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JESSEN

Biographical

BOHR, NEILS

TISDALE

Flexner to Veblen, October 22, 1932.

"I am sending you herewith Professor Bohr's extraordinary letter in reference to Jessen. I hope very much that the plan will work out so that he can be with you at the beginning of our first regular year's work. The Rockefeller stipend would be an ideal arrangement."

December 5, 1932, a telegram, Flexner to Veblen.

"Tisdale writes me that he has awarded Jessen a Fellowship to work with you next year also that he expects to send us a regular supply of Fellows. Greatly enjoyed my stay in Princeton."

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FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

Flexner writes to Dr. F. K. Richtmyer, Cornell University, Ithaca, announcing the appointment by the Institute of Einstein, Professor of Mathematical Physics, and Veblen, Professor of Mathematics. "To this group two or three other mathematicians of first-rate standing will be added during the course of the present year. We are planning to begin the work in mathematics on October 1, 1933.

He then asks if it may be possible, there ~~are~~ are Fellows whom Richtmyer may wish to entrust to this group, "but of course you will realize, as I do, that no personal consideration must influence your judgment."

Richtmyer says he should be glad to refer prospective Fellows.

Edward B. Reed to Flexner, November 22, 1932. (Reed is of the Commonwealth Fund, 41 East 57th Street, New York).

Reed asks for announcements of the Institute in the future. "We have not had among our Fellows many mathematicians but if one is elected who would appear to be qualified for the Institute I shall at once communicate with you. We have had no mathematicians for the last two years but one of our best Fellows, Henry Whitehead (now at Balliol) was a very brilliant mathematician and worked at Princeton for three years with Professor Veblen."

He then speaks to Flexner about Spencer, one of The Commonwealth Fund Fellows who is studying problems in education, and bespeaks an appointment with Flexner to discuss the problems with him. "Spencer is quite radical in his ideas of education and has thought out very carefully his own plan. He would not waste your time and I feel sure you could give him much help."

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STIPENDS

Academic Personnel

✓ FELLOWSHIPS

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

VEBLÉN, O.

Veblén to Flexner, 12/2/32.

Flexner has mentioned giving a few fellowships
equivalent to National Research.

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✓ FELLOWSHIPS

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Dr. Flexner reported in part:

"After the first appointments were made by the Board, I communicated with the proper officials of the Rockefeller Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, and the National Research Council. They have all informed me that they will be delighted to send fellows from different parts of the world to work in the School of Mathematics at the Institute. Indeed, Dr. Tisdale, who has charge of fellowships in the natural sciences for the Rockefeller Foundation in Paris, has written me that the Foundation has awarded a fellowship to the most brilliant young Dane working in this field in order that he may spend next year in our School of Mathematics. Additional fellowships of this kind will undoubtedly be granted in the near future, while applications from outsiders continue to be received and are being passed upon at present by Professor Veblen."

POLICIES

VEHLEN, G.

✓ FELLOWS

GRANT IN AID

Veblen to Flexner (NYC):

"...

"The following scheme has occurred to me as being perhaps a desirable one for bringing to the Institute a continuous supply of junior members. Several of the colleges in Cambridge (England) have research fellowships which pay their incumbents 300 pounds a year together with residence quarters and dinners. These appointments last for something like three years, one of which may be spent away from Cambridge at the will of the incumbent. It appears that a grant of approximately \$1000 would be enough to enable the holder of one of these fellowships to spend a year in the Institute. I gather from conversations with two of these men who are now in the United States (one at Princeton and the other at M.I.T. working with Norbert Weiner) that there would be a good deal of interest in such a plan. Possibly we might use a part of the \$5000 which I understand is to be available this spring in this way.

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The Director reported in part:

"Since the last meeting of the Board the offices of the Institute were moved to Princeton about the middle of May, and the Institute itself began quietly and unostentatiously October 2. Out of scores of applicants seventeen were accepted by Professor Veblen, who passed on their qualifications. Their theory upon which we acted has been explained in the Bulletins of the Institute and in the Reports of the Director. There are, to repeat, abundant opportunities in this country for anyone who wishes to obtain a Ph.D. degree. Now that the German universities are in process of being wrecked, opportunities for workers, who have received the Ph.D. degree, have had a certain amount of experience, and have demonstrated their capacity as independent workers, are extremely limited. That is the field, therefore, in which the Institute can do a genuine service. The creative faculty, the possession of ideas, the ability to work more or less alone under the stimulus and guidance of real masters in a given field: these are the criteria which

