the French Government in the 17th century and down to the Revolution in the 18th century. I think he has the book pretty well advanced by now and plans to publish it within the next year or two. As I understand it he expects to publish it in two volumes.

I am inclined to think that along with Cole you should give serious consideration to Jacques Barzun. Like you I have the highest regard for Barzun's intellectual ability and personal charm. It depends, of course, a good deal on what they wish to emphasize at Princeton. Cole is chiefly interested in economic and social history and Barzun in cultural history. You have doubtless seen Barzun dissertation, which was published in 1932 with the title: "The French Race. Theories concerning it prior to the Revolution". Since then he, like Cole, has had a year and a half in France and has gathered material for the second volume that will carry the story of the French race down through the greater part of the 19th century.

This is quite confidential, but I have heard that there has been last spring and this past summer a smash-up in Barzun's domestic establishment and that he and his wife have separated. I know nothing whatsoever of the circumstances and I can hardly believe that the fault is Barzun's. He is very much of a gentleman and has always seemed to me a particularly fine person. I do think, however, that you should have this knowledge in the back of your head as eventually some question may be raised about it at Princeton or elsewhere.

Barzun is still with us as an instructor in Columbia College at the maximum pay of instructor. He is very highly regarded by Hawkes and all the College people, as well as by students and by all of us in the Department. All of us would deem him worthy of a professorship with us but after all we are heavily manned at the top and it may be some little time before we can take care of Barzun as he should be taken care of. I should think that with all of his cultural interests he would fit in very well at Princeton.

Faithfully yours,

Carton

Professor Edward M. Earle
Saranac Lake, N.Y.

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Friday Oct 25
1935

Dear Ed:

As between us only the utmost frankness must prevail. Therefore I am writing about Charles Cole in long hand and counting upon complete confidence.

When Cole came here for graduate work I discovered him as an unusual student, of great possibilities, at the end of his first semester here. I called him in, told him to write up a paper he was then working upon and apply for a fellowship for the following year. Also I advised Carlton Hayes to take him into his seminar, which Hayes did in the second semester. Since then his success and advancement has been very rapid in the department. Two years ago, on the insistence of Carman he, with Clough, was permitted to give a course in the Graduate School.

He seems to be an excellent and attractive teacher. How much of this is due to youth and splendid looks I do not know.

His doctoral thesis was reputed to be very good. His book on French Mercantilist Doctrine looks like a competent job, quite ahead of the customary young man's effort. (I am since told that it is "pretty good")
I regret to say that in recent years I have been developing doubts about the direction

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and nature of his development. The answer to your telegram would depend, for me, somewhat upon the reason for the request for information.

Under separate cover I send you P. S. Q. of 1933 which you are to return to me. Read for yourself "Relativity in History" by Charles Cole. Some liked T. I, and others with me, thought T complete tripe, of a very disconcerting kind. Big words, the meaning of which were obscure to him; fuzzy thinking; adolescent groping with the new ideas. And he was no longer, in physical age, an adolescent.

He has always been a convinced rooster for the Cross stuff, the C. C. C. course. I have yet to find a really good mind, with a good strong bite to T, which did not eventually reject T, of those who were forced to teach T.

There ~~are~~, in my judgment, abler and solidier young men about here. I speak of John Krout, Wuorinen and Barzun. In a ten year race I would bet on any one of these to beat him out as capable historians.

If the thing is a journalistic job or newspaper work of an historical character, I would say: Go ahead. If it is serious historical work, including research, I personally would want five years of ripening to see where and in what direction he has gone.

I am wondering if T has been unkind of me to write as I thought. Perhaps not - in the end.

Yours always

W. H. Westermann

*Be -
Please see
manuscript notes*

Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 22, 1935.

Dear Ed:

I have just completed the revising of the galleyproof of Chapter XXIII and have found your suggestions and advice about the Ottoman Empire enormously helpful. I have embodied every recommendation you made, though in a few cases I have not been able, because of limitations of space, to insert the amount of explanation which I as well as you would deem desirable.

Your other suggestions are also helpful and I am utilizing them in quite an unashamed manner. But above all I am struck by the pertinence and insight which characterize all your suggestions. You may be a sick man and you may have been for a number of years out of regular academic work but there is no sign of rust in your intellectual faculties. Let me say too that I am deeply touched by your high and sincere words of praise about the volume as a whole. Your slogan of "A Textbook to End Textbooks" should certainly be played up by the Macmillan Company.

