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November 12, 1932

Dear Aydelotte:

I enclose some correspondence recently had with the Educational Department of the Christian Science Monitor. Do not accede to their request unless you feel like it. It occurred to me, however, that it might be a chance for you to mull over what has been printed about the Institute and make a statement that would do us all good.

Ever sincerely,

A. F.
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President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

November 4, 1932

Mr. Abraham Flexner
150 E. 72nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Flexner:

We do not wish to press you too hard with regard to our request for an article. We should greatly appreciate it if you would send us a word to the effect that you received our letter of October 13, and that you are trying to find the time to meet our desires.

Sincerely yours,

Educational Department

by *Albert W. Blake*

Albert W. Blake

AWB:fe

November 5, 1932

Dear Mr. Blake:

I have been under the impression that I had replied to your letter of October 13, but my mail has been so large that it may well be that your letter was either lost or is still buried beneath the pile upon my desk.

It is simply impossible for me to undertake to prepare an article for The Monitor, though I greatly appreciate the value of The Monitor as a medium of communication among the intelligent public. I am, however, so involved in work and in previous obligations that I cannot undertake anything more.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Albert W. Blake
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Editorial Department

November 11, 1932

Mr. Abraham Flexner
150 E. 72nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Flexner:

Thank you for your reply to our letter requesting an article on your concept of Mr. Einstein's contribution to The Institute for Advanced Study.

May we bother you again just to ask your opinion as to who would be the best person to write the article we desire? We want some one who is close enough to you and your work to write a strong article. At the same time, we should like to have this writer be some one who would not have to trouble you too much in the way of an interview. Of course, we could ask a member of our staff at the Monitor's New York office to come and talk with you, but if you have some one in mind, we should like to consider him first.

We shall greatly appreciate your help.

Sincerely yours,

Educational Department

by *Albert W. Blake*

Albert W. Blake

AWB: fe

November 12, 1932

Dear Mr. Blake:

Thank you for your extremely considerate note of November 11. The Bulletin which the Institute has printed, the release of October 11, and the very elaborate article in the New York Times of October 11 of Dr. Finley's editorial, furnish about all the available material regarding the Institute. I myself could add nothing to this.

On the other hand, if you wish someone to prepare a special paper, the person best equipped to do it is Dr. Frank Aydelotte, President of Swarthmore College, who is one of the Trustees of the Institute and knows all about it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Albert W. Blake
The Christian Science Monitor
Back Bay Station
Boston, Massachusetts

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November 17, 1932

My dear President Aydelotte:

I am sorry to say that I have never seen the letter of October 13 to which Mr. Blake of the Christian Science Monitor referred. Dr. Flexner was simply swamped with mail both at his residence and at the office, and I imagine that letter was lost in transit. I feel sure that Mr. Blake will write directly to you after he has received Dr. Flexner's letter.

Sincerely yours,

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Esther S. Bailey

November 15, 1932

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I will think over this proposal from the Christian Science Monitor and see whether I can do anything for them. They appear to have written you under date of October 13th and I suppose indicated the kind of thing they wanted. That letter, however, is not in the correspondence which you sent me. If Mrs. Bailey can find it, I should appreciate it if you would send it along.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner, Director
Institute for Advanced Study
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

September 17, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

I have a note from Dr. Flexner saying that he can see me on Tuesday, September 20th. Will you be so kind as to tell him that my other business in New York has been shifted to Thursday, September 22nd, and ask him whether I could see him that day? It would suit me best to come early in the morning. I shall probably go over to New York by a late train Wednesday afternoon and could be at Dr. Flexner's office at 9:00 o'clock or as soon thereafter as he would have time to see me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey
The Institute for Advanced Study
100 East 42nd Street, New York City

May 2, 1932.

My dear Mrs. Bailey:

I regret to say that I now find President Aydelotte is remaining in Mexico until the middle of this month, and while I have not heard definitely, I think he will go directly to England.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey
Institute for Advanced Study
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

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April 22, 1932

My dear Miss Abbett:

Thank you for your letter of the
fourteenth giving Dr. Aydelotte's addresses.
Dr. Flexner is sailing for Europe today for
a six or eight weeks' trip, and he desired the
information that he might arrange to see Dr.
Aydelotte if they were in the same locality.

With much appreciation and with
kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Miss Emma M. Abbett
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Esther L. Bailey

April 14, 1932.

My dear Mrs. Bailey:

According to present plans President Aydelotte will be in Mexico City until May 1st and may be addressed

% Dr. Byler N. Simpson
Apartado Postal, 538
Mexico City, D. F., Mexico.

He then plans to go to Germany and hopes to be able to spend the month of June in England. His address will be

% The Rhodes Trust
17 Waterloo Place
London S. W. 1

and cable address Aydelotte, Augury, London.

I assume, of course, that you want this information for Dr. Flexner's use only, and I would not mention it were it not for the fact that Mr. Aydelotte told me just before he left that he was not giving out his address since he thought it better for all mail to go to him through me, which of course needs no explanation to you or to Dr. Flexner.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey
Institute for Advanced Study
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

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April 12, 1932

Dear Miss Abbett:

Can you give me Dr. Aydelotte's
permanent mail and cable address in Europe
and let me know where he now is and where he is
likely to be in May and June?

With much appreciation and kind
regards,

Sincerely yours,

Miss Emma M. Abbett
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Esther S. Bailey

March 30, 1932.

My dear Mrs. Bailey:

In reply to your letter of March 28th I regret to say President Aydelotte does not plan to return to Swarthmore until early in September, so that it will be impossible for him to attend any meetings of the Trustees before fall.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey,
Institute for Advanced Study,
100 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

February 1, 1932.

My dear Mrs. Bailey:

Your letter of January 29th enclosing minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study held January 11th, arrived after President Aydelotte had left on his six months leave of absence and will be filed for his attention upon his return early in September.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary to the President.

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey,
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January 29, 1932

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

My dear President Aydelotte:

I am sending to you herewith a copy
of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study,
held January 11, 1932.

Very truly yours,

Esther S. Bailey
Assistant Secretary

January 21, 1932

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

Will you please give Dr. Flexner my very hearty thanks for his kindness in sending me these letters of introduction which I am exceedingly glad to have. I am sure they are sufficient to bring me in touch with anybody I want to meet in Germany.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey,
Institute for Advanced Study,
100 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

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January 19, 1932

My dear President Aydelotte:

I am sending you herewith the letters of introduction which Mr. Flexner dictated before going West. He suggested that you ask each of these gentlemen to introduce you to persons in other fields.

Very sincerely yours,

Esther S. Bailey

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

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January 16, 1932

My dear President Aydelotte:

Your letter of the 14th to Dr. Flexner has come while he is absent from the city. I am sure that he will be much interested in reading your annual report and also the record of Five Years of Progress at Temple University, which I shall hold for his return.

I am enclosing check for \$12.18 to cover your expenses in attending the meeting of the Trustees on January 11.

Sincerely yours,

Esther S. Bailey

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

P.S.

Before leaving for the Coast Dr. Flexner dictated several letters of introduction to European friends for you. I hope to mail these to you early next week.

E.S.B.

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May 8, 1931

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

My dear President Aydelotte:

I promised to keep you informed regarding the date of the next meeting. Mr. Flexner will be returning the last of May or early in June, but he wishes time in which to "digest" the attitude of the scholars and scientists whom he has consulted. There is no legal reason for the meeting to be held in June, so that Mr. Bamberger is quite willing that it go over until the autumn. This is not an official announcement - just a note for your information.

I have good news from Mr. and Mrs. Flexner and Eleanor. Mr. Flexner will go to England next week after having visited Italy, France, and Germany.

Sincerely yours,

Ester S. Bailey

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March 23, 1931

My dear President Aydelotte:

After your call the other day I asked Mr. Bamberger's secretary in Newark when Mr. Bamberger was to return. He said that the date was indefinite but probably the week of April 7.

I also inquired of Mr. Leidesdorf and Mr. Maass as to whether a business meeting would be held on April 13. Mr. Leidesdorf has just telephoned to say that no meeting will be held until Dr. Flexner's return, and, as you know, that date is indefinite.

Dr. Flexner wrote me a brief note from Oxford, stating that he was having a most interesting time, very busy, of course, and leaving Oxford on the 14th. He also wrote, "Professor Lowes has been a great success." - which I am sure will please you, even though it may not surprise you.

Sincerely yours,

Esther S. Bailey

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

February 19, 1931.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I am very much amused by Simpson's letter, which I return to you herewith. I am eager to learn the result of your conversation with Bill.

Yours very sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner, Director,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
100 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

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February 17, 1931

Dear Aydelotte:

The enclosed will amuse you and your
wife.

Always sincerely,

A. J.

Feb. 18

Dear President Aydelotte:

The above was dictated from Boston yesterday. This morning I have received your letter of the 17th. Mr. Flexner was planning to see your son yesterday afternoon or last evening, and perhaps you succeeded in reaching him before the interview, for my assistant gave you Mr. Flexner's Cambridge address. I think there is hardly time for Mr. Flexner to get your letter, so that I am not forwarding it.

I think it is definitely decided that Mr. and Mrs. Flexner will sail on Feb. 26.

Sincerely yours,

Esther S. Bailey

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

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February 4, 1931

Dear Aydelotte:

Welcome back to the frigid North! I hope you and your wife had a thoroughly good time in Florida and that Dr. Martin and his wife are well.

I have been planning to go to Cambridge, but I want to have a talk with you about Bill before I see him and I also should like to tell you what has been happening about the Institute. We have decided to go abroad about the end of this month, but before doing so I wish to see you and to visit Chicago and Harvard in order to make certain inquiries. If you are free Monday, February 9, I could take an early train, spend the day, and come back here Monday evening.

We have had some hectic times since you and your wife left. Anne and I had the grippe, and Jean an attack of appendicitis and a successful operation, so that both the children are now "without".