have been applied to those who have asked to be admitted to the Institute. . . . Among them are associate professors from the Universities of Vienna, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Moscow, Michigan, Chicago, Cincinnati, Rice Institute, etc. They have all given evidence of ability to do original work. They need, however, at this moment in their respective careers contact with older and wiser persons, to whom they may bring their problems for informal discussion and whose lectures or seminars they may attend in order that they may broaden and deepen their knowledge of mathematics and kindred subjects. Thus far they have consulted individually the professor, who is most likely to be of help to them, and have been advised to follow lectures or seminars, regardless of whether the professor belongs to the Institute or to Princeton University. A spirit of helpfulness has already developed, and the workers show plainly the feeling of release from the regular and severe routine to which they have been subject in the institutions from which they come. Their earnestness is evidenced by their lack of means. Their resources are so limited that they are living in the simplest possible manner. We are, however, trying to make them feel at home and, as they are all poor, a fine democratic, yet highly intellectual, feeling has sprung up at the very outset. Already several of them have of their own accord joined forces in attacking problems in which they have found themselves mutually interested; and one of them - an associate professor of the University of Chicago - having discovered that several of the workers are interested in some work that he has published, has organized a seminar in the subject for his and their benefit."

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~~STAFF~~ *Grants-in-aid*

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✓ FELLOWSHIPS

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NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

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Finance

Minutes, pp. 2-3:

Director's report on racial origins and religion of staff and "workers" (Fellows).

".... The body of workers, now totalling 21 in number, is similarly constituted. There is a Russian, who has not, however, as yet arrived in Princeton but is expected shortly, an Austrian, a German, an Englishman, who holds a post in Scotland, a Dutchman, and the rest are Americans of diverse origin. They come from every section of the country and represent a great variety of racial and religious origins....."

Minutes, p. 4:

Social relations at Fine Hall, i.e., afternoon tea, seminars. Foundations supporting some of the students.

Minutes, p. 5:

Grants-in-aid for visiting professors requested.

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✓ FELLOWSHIPS

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Dr. Flexner reported in part:

"In addition to those who were seeking opportunities a large proportion of the workers last year were on leave of absence from important institutions: the University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins University, Princeton University, the California Institute of Technology, the Rice Institute, University of Vienna, University of Copenhagen, Edinburgh University, University of Michigan, etc. These men have returned to their posts refreshed and stimulated by their experience in Princeton, and I have received evidences of grateful appreciation on their part for the opportunities they enjoyed last year. During the year now beginning a similar group will be in attendance, among them men holding posts in Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins University, Princeton University, University of Cincinnati, Brown University, California Institute of Technology, University of California, University of Chicago, University of Louvain, University of Frankfurt, University of Munich, University of Cambridge, etc. Of the twelve fellows appointed in the field of mathematics by the National Research Council in this country, nine have elected to work at Princeton during the present year, enjoying the combined opportunities of the Institute for Advanced Study and Princeton University, and the European branch of the Rockefeller Foundation has appointed two fellows in mathematics, both of whom have elected to come to the Institute."

Vol. I, No. 20, Minutes, p 3.

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ENDOWMENT FOR RESEARCH

The Scientific Research Fund

"An endowment of three million dollars was established in 1928 for the promotion of research in Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy, Chemistry, and Biology. One-third of this endowment was contributed by the General Education Board.

"By special gifts to this endowment fund six professorships have been established: the Cyrus Fogg Brackett Professorship in Physics, and the Henry B. Fine Professorship in Mathematics, by Thomas D. Jones, of the Class of 1876; the Thomas D. Jones Professorship in Mathematical Physics, and the David B. Jones Professorship in Chemistry, by Miss Gwethalyn Jones, daughter of David B. Jones, of the Class of 1876; the Class of 1897 Professorship

in Astronomy, by the Class of 1897; and the Henry Fairfield Osborn Professorship in Biology, by William Church Osborn, of the Class of 1883.

"The remaining income from the fund is allocated to the five departments concerned in accordance with the recommendations of a committee representing these departments. This income is used to supplement appropriations for research from the general funds of the University.

THE SPEARS FUND

"An endowment of two hundred thousand dollars was established in 1934 by the bequest of Miss Ione May Spears of Brooklyn for the promotion of research in Art and Archaeology. The income of the fund is administered by a committee of the department.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

"While Princeton University and the Institute for Advanced Study are organically and administratively distinct,

the faculties and students of the two institutions cooperate in advanced work in a number of fields.