Over the weekend I have been giving much thought to the Princeton matter. If they want at Princeton a young man just entering his 30's, who combines an amazingly attractive personality with very precise knowledge and with no little originality and independence of view and who at the same time has a peculiarly cultured and attractive wife, they should set out to get Charles W. Cole. Cole graduated from Amherst and took his graduate work with us at Columbia, writing a doctoral dissertation with me on "French Mercantilist Doctrines before Colbert". He was Instructor for several years in Columbia College and this last summer was taken to Amherst as Associate Professor of Economic History. Of course, I have designs on Cole for our History Department at Columbia. I am not at all sure whether he would consider very seriously going from Amherst to Princeton. On the other hand, Princeton might have much to offer that Amherst does not have, especially in the way of library facilities and an opportunity for organization and development of historical studies. In any event, I do think it would be worth your while to have Cole come on from Amherst to Saranac and talk with him. At any rate, you would find him, I believe, a fascinating person to talk with about most anything.

There is also John Wuorinen. He has matured a awful lot in the last seven or eight years and is now one of our substantial standbys. You doubtless know that he has been made an Assistant Professor here. Of course he still speaks English with a slight accent and it is possible that he would not fit in at Princeton quite as well as he does at Columbia, though he is certainly very much of a gentleman and his wife is certainly no handicap to him. Besides, he has a good deal of organizing and administrative ability. He is now filling the job which you so long filled - that of running University Extension - and though nobody will do it quite as well as you did he does it much better than anyone I know of.

Professor Edward M. Earle ----2.

Would Bart Brebner be a possibility? He would certainly fit into the Princeton scheme of things but I have quite a lot of reservations about his driving punch.

With the very best wishes,

As ever,

Faithfully yours,

Carlton

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return promptly
Ed.*

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October 21, 1935

Dear Ed:

I had a talk last night with Price and Hamman, and I went to bed with a feeling of inward satisfaction that would be hard to duplicate. In the first place, they both agreed that you had made enormous progress, that the rather occasional symptoms which discourage you are of no significance and happen in all kinds of illnesses and that you are going to be able to take up your job here with confidence. I did not ask them when, because I knew that they would be averse to pinning themselves down to an appointed date, and, though I wish it were tomorrow, I don't really think that that is the essential point. The great thing is that both men are confident as to your cure - and that within a reasonable time.

I am sorry about the clothes incident, but it was due to a misunderstanding on my part. I shall see Riefler today if I can - he is not in his office at the moment - and arrange for him to see you at Saranac as soon as convenient to you both. Talk it over with Price when you see him Thursday, and wire me when you would like him to come.

I can tell you something about long, continued illness which you will ultimately find out, yourself. While one is going through it, one feels that one will be forever haunted by it. That was my experience during those awful months in Baltimore with my foot and leg. I remember saying to Dr. Halsted on one occasion, "This experience will haunt me the rest of my life."

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He replied laughingly, "No, you are quite mistaken. Before you know it, it will shrink to a point in your consciousness, and you will have the utmost difficulty in recalling any of its details."

Halsted was right and proved right within a relatively brief period. I got back to work, and to save my life I have never been able to recall any of the details of a really ghastly experience.

Whenever you find any one whom you feel justified in recommending for a job here at Princeton, let me know. It looks like an opportunity to lift the level, and for that reason I should like to put a good person in it. As to the present level, that, I think, ought to make little difference to an ambitious young man. When my brother, Simon, went to Pennsylvania, pathology was dead. He brought it to life and eminence in two years with the result that in the third year he was made Director of the Rockefeller Institute.

My cold has disappeared, and this afternoon I am having tea with Beatrice, Price, and Hamman.

Tell me what of Beckers' I should read. At the moment I am reading Carrel's extraordinary book called "Man the Unknown". It is non-technical, but in the highest degree stimulating and objective. Wouldn't you like to borrow it as soon as I finish it, perhaps a fortnight or more hence?

I am sorry that there is to be an election at this moment in England, and yet I can understand that Mr. Baldwin wants to put the issue squarely up to the English people. While I do not imagine that England is devoid of self-interest - no individual and no nation ever is - I think its stand on the Covenant of the League is admirable and that the French have blundered in not standing squarely behind them, for, if the Covenant can be made to work, dictators are done for, first, Mussolini, and then Hitler. This does not mean that the Italians have received perfectly

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just treatment, but they were members of the League and they signed the Kellogg Pact, and they have violated their word in both instances. How can civilization endure if such commitments are to be mere scraps of paper?

Affectionately,

Abe

P.S.

Since dictating the above, I learn that Riefler is laid up with a cold.

A.F.

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
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October 15, 1935

Dear Ed:

I have yours of the 10th, which I am answering in bed because I took cold and I am doing the prudent thing. I have no temperature and no aches, but I am sneezing and I don't want anyone else to catch my cold.