We have wonderful letters from Eleanor. Oxford is a bit too conservative for her taste, but she has had a royal time all the same.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

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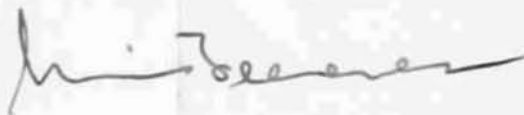
January 12, 1931

Dear President Aydelotte:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of January 3. It was very thoughtful of you to take account of the lecture I gave in Swarthmore. It was a great pleasure to visit the college and to meet some of the faculty, and to go over the Bartol laboratory with Dr. Swan.

I hope you and Mrs. Aydelotte had a refreshing visit to Palm Beach.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Flexner', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

President Frank Aydelotte,
Swarthmore College,
Swarthmore, Pa.

Personal

December 17, 1930.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Mary thanks for all the thought you have given to Bill's problems. As a matter of fact, he is going to New York on January 2nd to spend the week-end with the Wilson M. Powell family at 130 East 70th Street, and if there is any chance of your finding time to see him on Friday, Saturday or Monday, I am sure that he could call on you at any place that was convenient for you.

I think Bill has a really good mind, and my own question has been whether in his present state of uncertainty he ought to go on with his studies or whether it would help him to clear thinking if he took some kind of work and earned his living for a year or two.

Yours very sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

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December 15, 1930

Dear Aydelotte:

I really hesitate to give definite advice regarding the problem which Bill so very clearly states without an opportunity to talk with him. I have not seen him in the last two years, so that I am somewhat in the dark as to the progress he has made in respect to maturity during that period. I wonder if we could arrange to have a seance during his Christmas holidays. Meanwhile, I will continue to brood, and perhaps something definite may occur to me. I realize that the decision may be for him a momentous one, and it is for that reason that I want to "watch my step" in counseling him.

Very sincerely yours,

A. F.

President Frank Aydelotte
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December 13, 1930

Dear Aydelotte:

Mr. Bamberger and Mrs. Fuld dined with us last night. They would like very much to know if you and your wife would not come over some Thursday afternoon for a Toscanini concert, staying with them at the Hotel Madison, where they have a large suite and can easily accommodate you. It will please them both, and I am sure that, if you can do it, you will enjoy it.

I have in the morning mail your letter about Bill. I shall think about it over the week-end and write you my impressions.

Very sincerely yours,

A. F.

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

AF:ESB

Thurs Feb 5
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December 16, 1930.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

We should love to come up for a Thursday night with Mr. Bamberger and Mrs. Fuld, but the first Thursday which we have free is February 5th. Would that date suit them? If so, perhaps we might fix on it at once. I shall be in New York on other days before then and may ask your advice about calling on Mr. Bamberger for just a little informal talk.

I look forward with keen interest to having your advice about Bill. I am very much puzzled. Sometimes I think it would do him good to earn his living for a year or two, sometimes I think his own plan may be the soundest. I don't want him, however, just to accumulate languages without having a pretty definite purpose for which to use them.

I have dictated you an appallingly long letter in answer to all your questions and giving some additional comments of my own. You may expect it later when Miss Abbett has had time to type it.

Yours very sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

December 12, 1930

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I made some notes on our conversation and am only waiting before I type them out to receive a list of topics from you so that I can be sure I am not omitting anything which ought to be included. I was keenly interested in our conversations about the Institute and am more enthusiastic than ever about its possibilities.

I have been consulting with Bill about his plans for the future, now that the Rhodes Scholarship possibility must be eliminated. He could of course try again another year and may do so, but I believe that he ought to go ahead with his plans without counting on Oxford.

I shall be most grateful if you would give him and me the benefit of your advice. I enclose copy of a letter which Bill has just written me proposing to spend next year in Germany learning the language and reading the literature. What do you think of his ideas and what are your criticisms?

Bill, it seems to me, has a remarkable aptitude for picking up foreign languages and I think that he might readily be a scholar in English literature or French or German or Italian, according to the development of his interests. I have noticed also for a good many years that he is keenly interested in general questions of university policy and that he is rather clear-headed about them. I think it extremely likely that he might be able to go on from a professorship to a college presidency or to a position in an educational foundation. His other ambition, to write fiction, is one about which I feel more doubtful, but I see no harm in his having a try.

The immediate question is the one of the next step and on that I should be most grateful for your advice. I am tempted to think that it would do him good to earn his living for a year or two but there again I may be wrong and it may be better to let him continue his period of study.

Yours very sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

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December 3, 1930

Dear Aydelotte:

Thank you for yours of the first. Mrs. Flexner will go to Philadelphia at noon Friday to attend the Toscanini concert. Could Albert meet her at the West Philadelphia Station at, say, 4:30 p.m.? I suggest the West Philadelphia Station, because it would be so much easier to find him there than in front of the Concert Hall.

I shall not be able to come over until the evening. Don't bother about meeting me. I will come out to Swarthmore on the train and walk up over the Campus probably about eight or nine o'clock.

My life is thus far safer than ever, for I have a horde of protectors in the shape of grinning and delighted professors. No squawks, however, from the Heads!

Always sincerely,

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

A. F.

AF:ESB

December 1, 1930.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Just a line to say that we are looking forward with great pleasure to having you and Mrs. Flexner come on Friday. If you will let me know when your train will arrive at West Philadelphia Station (now called Thirtieth Street), we will send our car to meet you there.

Judging from what I hear, you must find life increasingly unsafe in New York City.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

November 24, 1930.
Dictated Nov. 22.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Many thanks for the book, which came this morning! It looks most attractive, and I am going to see that our bookstore gets in a supply at once.

I expect you are by this time in a state of siege. In my opinion the book is going to render a great service to sound education in this country.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
150 East 72nd Street
New York City

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DAY LETTER

November 1, 1930.

Mrs. Abraham Flexner
150 East 72nd St.
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Keenly regret cannot accept your kind invitation
for dinner November 11th Have just heard from my mother
that my father is seriously ill and I am planning to spend
from the 8th to 12th in Indiana Delighted at good news
from Eleanor

FRANK AYDELOTTE

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SWARTHMORE PENN=

324 Cedar Ln

CAN YOU BOTH DINE WITH US TUESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER
ELEVENTH TO MEET DR BECKER UNTIL RECENTLY PRUSSION
MINISTER OF EDUCATION PLEASE WIRE REPLY HAD RADIO FROM
ELEANOR TODAY EXCELLENT VOYAGE AND FEELING WELL GREETINGS
FROM US BOTH=

ANNE FLEXNER.

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE.

October 28, 1930.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Many thanks for showing me Brinton's note. I gather from the tone of it that your letter was one which was calculated to do good to the whole working of the Committee.

I am delighted that Eleanor continues to make good progress and that she will be able to sail tomorrow. Please give her my warmest good wishes for a successful and happy time.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
150 East 72nd Street
New York City

*Answer
was Nov. 5*

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
150 EAST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

October 28, 1930

Dear Aydelotte:

Dr. Carl H. Becker, Prussian Minister of Education, 1919-1930, is to be my guest at luncheon at the City Midday Club, 25 Broad Street, November 10 at 12:45. I hope very much that you can be present.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A. F.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

AF:ESB

October 30, 1930.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I appreciate very warmly your invitation for luncheon on November 10th and should like to accept, but that week-end and Armistice Day seems the best time for me to make a flying visit to my parents in Sullivan, Indiana, and so it will be impossible.

With many regrets, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
150 East 72nd Street
New York City

admission was postponed until after I had had time to investigate
the situation. I had been told that if such a plan was
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So much has been happening that I have not until this moment
had time to dictate a letter telling you the news. I went up to see
Mr. Eastman, laid the whole matter of the Eastman Professorship before
him, and a few days after my return received his check for another
\$100,000 of endowment for it. We were accordingly persuaded to buy
the McElroy House when Wylie and Lindsay notified me of another house,
Black Hall, which is a much more beautiful and historic house in a
much better location. At the present moment it is possible only
to buy a lease for eight years at something less than 400 pounds
per year. The arguments made by Wylie and Lindsay are that the
house would give great charm and prestige to the Professorship and
that it is worth while starting off there even if we find that we
must move at the end of eight years. There is always the possibility
of our renewing the lease, and I am inclined, on the whole, to think
that it is an admirable solution of the immediate problem. I am dis-
cussing the matter with our Directors and with the people in Oxford,
and it will be settled probably before you get this letter.

The last \$175,000 of our endowment has been finally completed,
and I cannot express the relief and satisfaction which I feel at having
that off my hands and being able to turn my attention again to academic
problems which interest me a great deal more and which I think are
much more in my line. I have a great deal of satisfaction with the
way the whole endowment has gone and warmest gratitude to you for your
very large part in it. You will be interested to know that the total
expense of the campaign, last year and this, for postage, printing,
travelling, lunches, dinners, stenographic work and everything, is
almost exactly \$20,000, or about half of one per cent of the fund
raised. A professional organization would have charged us \$100,000
or \$150,000 and would have enormously lowered the tone of the campaign.

Commencement went off beautifully. My wife and I received
your cable on Commencement Day and appreciate it more warmly than I
can tell you. Angell made a good address, as did Maikle, John and
Dorothy Canfield Fisher. Mrs. Fisher's was really brilliant, and I
hope sometime it will be printed. The weather was good to us, and
I was very proud, both of the group of alumni that returned and the
members of the graduating class. At the same time I am immensely
relieved to have it over and don't ever expect to have so complicated
a year again.

I had a very pleasant letter from Mr. Bamberger formally
inviting me to be a trustee of the new Institute of Higher Studies.
I sent him my acceptance, together with an expression of enthusiastic

approval of the plan. I think its possibilities are infinite.

