

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
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NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

TELEPHONE
VANDERBILT 5-0874

ROOM 828

October 24, 1950

Dear Ben:

Your letter of the twenty-first reached me this morning. I shall be delighted to see you and Professor Thompson at my office on Saturday, October 28, near one o'clock. It is always a pleasure to see you, and I shall be glad to meet your associate, Professor Thompson.

Give my love to Betty, and believe me

Ever affectionately,

a. f.

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Professor B. D. Meritt
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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ABRAHAM FLEXNER
322 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

ROOM 528

TELEPHONE
VANDERBILT 8-0674

October 13, 1950

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your kind note. I shall be happy to carry your messages to Jean.

I am delighted to learn that you know Professor Campbell. He is a fine scholar and a charming lecturer. If I have an occasion to do so, I shall mention your name to him after his next lecture.

Don't bother about Highet's book. It really does not matter.

I am glad that you are making progress with your work on The Athenian Tribute Lists, and do send me a copy of anything you write about Capps. I am grateful to you, for to you I owe my intimate friendship with Capps.

With love to you all,

Ever affectionately,

Professor B. D. Meritt
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.

A. F.

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October 3, 1949

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I am very glad to have the file of telegrams and letters which touch upon the history of the Agora. Betty and I were sorry to miss Mrs. Bailey when she brought the folder to the house, but I have it now safely with the other papers of the American School in my study.

Merely looking through these documents makes me realize once again how much we all owe to you for the success of the undertaking. We could never have excavated the Agora without your intercession.

Betty joins me in much love to you, and we are both glad to know you are safely back in New York. You will be interested to learn that Dorothy Dauncey has written to say that she will be my secretary again as of November first.

Affectionately yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

BDM:ngt

October 26, 1948

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Some time soon I should like very much to come to see you and ask your advice about how to raise some money for the American School. If you will name a time when I can tell you what the problem is and explain my connection with it I will come in to New York at your convenience. The days that would be best for me, so far as I can tell now, would be Monday November 1, or any day after November 7, except November 9.

Betty joins me in sending our love to you.

Affectionately yours,

B. D. Meritt

BDM:mgd

March 4, 1942

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

The lack of money to finish the Excavations of the Agora can be attributed almost entirely to greatly increased costs and to the inevitable delay in finishing our work caused by the war.

The best estimate now is that actual excavation can be completed for \$250,000.

We are all well and are even now beginning to look forward to our summer at camp. Betty and Arthur and I expect to reach Magnetawan early in July.

Ever affectionately yours,

BBM:DD

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
522 FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

March
3rd
1948

Dear Ben:

Sunday afternoon I went to Hunter College to hear Professor Rhys Carpenter talk about grecian archaeology. To my surprise the enclosed booklet was distributed. I had supposed that Mr. Rockefeller had given money enough to the school to complete the excavations of the Agora. What is the explanation?

I hope that you and Betty and the children are well.

As ever,

A.F.

Professor B. D. Meritt
Institute for Advance Study
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/e
Enclosure

May 26, 1947

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Betty and I would like very much to have the pictures of the Corinth Mosaics, particularly since they come from you.

You mentioned in your letter also the question of a good Greek grammar. I like Gildersleeve, but it is not complete. The big German grammars are too bulky. For everyday use I think Goodwin is entirely satisfactory. I have all of them here in my office, but I regret to say that I have none at camp. Dorothy tells me that she has the latest edition of Goodwin's grammar and that she will be glad to let us both use it if we should need it while at camp.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Affectionately,

BDN:DD

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
522 FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

May 22nd, 1947

Dear Ben:

I am sorry my Lillie & Scott returned
for the covers have come off. I should also
like to get a good Greek grammar - the simpler
the better.

Miss Fichelson and I are going to camp on
June 25th for the bookwards will arrive very
soon after that.

We have framed the pictures of the Corinth
Mosaics. Would you like to have them in Fuld
Hall or your own home?

Give our love to Elizabeth and the children.
Believe me,

Ever affectionately,

A. F.

Professor B.D. Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.