I believe that psychologically it would be better for you and Riefler to meet when you are up and clothed. It is a matter of no importance whether he sees you now or next week or a little later. Take your time about this as about everything else and make haste slowly. I wonder if you realize that I had a slight digestive upset last April and I have not yet gotten back to^a normal diet, and many people have used that very phrase to me: "Make haste slowly." I am, however, gaining in weight and, as far as I can tell, feel perfectly well except for this transient cold.

I read the book on Canada with very great interest, and this morning the results of the Canadian election show once more what it means to people to be free to change their mind from time to time without a Mussolini or a Hitler or a Stalin holding a club over them.

Isn't there somebody, whom you have trained or whom somebody else has trained, to whom an associate professorship in Princeton would be a promotion? There must be some associates, for example, somewhere who are fit for higher positions.

Professor Earle

October 15, 1935

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As far as Mrs. Bailey is concerned, you would find her as big a nuisance as I do. She is altogether too efficient and too conscientious, and she has an assistant now who is as bad as she is.

With all good wishes,

Ever affectionately,

A. J.

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, New York

AF/MCE

COPY FOR: DR. FLEXNER

September 27, 1935

Dear Professor Earle:

With reference to your status as a disability claimant, I am glad to say that our decision is to approve the waiver of premium which was due September 22, 1935, although we think that this is a borderline case which would not receive favorable treatment in many commercial companies. Of course, the waiving of any future premiums will depend upon circumstances prevailing on the dates when such premiums become due.

Dr. Flexner told me that he was very much pleased with the improvement in your physical condition and hopes that shortly you will be in a position to take up the regular type of seminar work that is being followed by the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Actuary

Professor Edward Mead Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

RLM:CH

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
MAGNETAWAN, VIA BURKS FALLS
ONTARIO, CANADA

August 31, 1935

Dear Ed:

I was genuinely rejoiced to get your letter of August 27 and to know that the operation was a complete success. I have some notion as to the inconvenience of learning to use your feet, knees, and ankles, but I think you will find that that weakness will disappear in a short time. The world does certainly look different when one is upright. It might look still more different if one stood on one's head.

I believe that Beatrice can solve her problem and that I can help her do so - certainly until you return to Princeton. You know how highly I regard her, but I realize, as perhaps you may also, that she is so intense a personality that she burns up a good deal of vital energy that I think she can learn to spare, as you have had to learn to spare it. Her warm heart, her quick intelligence, and her high ideals are all expensive. When I get back to Princeton towards the end of September, I shall have a talk with her and suggest to her some ways by which I think she can economize her energies. She had undoubtedly during the first year to do a lot of things, just as I did during my first year, that she will not have to repeat. In addition, I feel very sure that she can get the extra time free that you speak of. I am not afraid of another physical collapse. Dr. Longcope found her tired but nothing else. This summer should have restored her, and judicious management next year will, short, of course, of some unexpected accident, see her through. This may all sound cold-blooded, but it is just the reverse. I am devoted to you both, and nothing would rejoice my heart so much as to see you all three comfortably settled and renewing your family life. You will be doing it within less than a year, for you are over the brow of the hill. As Henry Watterson used to say in his old days on the Courier Journal when poker was going against him, "Just a little patience now", and reshuffle the cards.

I suspect that you would find in Princeton a physician capable of giving pneumothorax treatments. Finney (perhaps the best of the Hopkins surgeons) sent his own resident there and, if he doesn't know the trick, I am sure he can very readily learn it. Finney is a Princeton man, Trustee of the University, and is anxious that the boys should have a first-rate surgeon in their midst.

The summer draws to its close. On the ninth Mrs. Bailey and I are going "out", as the natives say. I must first spend a few days in Washington on some business, and I must also see Jean. Then I shall be returning to New York with perhaps only an occasional day in Princeton that is necessary. I shall hardly go there to stay before the 20th of the month, perhaps a little later, but I shall see Beatrice as soon as I get there; so I can be reached here until the morning of the ninth, but mail should not be sent after the fifth. Thenceforth the safest address is 20 Nassau Street, Princeton.

Anne joins me in love, and Mrs. Bailey sends her greetings and her congratulations on your progress.

Ever affectionately,

Professor Edward M. Earle

Abraham Flexner

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
MAGNETAWAN, VIA BURKS FALLS
ONTARIO, CANADA

August 22, 1935

Dear Ed:

It is ten days or more since I have heard from you, and I have daily been wondering what the outcome of the operation was and what the x-ray shows. Drop me a card, and let me know.