Mrs. Bailey came down to see Eleanor graduate and brought proofs of your book. I have read over half of it and think it a wonderful piece of work. I appreciate very warmly the kind things you say about us at Swarthmore, and one effect of the book has been to make me see more clearly than ever before the value and importance of what we are trying to do. I really think that this is likely to have as profound an effect in the end as did your study of Medical Education. I promised Mrs. Bailey to return the proofs to her if possible before I sail tomorrow and if not, to mail them back from the first port at which we stop. I have no real criticism or suggestions to make, except a few small matters of detail which I am reporting direct to Mrs. Bailey.

Warmest good wishes to Mrs. Flexner and yourself for a pleasant summer in Canada! I feel an enormous sense of relief at the prospect of a three-week voyage to Buenos Aires, which begins for me tomorrow. I shall be back in Swarthmore August 30th and hope to see you as soon as possible after you return from the North.

With affectionate regards to you both, in which Mrs. Aydelotte joins, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
% Rockefeller Institute
60th St. & York Ave.
New York City

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ABRAHAM FLEXNER
150 EAST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

March 7, 1930

Dear Aydelotte:

I am sorry that I have fallen down on
Senator Guggenheim - darn him!

Always sincerely,

A. F.

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

AF:ESB

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SIMON GUGGENHEIM

PRESIDENT ✓

NEW YORK March 6, 1930.

Dr. Abraham Flexner,
150 East 72nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Flexner:

I have your kind letter of the fourth instant, relative to the problems confronting Dr. Aydelotte in his desires in behalf of Swarthmore College.

Because of my high personal esteem for Dr. Aydelotte, my sincere sympathy with the aims he has in view and of your own appeal to me for the assistance he needs it is difficult for me to over-ride my inclinations.

However, as much as I regret it, I must decline, for reasons which I am sure you will appreciate.

Last summer, when the goal that the Doctor had then set was about to be reached I contributed \$5,000.00 to the Endowment Fund of Swarthmore and was more than glad to do so.

In the meantime I have increased my donation to the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation one million dollars, making a total contribution to it so far of more than four million dollars and extending the scope of the Foundation's activities to the Pan American and South American countries.

You are doubtless aware that the purposes of the Foundation are also educational, and I hope that results will flow from them of high and enduring value.

In addition to this I have made generous donations and given commitments in other cases in worthy causes and important institutions to such an extent that I do not feel that I can go any further.

I wish Doctor Aydelotte every success in his undertakings and I feel sure, knowing him as I do and knowing what he stands for, that failure is not in his lexicon.

With highest regard, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Simon Guggenheim

September 27, 1929.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

We shall be expecting you on the 4th and will plan to go off and leave you on Saturday afternoon since we always go to this football game ourselves.

The Philadelphia Orchestra is perfectly easy and there is no extra expense involved. We have season tickets and should only be giving them to somebody else if we did not give them to you. You need not worry about your visits being a nuisance or an imposition. We love to have you. I only hope they will not cease when Eleanor graduates from College.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner,
150 East 72nd Street,
New York City.

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
150 EAST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

September 25, 1929

Dear Aydelotte:

Mrs. Flexner and I thank you for your kind letter of September 23. It was very good of you to ask us to come on the third, but that is not going to be possible since Toscaninni gives his first concert on the evening of the third and Mrs. Flexner would not miss that for a farm. We shall come therefore sometime on the fourth. I shall let you know the exact hour.

Don't bother to get any football tickets for us for the Pennsylvania game on the fifth, for I don't think Mrs. Flexner should sit out in the open, and I should myself rather spend the time chopping kindling to start the college furnace. Don't bother about us. We will wander in Crum Woods and amuse ourselves perfectly.

As to the Philadelphia Orchestra on the evening of the fifth, we should love to go and of course to take Eleanor, but only provided tickets can be had at our expense and without special difficulty. You mustn't let our visits be a nuisance or an imposition - else we will quit coming.

Give our greetings to Mrs. Aydelotte, and believe me

Ever sincerely,

A. F.

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

AF:ESB

Flexner

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
SWARTHMORE, PA.

Dr. Thomas S. Cullen
20 East Eager Street
Baltimore, Md.

many thanks for telegram. Greatly ~~cheered~~
cheered. Anne & Eleanor join in love to you &
Bartie.

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Abraham Flexner

Miss Stella R. Hoffmann,
Church Home
Broadway & Fairmount Sts
Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Cullen wishes you had good night. Delighted.
Keep in up. Love & best wishes.

Anne, Eleanor and Abraham Flexner

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September 23, 1929.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

We should be delighted to have you come for the week-end of October 4th and suggest that since the 4th is Eleanor's birthday you come on the 3rd and stay with us as long as you can. Swarthmore plays Pennsylvania on Saturday, and I hope that you will be willing to go to the game with us; if you are, I will engage a suitable number of seats.

On Saturday, October 5th, is the first concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra season. We had already promised some time ago to attend with the Brauns and to go with them to the concert that night, which will make it necessary for us to leave you and Mrs. Flexner to dine alone, but it has the pleasant side of leaving our seats for you. Albert can bring you in to the concert, we will sit with the Brauns, and all drive home together. They can put an extra chair in the box for Eleanor to go to the concert with you if she cares to.

Looking forward with the keenest pleasure to having you here, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner,
150 East 72nd Street,
New York City.

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
150 EAST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

September 20, 1929

Dear Aydelotte:

Since writing you a few days ago, Mrs. Flexner has called my attention to the fact that October 4 is Eleanor's birthday. Would it suit you and Mrs. Aydelotte if Mrs. Flexner and I came down for that weekend? We should like it to be a surprise for Eleanor, though we must in some way contrive that she shall make no engagements. I don't know just how to manage that, but her mother will probably be equal to the emergency. Please be quite candid, for we can come just as well some other time. I shall of course endeavor to fit that in with the Chicago trip.

Sincerely yours,

A. F.

P.S. September 21

Since dictating the above, I have received yours of the 20th. I think it better that I speak to Embree and Mr. Rosenwald alone. I imagine your application to the General Education Board will be in good time if it is received in the course of October. It might be worth while for you to have an informal talk with Mr. Arnett in the meanwhile, but I think that even this could be postponed until after I have sounded out the possibilities at Chicago.

Many thanks for your mention of Eleanor.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Aydelotte,

Ever sincerely,

A. F.

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

AF:ESB

June 4, 1929.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I am delighted to hear that you are back, and I am glad to report that our Endowment Fund reached the total of two million necessary to get the conditional gift from the General Education Board and from Edward S. Harkness by Commencement Day, which was yesterday. The total of our pledges is about \$2,030,000 for educational endowment. I am still as keen as ever to add a third million which is what we really need, and if the Rosenwald Foundation or Mr. Rosenwald himself does something liberal, I think there is a chance we may be able to get it. Embree wrote me that they could not act on the principle of the thing before May and that they could not decide what definite amount they would give us, if any, until October. The request I made to him was for \$500,000 toward a third million on condition that we got the first two.

I have also asked Keppel for a \$200,000 appropriation for our Library. He is considering this but cannot act until next year. There are a number of other "prospects" which make me hope that we may reach the goal of three millions particularly if we can have some more of the kind of good fortune that we have been having, and I feel pretty strongly that your return is a part of this good fortune.

When can I see you? Could you spend a few days with us in Swarthmore, or would it suit you better to have me come to New York? There is a great deal that I want to talk about with you at the earliest possible moment, including the Eastman Professorship and the Bodleian. We are sailing from Quebec on June 18th.

Yours hastily,

Dr. Abraham Flexner,
150 East 72nd Street,
New York City.

CONFIDENTIAL

To the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study:

At the regular meeting of the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study held January 11, 1932, the Director was authorized (1) to visit the California Institute of Technology and (2) to make a recommendation in the School of Mathematics.

I spent practically two weeks at the California Institute of Technology and enjoyed the opportunity of frequent and prolonged discussions with Professor Millikan and his associates as well as Professor Einstein and Professor Beard, who are visiting professors during the current year. In so far as the graduate work of the California Institute of Technology is concerned, it coincides, I think, more closely with our own purposes than the graduate work of any other institution with which I am familiar. The American graduate school has so increased in numbers and has occupied itself so largely with the training of persons to be teachers that, despite the eminence of men here and there in almost every subject, the graduate school as a whole has lost rather than gained in prestige and importance during recent years. Professor Millikan and his associates have recognized this tendency and have met it in much the same way in which we are proposing to meet it in the Institute, that is, through the selection of a small number of eminent men who have surrounded themselves with a few really promising disciples with whom they are endeavoring to push forward the bounds of knowledge and who may in due course assist in the regeneration of the American graduate school. Not only was the faculty of the California Institute sympathetic with the purposes of our own institution, but Professor Millikan and the authorities of Mt. Wilson Observatory offered their fullest cooperation in the fields in which they are respectively busy. I came away from Pasadena with the renewed conviction that the Institute is on

the right track in endeavoring to create ideal conditions for professors of distinguished ability, concentrating their efforts on their own investigations and training a few advanced workers of outstanding ability, and that, if it can be carried out and sustained at that level, it will represent a distinct and a stimulating contribution to higher learning in this country.

I had hoped, acting on the authorization of the Board made at the last meeting, to be able to submit a nomination to a professorship of mathematics at the present meeting. I regret to say, however, that I am not yet prepared to take this step. Before coming to a decision, I desire a further opportunity to confer with certain scholars in Europe. I shall therefore later submit a resolution authorizing me to go abroad for this purpose. I shall at the same time utilize this opportunity to go more deeply into the subject of economics than I was able to do when I was abroad a year ago.

Abraham Flexner

March 28, 1932

June 14, 1929

Abraham Flexner
150 E. 72d St.
N.Y.C.

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Our car will meet you West Philadelphia six o'clock
Standard Time.

FRANK AYDELOTTE.

All Souls College,
Oxford.