" Members of the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study, which was started in 1933, occupy studies in Pine Hall of Mathematics at Princeton University, and the courses and seminars of the School are conducted in this building. The School of Economics and Politics and the School of Humanistic Studies, which were organized in the academic year 1935-1936, at present occupy temporary quarters.

"The courses, seminars, and opportunities for conferences and direction in Princeton University and in the Institute for Advanced Study are open to students enrolled in either without payment of an additional fee. As a result of experience, advanced students, such as National Research Council Fellows, Rockefeller Foundation Fellows and Commonwealth Fund Fellows, who have come to Princeton, are now accredited to both institutions, since it has happened not infrequently that a Fellow coming to study with a member of one group found it to his interest to confer and work with one or more members of the other group.

"The announcement of courses and seminars to be given in the several Schools of the Institute are made in bulletins issued by the Institute, and may be obtained by addressing the Director."

From The Official Register of Princeton University,
October, 1936, Volume XXVIII, No. 3, pages 326-327

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~~Exhattedxxxxxx~~ Morey and Allen C. Johnson (Dept of Classics, Princeton U.) to Flexner, March 14, 1939, approved by Lehmann-Hartleben of New York University, Institute of Fine Arts.

The University has refused fellowships to three men: Block, Buchthal, and Clough, all emigres on the ground that they should spend their money for fellowships for bright, young undergraduates, and believing that the Institute should give any fellowship or grant which would come to the three men.

Flexner to Morey, March 23, 1939. A fairly non-committal letter in which he said that he agrees with the policy stated,

but says nothing whatever about the Institute giving any grants.

D, Morey, C. R.

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"...Almost every national Fund which grants fellowships for research is represented at the Institute." 7 Guggenheim Fellows, 2 National Research Council Fellows, 2 Rockefeller Foundation (and Pauli who is supported by them), 1 Rosenwald Fellow, 2 supported by Carnegie Endowment, 1 Sheldon Fellow, 1 Rackham Fellow, 2 supported by private funds. Total 19.

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✓ FELLOWSHIPS

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AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

Aydelotte proposed the Faculty to consider another type of appointment to be less than Faculty position and better than ordinary membership, not necessarily on a permanent basis, to be called Fellows. He felt that greater flexibility within the Institute was greatly needed. Earle suggested that the Policy Committee which had been heretofore inactive, be reactivated to consider this question.

D, Faculty Minutes, November 18, 1946

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✓ FELLOWSHIPS

Academic Personnel

Aydelotte asked for a motion, suggestion to the Trustees the creation of the title of Fellow of the Institute to take the place of that of Permanent Member of the Institute. This was not adopted, but it was moved and passed, instead, to refer the matter for consideration to the Committee on Policy.

D, Faculty Minutes, December 13, 1946

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✓ FELLOWSHIPS (PERMANENT
MEMBERSHIPS)

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SWARZENSKI

Biographical

It was moved that Swarzenski be given a permanent membership at his present stipend of \$3,600. Einstein, Morse, Stewart, Veblen and Weyl discussed it. It was emphasized that permanent memberships should either be awarded on a financial basis commensurate with the ability of a scholar so honored, or not at all. Aydelotte, stated, however, that he would not be able to propose to the Trustees a higher stipend in this case. The motion presented by Panofsky, seconded by Einstein, was voted upon with Morse, Stewart, Veblen, and Weyl opposing it on the size of the stipend, but not because they doubted the ability of Swarzenski. The motion was carried, whereupon Riefler recommended that the Faculty express its desire that in the case of future awards ~~xxxx~~ of permanent memberships, an adequate stipend should be worked out so as to distinguish them from regular memberships.

D, Faculty Minutes, February 3, 1947

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The motion was carried that the Director look into Government fellowships for individuals, but not for support ~~in~~ for the Institute as such.

Tr. Min. 12/16/47 p. 7

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See Source for published materials on various fellowships
(no correspondence).

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

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VEBLER, O.

FRANKFURTER, F.

FLEXNER, A.

FLEXNER, SIMON

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Interview with Professor Veblen, February 28, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Veblen interviews.

Interview with Veblen, 2/28/56

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VEBLEN, G.

LEFSCHETZ

OPPENHEIMER

KENNAM

Interview with Dean Montgomery, June 15, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Montgomery Interviews.