I hope that my letter to Beatrice did not depress her too much. God knows that I sympathize with you both, but the external situation is so uncertain that I cannot help feeling that, great as is the sacrifice involved, it would be best for her and you to continue your financial independence until the brief period is over when you can come to Princeton. After that it is perfectly plain that her idea of the course she ought to pursue is sound. I have had a talk with President Aydelotte, who thinks he knows of one or two persons who might conceivably succeed her. He is going to look into the matter and let me know further within the next few weeks.

I am writing briefly because Mrs. Bailey has just come to the camp, and I am ploughing through a stack of mail almost a foot high.

On the whole, our weather continues lovely, though we did have a few very hot afternoons quite recently. At the moment, however, we are going about in woollens, and I am dictating this note in front of a blazing log-fire with the sun shining brightly on the outside.

All of us join in affectionate greetings to you, Beatrice, and Robin.

Ever your friend,

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, New York

Alex

AF:ESB

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
MAGNETAWAN, VIA BURKS FALLS
ONTARIO, CANADA

August 12, 1935

Dear Ed:

I have yours of the 7th with its continued good news. The most recent papers lead me to think there will be no tax bill this year. I have written Senator Glass suggesting that in lieu thereof the whole subject should be studied by a non-partisan commission, following the precedent of England in dealing with the India Bill.

The book on Canada has not arrived, but I shall mail you Woodward's "French Revolutions" as soon as Aydelotte, who is now here, finishes it.

I showed your letter to both Aydelotte and Woodward. They thought your suggestions about division of labor very interesting. Of course I shall not undertake to map out the work of the group, but in October, with your doctor's permission, Riefler, Mitrany and perhaps myself, will spend a few days with you at Saranac, and I will sit by and listen while you fellows decide your preliminary movements. We will not try to do anything comprehensive or final at the start, I should think. A little later when you come to Princeton you can continue your discussions together.

Meanwhile, look out for your health, read some "trash", and do not worry about the future!

With all good wishes and love to you all,

A.F.

Earle

THE SANTANONI
SARANAC LAKE
NEW YORK

Wednesday evening
7 August 1935

Dear Abe

Ben was good enough to call to my attention your article in the August Atlantic, which I have just finished reading. What concerns me most with the impending tax bill is that so important step should even be contemplated without adequate study and public discussion. I am not in favor of the proposed rates because they so obviously are intended to be punitive and because they fail to do the very essential thing of bringing additional millions of citizens within the scope of the income tax. The veterans scandal would be impossible, I believe, if larger numbers of people could be impressed through their pocket books with the fact that these hundreds of millions annually cannot be plucked out of the thin air. Unfortunately, the Mellons, Mitchells, ~~the~~ Wiggins, and others justify the statements of Mr. Jackson before the Senate Committee that the rich people, by systematic evasion of existing taxes, have largely brought the situation upon themselves. But as you say it is unfair to make guilty and innocent suffer alike. I believe, also, that enforcement of the tax laws is inexcusably lax—I know a considerable number of persons who never even take the trouble to file returns and whose delinquencies are undiscovered*

I am sending you under separate cover a little book which I have found entertaining: "Canada, An American Nation" by John W. Dafos. Do not trouble to return it. After you have returned to Princeton perhaps you would want to send me Woodward's "French Revolutions"; do not trouble with it now when you have no stenographic assistance available.

My letter of the fifth must have crossed yours in

John
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SARANAC LAKE
NEW YORK

the mail; in any case you now know how much improved I am and how confident I now am of the future. I shall keep my impatience within bounds, particularly as I shall be able to do much more work from now on. I cannot tell you how wonderful it is once more to be able to face the future with confidence.

I have been giving a great deal of thought to my place in the Institute. Naturally, I shall withhold any final judgment until after I have talked with Mitrany and Riefler, as I shall want to fit into a comprehensive plan which meets with your approval. My feeling at the moment is this: Mitrany is infinitely better prepared than I in the field of political and economic theory; Riefler is the economist and statistician of the group; my approach must be historical to be most effective. My training and preference incline me to the field of American foreign relations, with special reference to economic factors. The tariff, for example, seems to be the crux of so much of our domestic life and our international affairs that an historical analysis of how it came about would be useful. I do not mean merely the sort of tariff history which Taussig has written, but a larger view of American tariff policy as a factor in foreign affairs. I should have to feel my way cautiously, but I feel at the moment that there is a real opportunity there. I should be spreading myself over a very large field if I were to try the more general topic we first discussed—that is, the historical origins of certain of our economic slogans—and perhaps be encroaching on work Mitrany might do better. But with the exception of Bemis at Yale and Corbin at Princeton (whose interests are more legalistic and diplomatic) the field I propose is wide open. At any rate it deserves consideration.