May 8, 1929

Dear Aydelotte:

Yours of the 24th reached me today. I should like to take Mr. J. Alfred Miller by the nape of the neck and drown him. It is too bad that "dumbbells" like him should make your path any harder, but I daresay that he is not to be taken seriously. He ought to be a graduate of the Business School of New York University.

I have had a wonderful time here since returning to Oxford. All Souls has been a refuge and a retreat, so quiet, so peaceful, so beautiful, and I have been welcomed as warmly as any one could wish or expect. Tomorrow I go to Rhodes House where I shall stay over the week-end, then Cambridge for a few days, then London for perhaps a week. I sail on the S.S. Hamburg, leaving Southampton on May 25.

I am terribly tired, but I have, I think, some interesting things to say. At any rate it is not the fault of my opportunities if my book proves to be a dull and useless one. I hope very much that I can get a rest on the ship. I have indeed selected a slow boat in order that I may.

Aside from rejoining my family, I have only two things at heart: one, to see the Rosenwalds; the other, to help you.

I have had a conference here on the Bodleian-Ashmolean-Taylorian proposition, but I shall not attempt to tell you about it in a letter. It is too complex - too many interests involved, though of course I shall talk to you with the utmost freedom.

Give my love to Mrs. Aydelotte and Bill, and believe me

Ever your friend,

A. J.

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

AF:ESB

WEEK END CABLE LETTER

May 18, 1929.

Flexner
All Souls
Oxford England

Answering yours May eighth ~~look forward~~ eagerly *to awaiting*
your return have now million and ~~one~~ half need five hundred
thousand more hope ^{for} ~~to get about~~ two hundred thousand from alumni
must find remainder outside pinning strongest hopes ^{on} ~~to~~ Harkness
and Rosenwald Eastman Professorship settled Bodleian well begun
affectionate regards

AYDELOTTE

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April 24, 1929.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Many thanks for your letter of April 11th from Berlin, which I hasten to answer in the hope that this may reach you in England before you sail.

Our arrangements are progressing for the opening of our endowment fund campaign May 1st. The members of our Board have made up about \$300,000 so that we shall start off with about half the money in sight, counting the contingent promise from the General Education Board.

Of this million which we have to raise I hope that we can get half a million from our alumni; the other half I think we must find from outside sources. We are trying a good many men in Philadelphia like Alva Johnson, Edward Bok and so on, who will I hope do something. Wilson Powell has undertaken to reach Ed Harkness in New York this week, and I suppose that if we get anything from him, it will be a comfortable amount. I am not at all clear what the chances are with the Rosenwald Foundation and am very eager indeed to have you take a hand in that business the moment you return. Young William Rosenwald, who lives in Philadelphia, has written to me saying that he would like to make an individual subscription on his own account, which is delightful and encouraging though I do not suppose the amount will be large.

The work we have done so far is having an immense moral and intellectual effect on our student body and alumni. There are some incorrigibles, like the author of the enclosed letter, who feel that honors work is a grave mistake on account of its supposed detrimental effect on the football team, but most of these people we have got converted, and I think the undergraduates are simply splendid in the way that they are taking hold. I enclose a copy of this week's Phoenix which will give you an illustration.

I can probably hear from Eleanor or Mrs. Flexner when you are arriving in New York, and I wish that you could come down here for a night for a council of war before going to Chicago. But if that is not convenient for you, I could easily come to New York and undertake there in a few minutes time to put you in touch with all the developments.

The Eastman Professorship statute is finished, and I hope it may be passed any day. You will know that sooner than I. I have been working hard on the Bodleian and Ashmolean-Taylorian problem, making more headway with the former than with the latter. I have written to the Vice-Chancellor suggesting

a formal application to the Rockefeller Foundation for the Bodleian, and I hope that that will be made at once. It has occurred to me as I thought over the problem that if they make the Bodleian over with seminar rooms and Professors' studies like the Widener Library and with room for all the Taylorian books, that might solve the Taylorian problem in a better way than by the erection of a separate building. If you have time to consult people in Oxford on that phase of the matter, I wish you would do so.

Eleanor has written a play which is to be performed soon. Mrs. Flexner is coming down for it, but unfortunately we have to go off and give an inauguration address over one of our Professors who has just become President of Union College. This will be much duller than Eleanor's play.

With affectionate regards from us all,

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Flexner, Esq.,
Care Equitable Trust Co.,
10, Morgate Street,
London, England.

March 15, 1929.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I appreciate very warmly your cordial letter of February 13th. I think we are now drawing to a conclusion with the Eastman Professorship, but things take so long in Oxford that it may not be possible to appoint the first Professor for the next academic year.

We have now come firmly to grips with the endowment problem and are working hard at it. Dr. Vincent gave us a great boost by a wonderful speech which he made at the dinner of the Philadelphia-Swarthmore Club last Friday night. I am going out to Chicago on Monday to interview Abree. He has been very non-committal so far, but I very much hope that the Rosenwald Foundation will do something.

I do hope that you will be able to come back by the middle of May and that you will come down to us as soon as you can after your arrival. We are going to have a stiff job to get our two million, and the worst of it is that we really need three. The thing I am putting up to Abree, as I think I told you, is the question as to whether he would be willing to give us half of a third million on condition that we get the first two and could find somebody to give the other half of the third. Do you think Mr. Rockefeller personally would consider at all giving us the other half of the third million? If we could manage that we would really be soundly based so far as the financial side is concerned, and I think we might then be able to make one undergraduate college which is really an educational institution.

The whole experience is doing us a lot of good. The last two months have been a constant series of explanations to people who were, for one reason or another, dubious about honors work or dubious about something else which would make it impossible for them to give to the College with a good conscience. We think it rather remarkable the success we have had in convincing so many of these doubters. It remains to be seen how much they will give.

I shall send you news from time to time and look forward eagerly to your return.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner,
Care Equitable Trust Co.,
10 Morgate Street,
London, England.

P. S. I enclose a copy of Mrs. Fisher's article, which is to appear in the May issue of ^{the}World's Work.

F. A.

c/o Equitable Trust Company
39 Rue Cambon
Paris, France
February 13, 1929

Dear Aydelotte:

I have your extremely interesting letter of January 18. You seem to me to be proceeding soundly in the matter of the Eastman Professorship. In my judgment, Balliol is right not to make the professor a member of the Governing Body. He would be embarrassed and so would they. He will obtain in the Common Room such influence as he is on his merits entitled to have. That will vary greatly with different persons. I am sure from my experience that informal contacts without official responsibility is the ideal arrangement for outsiders who come for limited periods.

Mr. Eastman's suggestion about buying a house is - well, it is Mr. Eastman - excellent. It will do a great deal to make the professorship attractive and it will also indirectly increase the stipend.

The constitution of the Electoral Board is, as far as I can judge, satisfactory and I imagine you have had counsel from Lindsay on this point and he ought to know.

I have been following Lindsay's lectures in the Phoenix. He has really quite opened my mind as to the part played by the Quakers and other kickers during the seventeenth century in respect to the development of democracy. I hope he means to make a book out of his lectures.

I do want to help you raise your endowment, for I believe in you and in Swarthmore. Before coming away in the fall, I had a talk with Embree in which I urged him to consider a gift to Swarthmore on the ground that it was different from other colleges. I did not tell you about it, just because I did not want to influence you to admit his daughter, though I confess I hope that she will find a way to get in.

I have been working hard but got a first-rate rest with Mrs. Flexner at Menton and I really feel now as well and as vigorous as I felt at forty. We have about decided not to try to stay on this side until July. We go to Belgium next week for about ten days - I am giving a lecture at each of the four universities, two on A Modern University, two on Medical Education - then to Germany where I wish to orient myself

Dr. Aydelotte

February 13, 1929

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regarding recent happenings. After that, about March 20 or 23, Anne will sail for America from Hamburg, for she wishes to see the children and I think she ought not to try another spring term in Oxford, for, though she is quite well, I am just afraid that it might prove too much for her. I shall, however, go to England for another month or six weeks. This ought to bring me back to America about the middle of May. I shall see you promptly and take the utmost pleasure not only in advising with you but in tapping for the benefit of the Swarthmore Fund any sources to which I may have access.

Do send me a copy of Mrs. Fisher's essay. I am extremely keen to read it. I hope that you have not had too hard a winter and that Mrs. Aydelotte and William, as well as you yourself, are enjoying good health.

With affectionate greetings to you all,

Ever sincerely,

A. J.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

AF:ESB

October 11, 1928.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I have just had a letter from the Secretary of the Athenaeum saying that an invitation of honorary membership is on its way to you. Please let me know if it does not reach you promptly. If you have a chance, look up my old friend Graves, who is a member of the staff of "Punch" and who will tell you all about the Club.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner,
% Equitable Trust Co.,
120 Morgate Street,
London, England.

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September 29, 1928.

Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Flexner

SS CONTE BIANCOMANO sailing today

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New York City

Warmest good wishes for pleasant voyage and grateful
thanks for all your assistance here.

THE AYDELOTTEs.



Mrs Frank Aydelotte,
Old Chatham
New York -

Dear Marie Aydelotte,

So glad you are
coming - & The Wilson Bowles too.
And we have arranged things so
we can have them, as well as you-
sches, with us, here and are very
happy at the prospect, - so -
please come directly here -
Now if Thursday will only be
as glorious as to-day!

Sincerely,
Mauro L. F.

Charmaine
Monday
—

AT
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September 11, 1928

Abraham Flexner
Magnetawan, Ontario

Will meet you Rochester Station nine thirty-six
Thursday morning September ~~eighteenth~~ ^{thirteenth}.

F.A.

September 12, 1928.

above telegram sent to Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N.Y.

Pennsylvania

INGLESIDE,
MAGNETAWAN,
ONTARIO.

September 8, 1928

Dear Aydelotte:

I received yesterday the following from Mr. Eastman:

"Your letter of August 20th was duly received but since then I have been away on a short vacation which has prevented my replying.