May 15, 1947

Dr. Abraham Flexner
582 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

The Greek-English dictionary which I use for everyday work is the Liddell and Scott abridged. I have a copy at camp which I will be glad to lend you this summer. It has most of the words in common use but very little in the way of citations and references.

On the Pharos (Island, Harbor, and Light-house), I would suggest reading the article in Pauly-Wissowa, Real-Encyclopädie der Classischen Altertumswissenschaft. Much that has been written is in journal articles, but everything is brought up-to-date in this article down to 1938.

Our best love as ever,

Affectionately,

BDM:DD

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

May 13th, 1947

Dear Ben:

Is there a good and not-too-expensive
Greck-English dictionary? If so, let me
know the author and publisher. I am also
interested in locating a good book on the
Harbor of Pheros at Alexandria. Do you
know of one?

With love to you, Elizabeth and the
children,

Ever affectionately,

A. F.

Professor B.D. Meritt
99 Battle Road West
Princeton
New Jersey

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

April 21st, 1947

Dear Ben:

Thank you for writing me regarding Crete. I shall try to get Pendlebury's A Handbook to the Palace of Minos at Knossos.

I hope that you and Betty and the children are well.

I am delighted at the selection of Dr. Oppenheimer as your next Director. Who selected him? Miss Eichelser's guess is Von Neumann....is she correct?

Did I write you that the Woodwards would spend next summer with us, and I hope Miss Eichelser also? Anne, alas, cannot go. She has become very much worse and we are now seeking a custodial home for her. My heart is all but broken over this tragic end to a brilliant career.

With love to you all,

Ever affectionately,

A.F.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
99 Battle Road West
Princeton, N.J.

April 18, 1947

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Sir Arthur Evans wrote no single comprehensive book about his excavations. The Scripta Minoa and the Palace of Minos are both tremendous works in several volumes. His successor and helper J. D. S. Pendlebury has written a volume called The Archaeology of Crete (Methuen, 1939). This is a book of about four hundred pages with numerous plans and pictures to accompany the text. It is a handbook and does not make easy reading from cover to cover though there are some readable chapters in it. Its virtue is that it has all the facts; its shortcoming is that it contains too many statistics and makes hard reading.

The same man has written another and smaller book entitled A Handbook to the Palace of Minos at Knossos (Macmillan, 1933). I recommend this first, and then if you care to go further you can have a try at the other volume.

Betty joins me in sending our love to you and Anne.

Affectionately,

BDM:DD

November 22, 1946

Dear Dr. Flexner:

The passage which concerns Gildersleeve
is on page 91.

Ever affectionately yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

BDM:DD

November 18, 1946

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I have just finished reading your book on Gilman and I enjoyed it enormously. I read most of it on the train when I was going to Baltimore last Thursday and almost forgot to get off at "the one and only stop" that the Pennsylvania makes in Baltimore. I noted only one statement to which I could take exception. It seemed to me in one place that Gildersleeve was confused with Haupt in the study of Semitic texts, but this was obviously merely a slip of the pen. I'm sorry I missed this in the proof.

You would have enjoyed seeing the display in one of the windows of the Enoch Pratt Memorial Library. I walked along Cathedral Boulevard and was much impressed by the array of original letters written by Gilman surrounded and festooned by copies of your book which filled the entire south window on the front of the building.

Please accept my congratulations and again my warm thanks for sending me a copy.

Affectionately yours,

B. D. Meritt

BDM:DD

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

November 4, 1946

Dear Ben,

I am sorry that I cannot return to you the previous numbers of "Hesperia", for I have given them all away.

I hope that you will have good weather for the Northcotts and I am glad to have good news of Mrs. Kirkland.

Anne joins me in love to you all,

Ever affectionately,

a. f.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

November 1, 1946

Dear Ben,

I am sending you the volume of "Hesperia" which
you sent me.

I asked you last summer not to send me "Hesperia"
for it is wasted. I do not know Greek enough to
appreciate it or understand it. Isn't there some-
one to whom my copies can be sent?