No more now except much love.

Ed.

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
MAGNETAWAN, VIA BURKS FALLS
ONTARIO, CANADA

August 3, 1935.

Dear Ed:

I have your letter, two from Beatrice, and a very optimistic one from Mayer. While I try to realize both your discomfort and your all too natural impatience, I cannot but reflect that you are so near the end of this infernal business that we ought to be throwing up our hats for joy. Mayer wrote confidently of ultimate cure, but he takes the view that I have taken, namely - that October 1 is of no particular importance. If they get you on your feet, let you use your typewriter, and gradually harden your muscles, you can be assured that once you come to Princeton, the whole experience will shrink to a point in your memory. I recall saying to Dr. Halsted that I would never forget the awful experience of my mismanaged broken leg; he replied, "You will be surprised to find how rapidly it will fade out of your consciousness." And he was right. I speak of it now with much the same objectivity that I speak of Gettysburg or Waterloo, and you will have the same experience.

Life proceeds very quietly and uneventfully here at the lake. At the moment we have two guests: Mr. and Mrs. Woodward of Oxford. He is the Senior Don of All Souls, and has one of the best-stored historical minds, together with a fair, balanced and reasoned judgement that I have ever known. Some time or other I hope we may bring him to Princeton for a couple of months to talk informally with the advanced

students on a subject which is now occupying him: namely, British foreign policy in the nineteenth century. He has recently published a small but admirable study entitled: "French Revolutions". If you reach the point where this kind of literature appeals to you, I'll be glad to mail it to you.

Anne joins me in affectionate greetings to the three of you --

Always yours --

a. j.

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Harry Salomon
Miss Boyce
T.C.S.
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John

Wm. H. Macy
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Magnetawan, Ont.

July 14/35

My Dear Ed:

I should have written
you sooner, but getting away to
camp & then getting the camp in order
after being away last year have
made me a manual laborer, - but
not in the sense of writing. Before
leaving N.Y., however, I had a long
talk with Dr. Mayer, whom I liked
immensely. He used these words: "I
am absolutely optimistic about Earle
this is a little hold up, but it has
no ultimate significance." I have
also heard of Greenberg's visit &

Tracy's comment thereon. He assures
me he will go to Saranac, if Price
doesn't do the trick & I have told
him to offer neither time nor money
to remove this final obstacle to
your recovery. So keep your sail
up, victory is in sight & Princeton
is waiting for you, when the moment
comes. Meanwhile don't bother about
the dates: permanent health is now
our first object. In any event, we'll
arrange for meetings between you,
Riefler & Mitromy.

I have ^{been} so occupied with chores,
that I have no thoughts to report.
Only Ethel's Mussolini will regret it
if he attacks Ethel's: but may be, he
must, like Hitler, stir up some ex-

citment. I do not like or understand
 the Anglo-German naval agreement. It
 seems to me a breach of the covenant &
 likely to lead to trouble in the Baltic.
 Would events have been different
 had we been in the League? I wonder!
 Roosevelt seems to me to be doing
 some good things, but at the same time
 to be playing politics, acting the Demo-
 crat etc. He lacks substance, contin-
 uity & disinterestedness.

It is lovely here: cool & fresh
 & green. The four of us are together -
 the first time in several years. Jean
 & Eleanor sleep & eat like animals.
 Anne is fine & seems improving, though
 still having signs of my tonsillitis.
 Mrs. Bailey is in France.

All yours join in love to you, Beatrice
 & Robin. Write me soon. Ever, G. F.

June 29, 1935

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, New York

My dear Professor Earle:

I am sending you herewith duplicate deposit
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Very truly yours,

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MRS. FELIX FULD

June 24, 1935

Dear Ed:

We have just returned from our one and only spring vacation, and such luck as we had! After a sunny but chilly voyage we landed in Italy to find that it had been raining for weeks and that our coming did not disturb Jupiter Pluvius in the least. It continued to rain, was chilly out-of-doors and cold indoors, so, changing our plans, we went to Paris in the hope of finding some sunshine and at any rate a warm bedroom. We found neither. Meanwhile, I had eaten something that knocked the "stuffing" out of me and, though I am all right again, I still feel the effects, due mainly to a restricted diet. However, I am assured that I shall shortly be able to resume my usual routine.

