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EISENHART, L. P.

FLEXNER, A.

ALEXANDER, J. W.

VON NEUMANN, J.

SCHRÖDINGER

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Publications

Biographical

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Foundations

ROCKEFELLER

Lefschetz (Princ. Univ.) to Flexner (Prince.)

"Our conversation of last Wednesday regarding the Annals of Mathematics gave me one more proof, if needed, of your consistent interest in the progress of the Annals. This moves me to communicate to you the following statistical data: in the course of 1934 we published 141 pages coming from authors connected with the Institute and 276 pages from authors connected with the University. The first two numbers of 1935 will contain 145 pages from authors connected with the Institute and 130 from authors connected with the University. These figures, together with further information on the manuscripts in course of publication, indicate a predominance of Princeton as against all comers of about 50 percent, with a probable increasing predominance of papers coming from the Institute. In 1934 the University still dominated partly owing to papers left over from previous years by some authors now connected with the Institute but the situation is rapidly changing. Our situation this year is that by April we shall have published 60 per cent of the space which we can afford for the year, leaving at most 400 pages for all

purposes for the rest of 1935 which means that we are rather short of space.

"You remember perhaps my telling you that from July 1936 on, we shall lose the \$1500. yearly contribution which we have been receiving from the National Academy of Sciences. As our expenditures are practically dollar for dollar for printing, this means that we shall face a yearly reduction of 260 pages. Since we are eager to preserve for the Annals its national and international importance, we shall lose at least 130 pages in the easily available printing facilities for the members of our staffs. In fact our crowded condition has already resulted in a certain effort by some of us to print elsewhere with the consequent loss of several good articles for the Annals.

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Flexner to Lefschetz

"Many thanks for your kind note of March 19. I do hope that it may be possible for us to make up the appropriation which you have been receiving from the National Academy, and I am also extremely anxious that the University and the Institute should as nearly as possible make an equally good showing in the amount and quality of the material contributed to the Annals. There is no reason to doubt, I think, that such will be the case.

"I am going to New York today but on returning I shall see you to discuss further the question of the grant from the National Academy. My impression is that that

grant is made from money contributed by the Rockefeller Foundation. I wonder whether you have positive information that the Rockefeller Foundation is going to reduce its appropriation, if such is the case."

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