I mailed you the other day my little book on Gilman.
I hope it reached you safely. Tell me your honest
opinion about it, unless it is so bad that you do
not want to write about it!

We have had some very warm weather, but today for
the first time in a week we are comfortable.

With love to you all,

Ever affectionately,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

A. F.

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
522 FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

December 21, 1945

No answer

Dear Ben,

Your letter of October 13 came several weeks ago. It would have been answered much more promptly but for the fact that I lost a month and had to concentrate on finishing the book on Gilman.

I was delighted with your letter and very much pleased to hear of Mrs. Sutherland once more. If you see her again, give her the warmest greetings from both Anne and myself.

Your letter reminds me of our own experiences at Oxford when I was a Rhodes lecturer in 1928. I think we have never had so gay a time anywhere as we did at that time. I can remember Lionel Curtis' speaking about my predecessor, Sir Robert Borden. He said, "Sir Robert stood up under all the pressure of World War I when he was Prime Minister of Canada, but he couldn't stand Oxford's hospitality. At the close of his Rhodes lectureship he went into a nursing home."

Have you read Woodward's lecture -- or you may have heard it -- on the political implications of the atomic bomb? I think it a masterpiece.

We have had on the whole a good winter, but Mrs. Bailey, who has been with her mother since last March, has written me that they have had almost 50" of snow at Watertown. We had 8 inches here in New York a few days ago, and what a mess we have been struggling with! Transportation is next to impossible. There ought to be a law against snow storms at Christmas time!

I hope that you and Betty and Arthur are getting out of Oxford at this time. All of us send you our love and best wishes.

Ever affectionately,

A.F.
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Prof. Benjamin Meritt
Eastman House
18 Norham Gardens
Oxford, England

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THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK
18

March 26, 1945.

Dear Ben,

I have good news from Mrs. Bailey: Her mother is improving but there is every prospect that Mrs. Bailey will have to remain with her for some weeks to come.

Affectionately your,

A. F.
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Professor B. D. Meritt,
Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

March 24, 1948

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Thank you very much for your letter
of March 23rd. I am writing today to Professor
Lord to tell him of the engagement.

I hope there is good news of Mrs.
Bailey's mother. I know that Mrs. Bailey must
have been very much concerned.

Affectionately yours,

B. D. Meritt

BDM:DD

THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK
18

March 23, 1945.

Dear Ben,

I had your letter a day or two ago and I should have answered it more promptly but for the fact that Mrs. Bailey was called to Watertown last week because of the serious illness of her mother. I shall reserve the morning of May 11th for Professor Lord and, I hope, you.

With warmest greetings to you and Elizabeth and your two boys,

Yours affectionately,

B. D. Meritt
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Professor B. D. Meritt,
Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

March 21, 1946

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I have just had a letter from Louis Lord, who is Chairman of the Managing Committee of our American School of Classical Studies at Athens. He is anxious to talk with you about the gift which Mr. Rockefeller made for excavating the Agora and has asked me whether I can arrange some time early in May when he may see you.

Lord is now at Scripps College in California, but he plans to come east for the annual meeting of the Managing Committee on May 12, and will probably be here at least from the ninth through the fourteenth. I do not know in detail what he has in mind to talk about, but I am sure he would be pleased if you could spare him a half hour at most. I know something of his schedule and imagine the morning of Friday, May 11 would be best, if sometime then would be satisfactory to you.

With best greetings as ever, I am

Affectionately yours,

B. D. Meritt

BDM:DD

January 21, 1945

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Mr. Meritt has begged me to let you know that his mother died this morning at the Princeton Hospital. The funeral services will be held on Wednesday morning, at eleven o'clock, in Vernon, New York. Mr. Meritt will go to Vernon for the funeral.

Ever sincerely,

January 18, 1945

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

It was a great pleasure to have your letter of January 16th. You are quite right in advising me not to go to Oxford until we can make the most of our opportunity, and my understanding about the appointment to the Eastman Professorship is that it may be postponed if the war with Germany continues on into the summer.