I saw Ben and Mary yesterday. I thought Ben looking extremely well and Mary undoubtedly looking better. Naturally, our talk was much of you, and he showed me his recent letters from you. I know from my own experience with arthritis and tonsillectomy and broken bones how trying it is to find one's progress impeded, but you have been so magnificent a soldier I am sure you are not going to be discouraged when you are so near your goal. Don't bother about the Institute. As I have written you before, you will have a nice chair with a soft seat and a big waste-basket and a desk whenever it is best for you to come to Princeton. Naturally, we are as anxious for your sake and for Beatrice's and our own and the Institute's that this should not

E.M.E.

June 24, 1935

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be unduly delayed, but what we want most of all is that you shall make a complete and final recovery so that your splendid intellectual powers may be brought to bear on such problems as you choose to select.

You will be interested to know that I had a letter the other day from one of the most distinguished of living Englishmen who wrote me that he had been told by a foreigner that Riefler is intellectually on the level of the ablest of the Cambridge economists. That must mean Keynes and in the previous generation Marshall - surely no little praise.

I hope that you and Beatrice will both get ^{on}/your feet physically this summer and that the autumn will mark a happy reunion.

With all good wishes and affectionate greetings, ⁱⁿ/which Anne joins,

Ever yours,



Professor Edward Mead Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake
New York

AF:ESB

May 31, 1935

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, New York

My dear Professor Earle:

I am sending you herewith duplicate deposit
slip of Bank of the Manhattan Company for \$416.67, your
salary for the month of May, 1935.

Very truly yours,

REYNER B. ROWLEY

Assistant Secretary

April 30, 1935

Professor Edward M. Earle
415 West 115th Street
New York City

My dear Professor Earle:

I am sending you herewith duplicate deposit
slip of Bank of the Manhattan Company for \$416.67, your
salary for the month of April, 1935.

Very truly yours,

EDITH S. WALEY
Assistant Secretary

March 30, 1935

Professor Edward M. Earle
35 Stockton Street
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Professor Earle:

I am sending you herewith duplicate
deposit slip showing \$416.66 has been placed to your
credit in the Bank of the Manhattan Company, which
represents your salary for the month of March, 1935.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Assistant Secretary

February 28, 1935

Professor Edward M. Earle
2300 North Tejon Street
Colorado Springs, Colorado

My dear Professor Earle:

I am sending you herewith duplicate
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LOUIS BAMBERGER
MRS. FELIX FULD

February 27, 1935

Dear Ed:

I received a few days ago your encouraging letter of February 15th. Since then I have spent several busy days in New York. I returned yesterday. Last night I spoke with Beatrice on the telephone and she gave me the glorious news that Dr. Schaefer approves of your coming east some time towards the end of March. I only hope that you will not make the journey in unpropitious weather. We had, for example, real spring weather Sunday and Monday. Last night there was a storm of sleet and rain and snow, and the temperature dropped to fifteen degrees by this morning. We ought to be fairly beyond all this towards the end of March.

My brother Simon and his wife have had an experience with the weather which they are not likely soon to forget. They went to Egypt and afterwards to Sicily for a winter vacation, expecting not to return until early spring. In both places they almost froze to death, with the result that they returned here last Monday. The weather may be bad here, but at any rate they have a steam-heated apartment.

I am delighted that you are interested in my suggestion in reference to the way in which you, Riefler, and Mitrany can cooperate, but you must not construe my suggestion as in the least binding upon you. The real thing is whether it interests you and whether it is important. While you are in Baltimore

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I shall arrange for Riefler to come over from Washington to see you, and you can have a preliminary talk, but I am most certain that you will all spend a year most profitably if you just stew around, talking, thinking, grazing, dreaming, and perhaps traveling. You are under absolutely no pressure to begin to take on workers, and things are in such a flux that you may want a lot of time before you open your mouth. Of course, I shall myself come down to Baltimore to see you as soon as Hamman thinks it wise.

I do not know precisely what Mitrany has been doing these last two years. He has not written me in detail, and I have not asked him. He did make one or two suggestions about bringing over lecturers, to which I replied that this seemed to me premature. I think a decision of this sort ought not to be reached until you three fellows have had a chance to thrash it out and make up your minds as to what you want to do.

Here is a confidential item. I want, before I withdraw by reason of senility - fast approaching, even though I do keep up a specious front when I meet youngsters like Beatrice or some of the young Institute wives - to plant a seed in the field of humanistic studies. Mathematics is, for the time being, stabilized. During the last few weeks the ranks here have been joined by the only distinguished mathematician left in Germany, Professor Siegel of Frankfurt-am-Main; the most distinguished Belgian mathematician, Abbé Lemaître of the University of Louvain; and a professor of mathematics at Oberlin College. They have come to work with some member of the mathematical staff, but Siegel has something to say which our folks do not know, so that in addition to working he is giving a weekly lecture on some important recent work of his.