"I am inclined to think that I will adopt your suggestion and endow the chair of American studies and if it is convenient for you to stop here on your way back from Canada, and to get Dr. Aydelotte to meet you here, I would like to talk it over. If you think well of this kindly wire me in advance."

I feel quite sure that Mr. Eastman would not ask us to meet him unless he really intended to adopt our suggestion. I therefore wired you to Swarthmore - your wife wrote Mrs. Flexner that you were going down on the seventh - to the following effect: "Can you meet me at Rochester, Thursday, September 13, for a conference with Mr. Eastman?"

On my previous trips to Rochester I have left New York at 11:05 p.m., arriving Rochester 8:08 a.m. next morning, and this I imagine is the train that you will take. If such is the case, I should arrive there at 9:36, and I suggest that you get your breakfast and wait for me at the station. We will then go to call on Mr. Eastman together. Whatever you may have wired me previously, won't you please wire in reply to this, so that I may know as to the hour and place of our meeting!

If this transaction is satisfactorily completed, as I hope it will be on Thursday, I have another idea which I shall trot forth for your inspection.

We are having the most glorious weather of the summer - day after day the lake placid, cool mornings and crisp evenings and gently warm, cloudless days.

President Aydelotte

September 8, 1928

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Anne is coming back with a bound. Yesterday Eleanor and Elizabeth Yard took her out for her one and only canoe trip. They staid out on the lake an hour in the sun. She slept like a top last night. She is looking forward, as I am too, with very keen anticipation to visiting you at Swarthmore, though I do not know how much I can be there, for there are things/^{piling up}that I have got to dispose of in New York before we sail.

With all good wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Flexner

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

P.S. I shall spend the night of the 12th at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, arriving there towards midnight.

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Indication favorable action
Rochester. Can you meet me for conference
King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Sun. or Mon.
morning? Please wire.
Abraham Flexner

Delighted to see Toronto early Mon morning

SENDER'S ADDRESS
FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE
NUMBER

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Personal
A.H.

September 8, 1928.

Dr. Abraham Flexner
Magnetawan, via Burk's Falls
Ontario Canada

Wonderful news Delighted meet you Rochester

Thursday Greetings Mrs. Flexner

F.A.

Magnetawan, via Burks Falls
Ontario, Canada

July 28, 1928

Dear Mr. Eastman:

The suggestion which I made to you respecting a Chair of American Studies at Oxford originated in my mind from the following considerations:

England and America must never by force of any kind, (wealth, numbers, etc.) endeavor to dominate the world, even in the interest of peace; but they can give the world such an example and establish such a precedent through mutual understanding as will stimulate other nations to establish friendly and cooperative relations upon the same basis. It is the general conviction of those who have been working towards international peace, goodwill, comprehension and cooperation, that more is to be expected from knowledge and intelligence than from any other source; and obviously England and America are best fitted, through community of language, literature, etc. to set the pace or make the demonstration.

Now the men who as journalists and statesmen and, to some extent, as business men are most prominent and influential in shaping British opinion and in directing British policy are largely trained at Oxford. Oxford does for this group what Cambridge does for the scientific group. And at Oxford, those who look forward to journalistic, governmental or other similar careers are segregated and

brought together, as in no other institution in the world. It is this group which would come under the direct influence of successive Professors of American Studies who would expound and explain to them American ideals, American conditions, American problems, American experience, in cooperation with the Harmsworth Professor of American History, who deals with the historical development of the United States. In education, economics and other fields, we have much to give as well as much to learn: a proper Professor of American Studies would both give and learn. Great Britain would gain; so would we, as one Professor after another returned home.

Oxford teaches annually at least two hundred Rhodes Scholars, free of all charge; they come from the different states of the Union and from the Dominions. There are now over six hundred Rhodes Scholars, graduates of Oxford, in the United States. Year by year these numbers (to which those who go independently should be added) increase. We are thus in a way to understand Great Britain. It is a fair return, in the interest of civilization, that something should be done to enable Great Britain to understand us. I believe that successive Professors of American Studies (I purposely use a vague word) chosen at intervals by a committee composed of Americans and Oxford authorities would make a notable contribution to this end. A Professorship of Spanish Studies has already been endowed at Oxford. In time a few other

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outstanding nations will be similarly represented; and thus something substantial would be accomplished in the way of enlightening and educating the Englishmen upon whom the burden of forming and directing public opinion rests and is bound to rest. They are now largely amateurs; I want to see them trained.

I believe that an endowment of \$200,000 would achieve the purpose; the principal could be held by the Association of American Rhodes Scholars, of which Dr. Aydelotte, President of Swarthmore College, formerly Professor of English in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the leading spirit. I am sure that the details could be easily worked out, if the sum indicated is made available.

Obviously, the proposition I have outlined lies outside the scope of your usual activities; but it is not fundamentally very different from the aid which you have given to the Brookings Institution. In any case, the object in view - the promotion of knowledge and understanding between all who speak the English language, is so important that I venture to hope you will take favorably to the idea.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) ABRAHAM FLEXNER

P.S. Should you care to discuss the question with him, I am sure that Aydelotte would be glad to go to Rochester to see you. His address is Old Chatham, New York (not far from Albany). He is a man of excellent judgment and very great ability.

(Draft)

Dr. Frank Aydelotte

Old Chatham, New York

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Subject to the approval of the authorities of the University of Oxford, I hereby offer to the Association of American Rhodes Scholars the sum of \$200,000, the principal to be preserved intact as endowment, the income to be used to pay the salary of a Professor of American Studies at Oxford and for expenses incidental thereto.

I am led to make this offer by several considerations:

Through the beneficence of Cecil Rhodes, Oxford annually offers its opportunities free of all expense to a carefully selected group of Americans, who, in addition to their studies, are enabled to come into contact with English and Colonial students and who, on their return home, do something, and, as their numbers increase, will do more, to further knowledge, comprehension and sympathy between the two countries. In the long run, cooperation and civilization will, I believe, be most effectively promoted, if nations and those who form public opinion in them know and understand one another. Believing that it is in our interest and in the interest of civilization that America should be understood, I am desirous of doing something that will assist Englishmen and Colonials, and particularly the group destined to play an important part in government, ^{science, scholarship,} journalism and ^{industry} ~~business~~, to understand America - to study the vast and important experiments we are making in almost every field and to use this knowledge to advance civilization.

In their governmental relations with each other, in their journalistic ^{commercial and other contacts} ~~business dealings~~ with each other, Great Britain and the United States are singularly well fitted to furnish a model and an example to all mankind. It is my hope that a Professor of American Studies may contribute

Dr. Aydelotte

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to this end by actively participating in the training of the men who are destined to play important parts in British life. I take this step, further, in the hope that similar chairs may be established by other countries, so that in course of time ~~civilized nations may increasingly carry on their relations with one another~~ ^{another} ~~government, journalism, commerce and other activities may in all civilized countries be carried on~~ in the light of correct and sympathetic knowledge of their ^{respective} problems, difficulties, aspirations and achievements, of all civilized peoples.

While I believe that an endowment given in perpetuity should be left as flexible as possible, I suggest that, when the regulations governing the professorship are drawn, it be provided (1) that the incumbent should be an eminent American selected by a board ^{representative of the Univ. of Oxford and} ~~constituted by the Directors of the Association of American Rhodes Scholars~~, (2) that the term of appointment should not be less than one year and preferably two to five years or even longer, in order that the incumbent may have a term long enough to make his influence felt, (3) that successive appointees should, where possible, represent different subjects or activities and come from different sections of the country, (4) that the incumbent should regard it as his special duty to come into contact, formal and informal, with the groups of students - British, Colonial and American - who are likely to be engaged in significant activities.

In concluding, let me say that I do not forget that an Oxford experience will be immensely stimulating to the American appointee, and that, as successive professors return to America, they will be enabled to make important contributions to our own life, as a result of their residence and activity in this great English University.

Yours sincerely,

This letter is to be taken as an expression of my wishes in establishing this professorship, but, should any of the regulations which I have proposed prove upon trial to be impracticable or inexpedient, I leave to the Directors of the Association of American Rhodes Scholars the power to change such regulations in any way in their discretion in order better to carry out the purposes which I have expressed.

If at any future time the maintenance of such a professorship should, in the opinion of the Directors of the Association of American Rhodes Scholars and of the duly constituted authorities of the University of Oxford seem no longer advisable, I leave to the Directors of the Association of American Rhodes Scholars the power to use these funds, both principal and interest, in whatever way may seem to them best calculated to fulfil the purpose which I have in mind of increasing the understanding of American problems and achievements among the leaders of British thought.

AHMIC LODGE
MAGNETAWAN P.O.
VIA BURKS FALLS, ONT.

Dear Dr Aydelotte,

Your letter of
the 25th has just been
forwarded to me from
my office, and I am
handing your cheque
to Dr Flexner as he
had already sent a

cheque to the office
in payment for the
reservation.

With very kind
regards

Sincerely yours

Radul

July 30th 1928.

AT
THE POPLARS
OLD CHATHAM, N. Y. GWC

Dr Abraham Flexner

Magnetawan

via Burk's Falls

Ontario, Canada

Delighted Arrive King Edward
~~Hotel~~ Toronto eight ^h Monday
morning

Frank Aydelotte

Bookshelf
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AT

INGLESIDE,
MAGNETAWAN,
ONTARIO.

Aug. 2/28

Dear Aydelotte:

I am so happy to know
that your mother was able to come
East with you. I hope she will make
a quick & complete recovery.

Anne is not yet well. Saturday
I am taking her to Toronto to the
Trilleday Hospital. I have wired Dr.
Morrison, a gastro-intestinal special-
ist in Baltimore, to meet me there.
Obviously the cause of the trouble re-
mains to be found; for neither rest nor
a thin diet has much helped. She will
probably remain there until the trouble
disappears; I shall return here, - early
in the week, I suppose. It is gruesome

business, - but then, we are lucky
in being able to turn to competent
men. That is something.