I am keeping in touch with Meigs and Wade-Gery at Oxford and with Adeock at Cambridge about the resumption of their normal work.

All of us join in sending love to you and to Anne.

Affectionately yours,

BDM:DD

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

answered
Jan. 1, 1945

December 18, 1944

Dear Ben:

You remember that you asked for the address of my soldier boy. He is now on the move, and I do not myself know where he is, but, if you will send me your autograph and that of any other distinguished classical scholar - is it possible that you have an autograph of Gildersleeve? I will keep them for him until he returns on furlough.

Our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year for you and Betty and Mrs. Kirkland and your boys, -

Ever affectionately,

Professor B. D. Meritt
99 Battle Road West
Princeton, New Jersey

A. F.

January 10, 1944

Dr. Abraham Flexner
Room 518
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Flexner:

Here is the copy of Tod's comment
in the Classical Review which I promised to
send you. If you send it to Mr. Bamberger,
I am glad to think that it may give him some
pleasure.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

BDM:DD
Enc:

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
-PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY-

522 Fifth Avenue
New York 18
N. Y.
January 14, 1944

Dear Ben:

Thank you for sending me the copy of Tom's review, which I am very glad to have. I shall show it to Mr. Bamberger the next time I go out there.

Do you get copies of the magazine called "Britain"? If not, I think probably Miss Fichelsel receives it. Borrow the number for January 1944 and read the article on page 50 entitled "Waps by the Million".

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

A. F.

Professor B. D. Meritt
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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BDM:DD
Enc:

January 10, 1944

Dr. Abraham Flexner
Room 518
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Here is the copy of Tod's comment
in the Classical Review which I promised to
send you. If you send it to Mr. Eamberger,
I am glad to think that it may give him some
pleasure.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

BDM:DD
Enc:

November 17, 1943.

Dr. Abraham Flexner,
502 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 18,
New York.

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Thank you for your note of November 16th.

It was not an easy task to write as I did about Dow's work. He is a very able scholar and has done much that is first-class. He is a persistent investigator but once in a while - so it seems to me - he is not only persistent but stubborn.

Two years ago I could see that he was getting off on the wrong track in these investigations of his into early Athenian history and I tried in vain to argue the case with him without going into print. He will not be pleased over what I have written but I could see no help for it. Elston amicus sed assis amicus veritas. Dow has a great service that he can still perform in the field of Hellenistic epigraphy and, when the war is over, I expect that he will go ahead in this field with great success. My article will have done some good if only it will make him careful to keep his feet on the ground.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt.

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

~~BRIDGETON, NEW JERSEY~~

522 Fifth Avenue
New York, 18, N.Y.
November 16, 1943

Dear Ben:

I read with very great interest your essay on The Early Athenian Tribute Lists. It would seem to me that you make mincemeat of Mr. Sterling Dow. I was a little surprised because I had heard you, as I thought, speak of him with a good deal of admiration.

It warms my heart whenever I see a genuine piece of research emanating from the Institute for Advanced Study.

I hope that your mother and Mrs. Kirkland as well as Elizabeth and the boys are well. With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

A. F.

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

522 Fifth Avenue
New York-18, N. Y.
November 12, 1943

Dear Ben:

I was glad to get your letter of November 10. I feel quite sure that nothing that you have done in connection with the war was "worth the sacrifice" you made to do it.

I am delighted that you are now fully absorbed with academic work. I wish you would consider the suggestion I made you, namely, that you should discuss for the general public in the form of an essay, like the one of Sigerist's to which I referred you, the question of the importance of the literature, philosophy, and history of Ancient Greece to the post-war world, towards which we are heading. Our institutions of learning have been largely wrecked by the war. Dodds has appointed a committee, of which Gauss is chairman, to consider the problems of the post-war academic world. We shall get no leadership, in my opinion, from any of the college or university heads, who have lost their own heads and who "instead of standing on the bridge as a sea captain does during a storm have gone haywire", to quote the words of one of the important foundation officials in New York City. Sigerist is the only man who, as far as his utterances go, seems to me to realize the chaos which - for the most part unnecessarily - characterizes our institutions of learning. They are going to have to be rebuilt after the war just as Hamburg is going to be rebuilt. Who are the architects who are now planning, as the British architects are planning the rebuilding of London?