I read with great interest Dodd's Statesmen of the Old South, which I obtained from the Princeton Library. It is evident from this book and from the

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speech that Dodd made here on the constitution that when circumstances really forced action the Supreme Court has not been averse to twisting or bending the constitution, which is, I assume, what they did in their interpretation of the gold legislation.

Sunday evening we all gathered at 1000 Park Avenue to celebrate Ben's birthday. He looks and feels and acts as little like seventy as you do. We gave him a copy of Freeman's new four-volume Life of Lee. It looks ponderous but it is a great work. I am reading it with fascination. Lee was the soul of honor, a great general, placed by circumstances in an impossible position, but his conduct throughout the war ~~was~~^{afterwards} was simply glorious. Freeman has spent twenty years on this biography, which I suppose will forever remain the last word on the subject.

Anne is still basking in the sunshine which comes of the acceptance of her play by Katharine Cornell. Jean and Eleanor are fine, and all of us join in love and best wishes to you.

Ever affectionately,

a. s.
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Professor Edward Mead Earle
2200 North Tejon Street
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Please return -
a. s.

2200 NORTH TEJON STREET
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15 February 1935

Dear Sir

I have been thinking a great deal of your program for the School of Economics and Politics and my place in it. I felt from the beginning that my most valuable contribution would be in the field of the history of economic ideas, particularly since its opening of the 16 century and more especially since its middle of the 18th. You will remember that the first thing I did last summer after Dr. Seligson was here was to re-read Adam Smith. Such works as Gide and Riets "History of Economic Doctrines" were intended for the students of conventional economics, long since swept away in the tidal waves of the depression. You can imagine, therefore, how

pleased I was to hear your suggestion that this
should be an appropriate field of inquiry for me.
of course, I shall not want to tread on Mitman's
toes and shall want to see how much of the
ground he has pre-empted. But I am sure he,
Ruefler, and I will have no fundamental
differences of opinion in this or other respects. I
shall hope to see Ruefler when I get to Baltimore
(probably the end of next month).

I had a delightful letter from Beaud the
other day which I have asked Beatrice to show
you.

Did you succeed in getting Daddy's "Four
Sections of the Old South"? It is out of print,
but I think I have a copy in New York which
Beatrice could get for you.

My love to you all as always
affectionately
Ed.

Dr. Abraham Thorne
The Institute for Advanced Study

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February 7, 1935

Dear Ed:

Anne and I were very much pleased by your telegram in regard to her play. She is on the top of the wave. The writing of the play was a long and tedious business, so that you aren't the only fellow on this earth who has had to wait and whose patience is ultimately richly rewarded.

I was in Washington on Sunday and Monday and saw Riefler and his wife. They are extremely happy at the prospect which is opening out before them, and from all sides I receive congratulations that the Institute has dared to venture into this thorny field.

I have often wondered whether with your historical training and interest you would care to study the history of economic laws, principles, and "slogans", for I have an idea that one of the great difficulties in the economic field is the lack of historic background. This is of course only a notion of mine. If you have something else up your sleeve or in your head, pay no attention to it.

We have had another cool spell, but the weather reports promise a milder temperature in the next few days.

With all good wishes,

Ever affectionately,

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MRS. FELIX FULD

January 31, 1935

Dear Ed:

I was delighted to have yours of the 26th. There is no occasion for a pledge of your loyalty or a statement of your determination to do your darndest. I assume both. Don't worry about the uncertainty of the date. There is no occasion for anyone to worry on that score. I know that you have had a good deal of discomfort in the last two months, but Dr. Schaefer has written Miss Sabin very encouragingly. Though we all hate to strain your patience, you may have the feeling that you have friends who will back you to the limit.

I am glad you called my attention to Dodd's book, Statesmen of the Old South. I shall get it today or tomorrow from the Princeton library and read it at once.

Don't try to come east until the weather has settled, for that can only at most make a difference of a few weeks. I too shall be glad to have the opinion of Hamman and Longcope, towards whom I feel precisely as you do.

I have seen Beatrice in the last few days, and we are going to see her again this evening. I met Robin on the street the other day coming from her music lesson. They are both blooming, and Beatrice seems to be making a splendid success.

Professor Earle

January 31, 1935

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You will be interested to know that Anne, after finishing a play on which she had been working for about a year and a half, showed it to Katharine Cornell last autumn, and Miss Cornell has bought it for production next year. It is called Love Among the Ruins - rather an intriguing title, I think.