I am glad you like the Eastman
letter. I have touched it up a bit,
but made no changes of moment. If
Mr. Eastman should ask you to visit
him, don't mention me in connection
with the chair. And indeed, keep your
mind free & open as to that. We must
do the best we can, if the opportunity
is really made, irrespective of persons.

Anne asks me to include her
reetings & good wishes to you all.

I forgot to mention the invitation
to visit you ^{in October} & give the Founders' Address.
It is a most tempting bait & I should
love to do both: how long may I postpone
a decision, for there are some uncertain
factors in our autumn program?
Always sincerely, G. T.

INGLESIDE,
MAGNETAWAN,
ONTARIO.

July 30/28

Dear Mrs. Aydelotte:

We are all keenly
distressed to learn that bad news about
his mother hurried your husband off
to Indiana immediately. I hope you
have had reassuring reports since then.

Our patient mends but slowly. She
is better, but not yet able even to sit
up & to take any solid food. It grieves
me to see the summer going in this way;
but she bears it stoically.

We have missed you both. How I

wish you might have stayed on. It
was good for Anne as well as the
rest of us.

Hope William & you joined forces
safely & that all may go well with
you.

Always Sincerely,
Abraham Flexner

Doctor Aydelotte:

Attached copy sent at

Mr. Flexner's request.

61 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

July 17, 1928

Miss Emma M. Abbett
Secretary to President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

My dear Miss Abbett:

Thank you very much for your
letter of the fourteenth enclosing President
Aydelotte's check for \$5.50 on account of Pullman
tickets from Toronto to Scotia Junction.

Very truly yours,

Esther S. Bailey

Secretary to
Mr. Abraham Flexner

ESB:ARD

July 7, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

Many thanks for your note about the Flexners' plans. Unless I hear from you to the contrary Mrs. Aydelotte and I will take the 9.22 from Albany Sunday evening, July 15, and plan to join the Flexners either on the train or at the Queens Hotel at ~~Toronto~~ Monday morning. Since you have our reservations from Toronto to Burks Falls, I will not trouble about anything, except our tickets from Albany to Toronto.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Esther Bailey,
Secy. to Dr. Flexner,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

A. Flexner

61 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

July 6, 1928

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

My dear President Aydelotte:

In Mr. Flexner's absence, I have your letter of the third. He and Mrs. Flexner are due on Wednesday, July 11, arriving on the S/S PARIS. He will probably get in touch with you over the Long Distance telephone Wednesday afternoon or evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Flexner will leave New York on the evening of the 15th, reaching Toronto Monday morning, July 16, and will put up for that day at the Hotel Queens, which is near the railroad station, and will leave that evening for Burks Falls. It is pretty difficult to get sleeping accommodations at the last moment - I have therefore ordered lower berths (Toronto to Burks Falls) for the party, so that you and Mrs. Aydelotte need not procure your Pullman tickets. If I receive the tickets in time, I shall mail them to you - if not, Mr. Flexner will deliver them to you when he sees you in Toronto on the 16th.

Very truly yours,

Ethel S. Bailey

Secretary to Mr. Flexner

D. Sumner Wright

B.F. - 7th Ave.

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SLOANE.

49, BELGRAVE SQUARE,
S.W. 1.

11th June, 1928.

President F. Aydelotte,
Swarthmore, College,
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir,

Sir Otto Beit wishes me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of May 23rd and to apologize for not writing personally, but unfortunately he has been seriously indisposed ever since the night of the Dinner and confined to his bed.

Sir Otto wishes me to express to you his appreciation of all you have done on behalf of the Rhodes Trust, and his regret that for some time to come he fears he will not be able to take an active interest in its affairs.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur H. Brown

Secretary.

*N.Y. World
Friday June 1, 1928*

**RAL NEWS
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SIMPLIFICATION AIM IN ROCKEFELLER BOARDS' CHANGES

**Much Overlapping Found in the
Health, Educational and
Welfare Bodies**

**REORGANIZATION PLAN
TO BE FAR REACHING**

**Present Structure, Linking
Boards With Foundation, Is
Said to Be Rather Loose**

Inquiry by The World succeeded yesterday in removing much of the secrecy and mystery that to date have surrounded the contemplated reorganization of the various Rockefeller health, educational and welfare boards, functioning for many years in all parts of the world.

The fact that a reorganization was in progress was first revealed as the result of the announcement a few days ago of the resignation, effective July 1, of Dr. Abraham Flexner as Director of Studies and Medical Education of the General Education Board.

"Mr. Rockefeller offered me a post of equal dignity and importance," Dr. Flexner explained in a letter to his friends, "but on careful reflection I felt that my presence under the new conditions might prove an embarrassment to those who had the responsibility of conducting the new organization and I therefore declined to accept his offer."

Simplification Is Aim

The purpose of the proposed reorganization, which, Dr. Flexner's letter would seem to indicate, will be far-reaching in its results, The World learned yesterday on the best authority, is to simplify and thereby strengthen the present rather loose structure by which the various Rockefeller boards are linked with the central or parent body, the Rockefeller Foundation, and to eliminate the present overlapping of functions of several of these boards with its attendant duplication of effort and expenditure.

The fact that such overlapping existed and the need for a remedy was recognized by trustees of the Foundation and the various boards more than a year ago. The World learned. Two of three committees, composed of trustees of the various Rockefeller agencies, were appointed at that time to consider the problem dispassionately and decide upon the most efficient method of elimination and simplification.

These committees, proceeding in the careful manner typical of the various Rockefeller boards in attacking and finding the solution for a problem of health or education, still are at work and have not yet arrived at any definite conclusion or plan, and the final results of their deliberations are not scheduled to be announced until next November.

Consolidation Unlikely

In the opinion of one of The World's informants, who is very close to the situation, the final reorganization plan hardly will result in the consolidation of all the present agencies into one centralized all-powerful supervising organization, but whether it will cause the number of boards to be reduced, increased or left just as they are, is a matter that cannot be answered with any certainty just now. It was his own opinion that the reorganization may consist merely in increasing the importance of some of the present boards at the expense of others by transferring exclusively to the former functions now performed by both, in this way eliminating the overlapping complained of.

This outline of the situation, as obtained by The World, was confirmed in a general way last evening by Raymond B. Fosdick, attorney and trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation, who said that any announcement at this time would be premature, because of the fact the matter still was under consideration by the various committees, but who agreed the most probable outcome would be the transfer and reapportionment of functions among the existing boards so as to eliminate duplication and make more clear cut their lines of demarcation as administrative units.

at
All Souls College,
Oxford.

June 1/28

Dear Aydelotte:

We cabled from
the joyous tidings - "Greenose
head". It was a superb week, -
bright & warm every day. We
continue busy & happy. I hope
the voyage home was pleasant,
that Mrs. Aydelotte continues
to improve.

I have so many notes to
write that I shall have to defer
detailed report until we forget the

in Canada. But the lectures
continue to rumble. And I
tell you that I have been in-
vited to come back as Day-Lewis
Lecturer next term & have accept-
ed, - for I shall need to be over-
here anyway for a while to work
on the book.

Give love in affectionate
greetings to the three of you.

Always sincerely,
A. S.

THE TIME

YARMOUTH RESULTS.

2.0 (2.4).—The **BOROUGH SELLING PLATE** of 200 sovs.; for two-year-olds. Five furlongs and about 25 yards.

CROSS KEYS, br g. by Manilardo—Flute (Lady Gold), 7st. 8lb. G. Baines	1
STORMBOUND, b f. by Rocksavage—Reine de Neige (Mr. S. W. Beer), 7st. 8lb. P. Powell	2
FINNEA GELDING, by Stratford (Mr. R. J. Hughes), 7st. 13lb. (car. 8st.) R. Dick	3
Poke Bonnet (Mr. R. W. Colling), 8st. 2lb. K. Robertson	0
Carlton (Mr. H. R. King), 8st. 2lb. H. Leach	0
Roundelay (Mr. W. R. Lysaght), 8st. 2lb. A. Orme	0
Poland (Mr. J. S. Austen), 7st. 13lb. R. Perryman	0
St. Margaret's Bay (Mr. F. Butters), 7st. 8lb. W. Freeman	0
Rochester Row (Lieutenant-Colonel J. Carruthers), 7st. 13lb. W. Alford	0
Clemency g. by Stratford (Mr. R. J. Colling), 7st. 8lb. Birks	0
Chevalerie (Mr. R. W. Colling), 7st. 13lb. S. Wrang	0
Minton (Mr. Walter Griggs), 7st. 8lb. Skelton	0
Wide Awake (Mr. G. F. Leader), 7st. 8lb. J. Read	0
Sweet Nymph f. by King Sol (Major H. Musker), 7st. 8lb. Southey	0
Phloxine f. by Junior (Captain H. Street), 7st. 13lb. H. Graves	0
Shady Princess (Mr. G. S. L. Whitelaw), 7st. 13lb. (car. 8st. 1lb.) J. Collins	0
Seaspur (Mr. G. S. L. Whitelaw), 7st. 8lb. J. Boal	0

(Winner trained by Leach, sen., at Newmarket.)
Betting.—7 to 2 agst Clemency gelding, 5 to 1 Cross Keys, 11 to 2 Poland, 6 to 1 Stormbound, 8 to 1 Phloxine filly, 10 to 1 each Carlton and Chevalerie, 20 to 1 each agst the others.
Won by a length; a neck separated second and third. Poland was fourth and Shady Princess last.

2.30 (2.32).—The **YARE SELLING HANDICAP**, a plate of 200 sovs. Six furlongs (straight).

CINCINNATUS, b g. by Cygnus—La Zarine (Mr. A. E. Faulkner), 4 yrs. 8st. 5lb. H. Leach	1
MOONRAKER, b c. by Devizes—Mistaken (Mrs. J. Jarvis), 3 yrs. 6st. 9lb. (car. 6st. 13lb.) L. Hobbs	2
THE ROGUE II., ch h. by Maintenon—Kittenish (Mrs. F. Boyce), 5 yrs. 7st. 9lb. S. Wrang	3
Silver Crusade (Mr. T. Moorley), 5 yrs. 8st. 1lb. E. Roberts	0
Bruce (Mrs. D. Gardner), 3 yrs. 7st. 7lb. (car. 7st. 8lb.) G. Walsh	0
Eloquent (Mr. W. McElroy), 5 yrs. 6st. 6lb. Freeman	0
Flag Girl (Mr. G. R. Sadler), 4 yrs. 6st. Stephenson	0

(Winner trained by Leach, jun., at Newmarket.)
Betting.—2 to 1 on Cincinnati, 6 to 1 agst Eloquent, 10 to 1 Flag Girl, 100 to 7 each agst the others.
Won by six lengths; two lengths separated second and third. Silver Crusade was fourth and Bruce last.

3.0 (3.3).—The **NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK HANDICAP**, a plate of 350 sovs. One mile (straight).

SUNDERLAND, b h. by Sunstar—Gilded Vanity (Mr. F. B. Barling), 6 yrs. 7st. 4lb. R. Cullen	1
GOOD ST. ANTHONY, ch c. by Orpheus—Mondrem (Mr. W. R. Lysaght), 4 yrs. 7st. K. Robertson	2
ST. ABBOT, ch g. by Abbot's Trace—Dew of June (Mr. G. G. Hyams), 5 yrs. 7st. 7lb. Sirett	3
Peace River (Major D. Dixon), 5 yrs. 8st. 7lb. Perryman	0
King Harald (Mr. W. Raphael), 4 yrs. 8st. 6lb. S. Wrang	0
Caustic (Mr. N. H. Walker), 4 yrs. 8st. 3lb. A. Orme	0
Khediye (Mrs. J. C. Lewis), 4 yrs. 7st. 8lb. P. Powell	0
Boldero (Mr. J. S. Austen), 3 yrs. 7st. 1lb. Alford	0

(Winner trained by Barling, at Newmarket.)
Betting.—3 to 1 agst Caustic, 4 to 1 Good St. Anthony, 6 to 1 each St. Abbot and Sunderland, 15 to 2 Boldero, 8 to 1 Peace River, 100 to 6 each agst the others.
Won by a neck; a length separated second and third. Khediye was fourth and King Harald last.

3.30 (3.32).—The **GREAT YARMOUTH MAIDEN PLATE** of 200 sovs.; for two-year-olds. Five furlongs and about 25 yards.

REINETA, ch f. by Franklin—Appleby (Mr. J. P. Hornung), 8st. 11lb. Orme	1
STOICAL, ch f. by Syndrian—Stoique (Mr. H. H. Benjamin), 8st. 11lb. E. Morris	2
BELLEZZA MIA, gr or ro f. by Apothecary—La Pleoteuse (Mrs. N. B. Horlock), 8st. 11lb. Skelton	3
Look Round (Captain J. G. R. Homfray), 9st. R. Perryman	0
Jarnick (Mr. O. W. Nicholson), 9st. W. Alford	0
Khyber (Mr. J. S. Austen), 8st. 11lb. Forsyth	0
Su Kwang (Mr. P. W. Carr), 8st. 11lb. Garnett	0
Manager (Mr. P. P. Gilpin), 8st. 11lb. Hine	0
Maid of the Isle f. by Blue Ensign (Lord Glancie), 8st. 11lb. H. Leach	0
Helbeck (Lady Gold), 8st. 11lb. J. Leach	0
Lammas g. by Hainault (Mr. P. Hands), 8st. 11lb. R. Dick	0
Coo Coo f. by Meleager (Mr. H. Walker), 8st. 11lb. S. Wrang	0

(Winner trained by B. Jarvis, at Newmarket.)
Betting.—7 to 2 agst Stoical, 4 to 1 Helbeck, 9 to 2 Reineta, 7 to 1 Look Round, 100 to 12 Bellezza M's, 100 to 6 each agst the others.
Won by two lengths; a length separated second and third. Look Round was fourth and Coo Coo filly last.

4.0 (4.1).—The **HASTINGS MAIDEN HANDICAP**, a plate of 200 sovs. One mile (straight).

SIMON OF SALOP, b c. by Lemonors—Viana (Sir D. Cooper), 3 yrs. 8st. 9lb. H. Leach	1
MINOR, b or br g. by Junior—Jackomine (Major Daly), 4 yrs. 7st. 10lb. (car. 7st. 11lb.) H. Graves	2
FLAMMARION, b c. by Flamboyant—Mincian (Lord Harewood), 3 yrs. 8st. 1lb. A. Orme	3
Bohun (Mr. J. S. Austen), 3 yrs. 8st. 8lb. R. Perryman	0
Cantatrice (M. E. Esmond), 3 yrs. 8st. 6lb. Sirett	0
Small Polly (Mr. G. Bates), 3 yrs. 8st. R. Dick	0
White Shield (Mr. A. Gemmell), 3 yrs. 7st. 2lb. J. Read	0

(Winner trained by Leach, jun., at Newmarket.)
Betting.—11 to 8 on Simon of Salop, 5 to 1 agst Minor, 6 to 1 Cantatrice, 100 to 12 Bohun, 100 to 8 each agst the others.
Won by two lengths; four lengths separated second and third. Small Polly was fourth and Bohun last.

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OXFORD SUMMER EIGHTS.

BRASENOSE AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER.

The Oxford Summer Eights ended yesterday, when Brasenose retained the Headship of River which they secured in the first day's racing last Thursday.

The order of finishing was as follows :—

FIRST DIVISION.

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| 1. Brasenose. | 8. Wadham. |
| 2. New College. | 9. Lincoln. |
| 3. Magdalen. | 10. University. |
| 4. Christ Church. | 11. Worcester. |
| 5. Exeter. | 12. Pembroke. |
| 6. Magdalen II. | 13. St. John's. |
| 7. Merton. | |

SECOND DIVISION.

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| 14. Balliol. | 20. St. Catharine's. |
| 15. Trinity. | 21. Oriel. |
| 16. Queen's. | 22. Balliol II. |
| 17. New College II. | 23. Christ Church II. |
| 18. Jesus. | 24. Keble. |
| 19. Corpus. | |

THIRD DIVISION.

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| 25. Hertford. | 31. Oriel II. |
| 26. Brasenose II. | 32. Queen's II. |
| 27. Worcester II. | 33. Lincoln II. |
| 28. Wadham II. | 34. Exeter II. |
| 29. University II. | 35. Merton II. |
| 30. St. Edmund Hall. | 36. Pembroke II. |

FOURTH DIVISION.

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| 37. Keble II. | 40. Hertford II. |
| 38. St. John's II. | 41. Christ Church III. |
| 39. Trinity II. | 42. Balliol III. |

PROMISING CREWS.

Our Rowing Correspondent writes :—

Excellent racing was seen in the First Division and, as does not often happen, the five boats finishing first on the river were probably the best five in order of merit. Certainly Brasenose and New College were the best two, and they, together with Magdalen, Christ Church, Exeter, and Magdalen II., were all crews well up to what is expected in Summer Eights. Brasenose, the Head of the River crew, gained in length during the races, and while not up to Grand winning standard they should prove good enough to win a heat, or, if they prefer to enter for the Ladies' Plate, they would require a great deal of beating.

New College, as was anticipated, were also an improving crew throughout the races, and may well be faster than Brasenose when Henley comes. Magdalen just failed to stay second because they were on the short side and without rhythm, but they were a crew well worthy of their place for their neatness and racing qualities.

Christ Church, who should have been the best crew of all, suffered from too many of the faults of the University crew, and Exeter were a trifle disappointing, but these were all reasonably good crews. Magdalen II. and University fully justified the faith that had been placed in them, the latter adding some length to their other good points during the races.

Oxford has every reason to be pleased with the rowing as a whole. There is plenty of material and plenty of enthusiasm. If only the right material from the crews seen this week is judiciously chosen and fostered, there is no reason why, in a year's time, it should not be at a really high pitch once more.

YESTERDAY'S RACES.

The order of starting in the Fourth Division was :—

Keble II., Trinity II., St. John's II., Christ Church III., Hertford II., Balliol III.

Keble paddled through. Trinity II., after a brief struggle, were caught by St. John's just after passing the Free Ferry. Christ Church III. lost ground steadily at the start, and were bumped by Hertford II. in the Gut.

The order of starting in the Third Division was :—

Keble, Brasenose II., Worcester II., Wadham II., St. Edmund Hall, University II., Queen's II., Oriel II., Lincoln II., Merton II., Exeter II., Pembroke II., Keble II.

Keble kept well away from Brasenose, who lost considerably to Worcester II. in Illey Reach. Worcester got within a few feet under the Willows, but Brasenose did much better from this point and reached home three-quarters of a length to the good. University II. soon began to gain on St. Edmund Hall and

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making a fine effort on coming out of the Gut, bumped them under the Willows. Oriel II. bumped Queen's II. in the Gut, whilst Merton were bumped by Exeter II. before reaching the Weirs Bridge.

The order of starting in the Second Division was:—

St. John's, Balliol, Trinity, Queen's, New College II., Jesus, Corpus, Oriel, St. Catherine's, Balliol II., Christ Church II., Hertford, Keble.

St. John's kept well away from Balliol until after passing the Boathouse, where they gave some ground but retained the Headship of the Division by half-a-length. Trinity threatened Balliol coming out of the Gut, and were within a quarter-of-a-length at the Crossing. From this point Balliol gained

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ground and led home by a length. Queen's followed some distance behind Trinity and lost considerable ground to New College, who were only half-a-length behind at the Willows. Queen's, however, finished strongly and reached the post three-quarters of a length in front. Jesus made a big effort to overhaul New College over the first half of the course and were only a quarter of a length behind at the Bridges. They failed, however, to sustain it and New College drew away again and were two lengths up at the finish. St. Catherine's bumped Oriel at the Free Ferry, and Hertford were bumped by Keble near Haystack Corner.