Anne joins me in affectionate wishes,

Ever sincerely,

A. S.

Professor Edward Mead Earle
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January 28, 1935

Professor Edward M. Earle
2200 North Tejon Street
Colorado Springs, Colorado

My dear Professor Earle:

I am sending you herewith duplicate deposit
slip of Bank of the Manhattan Company for \$416.67,
your salary for the month of January 1935.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Assistant ESTHER S. BAILEY

2200 NORTH TEJON STREET
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26 January 1935

Dear Lee

This is a belated reply to your letters of the 17 and 21 January regarding the definitive announcement of the School of Economics and Politics. I need not tell you how happy I am to be included in this magnificent project, which has been very close to my heart since we first discussed it five years ago. I pledge you my renewed loyalty and my firm determination to cooperate in every way with Kropfer and Whitney.

The only sad note for me is the uncertainty of the date at which I can take up all or a part of my work. These last few months have been very discouraging; but I am doing all I can, and the rest is in the lap of the gods.

Needless to say I have been flooded with congratulations and good wishes, all of which have been good for the soul.

The letter from the Robinson group at Princeton
must have been comforting to you. I had a very
pleasant letter from Professor Keweenaw, which I
re-enclosed and sent on to Alice.

I am glad you liked Ambassador Dahl. He is
a mellow scholar and altogether one of the most de-
lightful men in academic life. Sometimes you would
enjoy reading his little volume "Four Statesmen of
the West Coast."

My plans are vague. I should like to leave
here in March for Naples to have Longcope and
Hawman see me (I love them both and have
absolute confidence in them) and then settle down
somewhere in Pennsylvania or Connecticut where
I can be close to you and other friends and where
I can see Beatrice and Robin more frequently.

My love to you all as always

Ed

Please forgive the jangle - I do not know much
back will forward you

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January 17, 1935

Dear Ed:

We had our Board meeting Monday, and Riefler was appointed to a professorship in the School of Economics and Politics. The members of the Board, who know him intimately, are delighted that he has accepted, for he will bring to the group both the theoretical and practical knowledge of the subject which ought to help in working out economic history and present social problems with fresh and clear vision.

I explained to the Board that the three persons whom we have appointed had had no opportunity to confer and would have to work out their own salvation, just as the mathematicians have done with perfect freedom in every direction both as a group and individually.

I saw Beatrice on Sunday morning and had a nice talk with her. I was delighted to learn that there is some prospect that you will start your Eastward journey in the spring. You have been such a brave soldier that I am sure your courage will sustain you during the rest of the campaign which you have fought for your health.

I did an epoch-breaking thing during the Christmas holidays, namely, went to Florida for two weeks, basked in the sunshine, took a daily dip in the surf. I came back, brown as a berry, but, alas, with all Mrs. Bailey's efforts there was a lot of mail, through which I am ploughing with difficulty.

Last night Ambassador Dodd addressed a Princeton audience, composed of

E.M.E.

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University and Institute professors, workers, and students, on *The Meaning and Significance of the American Constitution*. He opened my eyes on the whole subject. I had never realized by what luck and by what hair-trigger decisions the Constitution finally got itself written and adopted. He spoke modestly, gently, and with great scholarship, and made a profound impression upon his audience.


Privately I had some talk with him about the situation in Germany, but of this, alas, there is nothing that one can either say or do.

Anne and the girls join me with affectionate greetings and best wishes.

Affectionately,

Professor Edward M. Earle
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a. J.


Ben & Momi are now fine.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Princeton New Jersey

Department of Economics and Social Institutions

January 16, 1935

Dr. Abraham Flexner, Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

The senior members of the Department of Economics and Social Institutions of Princeton University wish to express to you, and through you to the Trustees of The Institute for Advanced Study, their appreciation of your decision to establish in Princeton the School of Economics and Politics, announcement of which appears this morning in the press. That the present memorandum is informal rather than official does not at all indicate that as a departmental group we are lacking in appreciation of the importance to Princeton University of this new development. Rather, we feel that our informality in this memorandum is quite in accord with the informality of intercourse which, in the interest of sound scholarship of the highest order, it is hoped will develop between members of the new School of Economics and Politics and members of the appropriate departments of Princeton University. It hardly needs to be said that the presence of the School of Economics and Politics of the Institute for Advanced Study should have a stimulating effect upon the scholarly work of our own staff, and we hope that we shall be able to contribute in some measure toward the attainment of the ideals of the new project.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

E. W. KEMMERER
FRANK D. GRAHAM
JAMES G. SMITH
C. R. WHITTLESEY

(Signed)

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