The order of starting in the First Division was:—

Brasenose, New College, Magdalen, Christ Church, Exeter, Merton, Magdalen II., Wadham, Lincoln, Worcester, University, Pembroke, St. John's.

Brasenose maintained a long lead all the way, and finished two lengths in front of New College, the latter being the same distance in front of Magdalen. Christ Church, who showed greatly improved form, gained considerably on Magdalen, and only three-quarters of a length separated them at the finish. Exeter, who had nearly bumped Christ Church on Saturday, were three lengths behind them. Merton were bumped by Magdalen II. at the Long Bridges, after a hard struggle, but Wadham succeeded in escaping Lincoln by a quarter of a length. Worcester were bumped by University at the Gut.

THE SUCCESSFUL CREWS.

The following are the names of the Head of the River crew, and also of the Exeter II. and St. Catherine's crews, who made the record of the races with six bumps each:—

BRASENOSE—H. L. Puxley (Eton) (bow), 11st. 4lb.; R. J. L. Oakley (Winchester), 11st. 4lb.; P. E. Chapman (King's College School), 11st. 8lb.; J. D. Barbour (Shrewsbury), 12st. 8lb.; L. C. R. Balding (Radley), 12st.; R. R. Waterer (Claymore, Winchester), 12st. 12lb.; H. C. Morphet (Geelong, Australia), 12st.; A. Graham (Eton) (stroke), 11st. 11lb.; J. Barbour (Rugby) (cox), 8st. 6lb.

EXETER II.—L. B. Lockwood (Reading) (bow), 10st. 2lb.; P. Julliff (Cheltenham), 11st. 3lb.; E. G. S. Apedale (Christ's Hospital), 11st. 11lb.; A. E. T. Benson (Wolverhampton Grammar School), 10st. 4lb.; J. McEann (Beaumont), 12st. 4lb.; J. L. Willis (Tonbridge), 12st. 11lb.; E. W. Rowbotham (King Edward School, Birmingham), 10st. 8lb.; P. D. Thomas (Clifton) (stroke), 10st. 8lb.; K. H. Drewett (Tonbridge) (cox), 9st. 9lb.

ST. CATHERINE'S—J. A. Franks (City of Oxford) (bow), 10st. 7lb.; R. W. Bonham (College for Blind, Worcester), 11st. 5lb.; A. J. Phillips (Eltham College), 10st. 7lb.; E. J. Johnson (Wisconsin University), 12st. 6lb.; P. C. Kimball (Utah University), 12st. 7lb.; A. V. Barber (Columbia University), 11st. 10lb.; C. E. Dean (Reading), 10st. 6lb.; A. E. Drew (Bishop's Stortford) (stroke), 11st. 10lb.; F. W. Haworth (Blackburn Grammar School) (cox), 8st. 4lb.

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AN EDUCATIONAL KNIGHT ERRANT.

Nearly twenty years ago (1910), there appeared a report which is recognized as one of the paramount influences of that period of reform in medical education. It was made for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching by Dr. ABRAHAM FLEXNER, and it dealt fearlessly, trenchantly, discerningly with the standards, methods and personnel of the existing American medical schools, "mercilessly castigating" all that was sordid and unwholesome, and holding up to view the ideals toward which they should aspire. This knight errant, whose lance was at the command of those ideals, was anathematized by some who suffered from his criticisms, but, as Dr. LEWELLYS F. BARKER said in his recently published book on "The Young Men and Medicine," "it is now generally recognized that the thorough ventilation of the subject by the report was most timely, and that Mr. FLEXNER's investigations and recommendations were weighty contributions to the progress of educational reform." This report was, however, but the

preface to a chapter of effort to put into effect the recommendations made on paper. Dr. FLEXNER has had the advantage of having at his hand the funds with which to realize some at least of his ideals or to test their validity. He has had the supervision of the expenditure of \$50,000,000, given by Mr. ROCKEFELLER, for the advancement of medical education. Several millions of this amount were given to develop a great centre of medical training in the South. Other millions have been devoted here and there: in one place to making possible an experiment in whole-time clinical teaching; in certain others to promoting a specific work, as that in ophthalmology by Dr. WILMER; in still others to recognizing excellent work already done and to helping the institution as at Yale, to realize its great opportunities, and notably in another to assisting (by the amount of \$7,500,000) in establishing a metropolitan medical centre by bringing the New York Hospital and the Cornell Medical School into a cooperative relationship. These are but illustrations of the progress that has been made since he wrote the stirring report which looked toward improved medical education. But his knight-errantry has not been confined to the field of medical education. He has tilted not only against diploma mills but also against the opium traffic. He has dared to say what he thinks about the movies, motors and jazz. He has spoken out plainly about education in high places—attacking certain traditional methods and disciplines, but condemning also the introduction of new courses wholly devoid of educational values just for the sake of adding to numbers or gratifying a vulgar demand. He has had the temerity even to raise the question whether we Americans really value education in spite of the amount we spend for it. He has a bright record of achievement to his credit, and though he has approached the time of official retirement, it is to be hoped that there will be an epilogue, for he is a wholesome challenging force in the world.

KEEPING NEW YORK CLEAN.

GERRARD 0426.

HOTEL VICTORIA,
LONDON, W.C.2.

April 20/28

Dear Aydelotte:

Four days of April & rain
waiting for me when I arrived here
on Wednesday last. Mrs. Flexner joined
me the same day. She was very sorry
to miss you & Mrs. Aydelotte, but
she had apparently left for San Remo,
- unable to resist the call of her
beloved Italy!

There has been more than kind of
the most helpful. The lectures
are at for May 5, May 12 & May

19. The titles:

- I The Idea of a modern University
- II American Universities
- III European Universities.

I should not want you to take a step
out of your way to hear any of them,
but if you are coming to Oxford any
way, of course, I'll be glad to have
be assured of an audience of at least
two persons (you need leave your
wife no escape!) No. II will be the
fun! What a lodge lodge Harvard,
Chicago, Hopkins, State Universities
are! Indeed, I was myself surprised
- and shocked - and studied them more
closely.

Of course we quite understood
your chaffing with the titles, - though
we regret it. But we are confidently

GERRARD 0428.

HOTEL VICTORIA,
LONDON, W.C.2.

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Counting on Canada this summer
for the three of you.

I spent a weekend at Swarthmore
before sailing. I observed no sign that
the boss had laid down his tools or
taken his departure — The best proof
that you are a good ~~man~~ head! all
was lovely & serene on the campus. Eleanor
was well & happy & her friends
have been charming to her.

Mrs. Flexner joins me in affectionate
greetings to you & Mrs. Aydelotte.

Always Sincerely
A.F.

We remain in London another week.

61 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

March 16, 1928

Dear Aydelotte:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 23 from Luxor. I was delighted to have some word of you and your wife and to know that you have got the real Egyptian thrill, as indeed I knew you both would. Breasted has written me that he keenly regretted his inability to put you up at Chicago House, but I am sure that you were enabled to catch the atmosphere of the place and to carry off a lasting memory of historic and aesthetic interest. I have retained the feeling after a lapse of more than two years that my visit to Egypt has enlarged my horizon as nothing else has ever done.

The weeks since you left have passed swiftly. I have drafted two lectures for Oxford - the first entitled The Idea of a Modern University, the second I have called The Modern University in America. I ought to complete it with a third - The European University, or something to that effect, but I don't really know whether I dare do this. Thank you very much indeed for your helpful comments on the original draft of Number 1, which has been a good deal revamped since I gave you the copy without, however, modification of the underlying idea.

I am going it alone now. Mrs. Flexner sailed for Spain on February 25 and is having a delightful time in Seville, Madrid, etc. ^(Her address, 4205 Ave. Cortez & Son, Madrid) I am sailing on the Mauretania on April 11. We shall be going up to Oxford about April 27 or 28. Of course, if you and Mrs. Aydelotte come to Oxford, you will stay with us, though I hope you are not going to make the trip for the purpose of hearing a speech that in essence you have already read.

President Aydelotte

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March 16, 1928

Kerr and Curtis seem to be doing everything to start things right for me. Sir Otto Beit has asked us to dine with him April 26, and Curtis has wired me that I have been elected "a distinguished fellow of All Souls", whatever that may mean. I know full well that the whole thing goes back to you.

With all good wishes and very warm greetings to you and your wife,

Ever sincerely,

A. S.

President Frank Aydelotte
c/o Thos. Cook & Son
Madrid, Spain

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Two footscripts:

1. Don't worry about what our Board will be asked to do; I think you will be pretty well satisfied.

2. McCrea, of Columbia, asked me to advise him regarding the possibility of getting a fellowship for study at the American Academy at Rome for some promising young Latinist teaching in a N.Y. High School. I referred him to me. You may hear of it, — tho' I don't know whether it falls within your Guggenheim scheme.

61 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

August 31, 1927

Dear Aydelotte:

Your telegram gave me great pleasure, and it was only with keen regret that I wired you as follows:

"Many thanks for invitation Would love to accept it but am in continuous cable correspondence with Europe on important matter Cannot leave town until matter is arranged Writing"

As you may know, I had an important negotiation to put through in Europe - indeed that is why I went. I thought everything was clear, but it appears now that there is a technical hitch, and, as the parties to it are scattered from Maine to California, I have simply got to stay on the ground until I can get the "kink" ironed out. I really don't know how long this will chain me here, but do believe that there is nothing I should rather do than to come and to have a quiet time with you and your family, as you propose.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Flexner

President Frank Aydelotte

Chatham, New York

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