I am glad that you are already looking forward to next summer's vacation. You need a rest physically and mentally. I hope that your mother's condition will have so far improved that you will be able to open The Hemlocks.

I wonder how Mrs. Kirkland is. We have not heard from her in some time.

Anne joins me in love to you, Betty, and the boys.

Ever affectionately,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ESB

November 10, 1948

Dr. Abraham Flexner
522 5th Avenue
New York, 18, New York

Dear Dr. Flexner:

It was good to have your letter of November 9. Betty and I enjoyed Ann's visit to Princeton, though it seemed all too short, and we were disappointed that you were not able to come down with her. We are having beautiful days now, clear and crisp, and they remind me of early September at Ahmia. e/

I am fully absorbed now with the academic work that I like to do. My venture this Autumn, in the direction of helping with relief to Greece, would have taken me away for two or three months, but as events developed in Washington it became evident to me that what I could accomplish in Cairo was not worth the sacrifice I should have to make by leaving here. At present I am working on the Agora inscriptions, and am busy with the editing of our two journals. The delay in publication which you have noticed in Hesperia, is caused by the priorities of war work in our printing establishment. Supplement 7 of Hesperia, which we have just printed, was taken off the press twice because of orders from Washington. We have similar difficulties with the Journal of Philology. I finished the reading of galley proofs in August, and the magazine is only now being distributed in the mails.

Betty and I both hope very much that we can be at the lake this coming summer. I feel that it would be a good thing for me, incidentally giving me a chance for a much needed vacation. For more than two years now, I have had only a day or two at a time. Just last month I had published an article in which I have held up my end of a debate in which I had been engaged. I am sending a copy of the article to you so that you may read it, if you wish, sometime when you have lots of leisure. 9

I hope your cold will soon be entirely well, and that you will be able to come down to Princeton to see us. In the meantime I shall write to Sigerist for a copy of his paper on War and Culture.

Affectionately yours,

ldm:pen

B. D. Meritt

Copy for file

Abraham Flexner
522 Fifth Avenue
New York-18, N.Y.

November 8, 1943

Dear Ben:

I was very happy indeed to receive this morning a copy of the most recent number of Hasperia. I wonder what is the explanation for the delay in its publication, for I note that it covers only the period of July and September, 1942. Whatever the reason, I am happy that you are once more back in Princeton, and I hope that you have severed all connections with the Office of Strategic Services and Food Administration.

The best of all the discussions on higher education and war is a paper by Professor Sigerist of the Johns Hopkins Medical School entitled War and Culture. Nowhere else have I found so satisfactory a statement as Sigerist's respecting the importance of keeping alive and even further developing cultural studies during the war, because they are going to have a tough time in competition with pure and applied science in the post-war period. You are marked out as the leader, as Gilman was in his time, of those who believe in the vitality and importance of classical studies. In the midst of the blare of trumpets and the explosions of guns I should like to see an utterance from you as good in its field as Sigerist's. If you do not possess a copy of this paper, write Sigerist, and I am sure he will be happy to send it to you.

I am sorry that a bad cold, from the last vestiges of which I am not yet rid, interfered with my going to Princeton with Anne, as we had planned. I shall have to come down for a couple of days when I once more feel entirely well, and I should hope very much to see you and Elizabeth then.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

A. F.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ESB

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
~~150 EAST 72ND STREET~~
NEW YORK CITY

July 25/43

Dear Ben:

I am glad that you turned
Lehman down: that was right. But
remember that caused me unnecessary chaf-
fing: (1) leaving a house at cheap lease; (2)
trying to rent your Princeton home. Last
spring you considered going to France after
the war about food. Wouldn't it be wiser
to join Toynbee & try to get concrete
shops decided on now, to save the lunatics
after the war? Is any one doing that?

Understand why you can't come to
Arlene this summer. You & your mother
have our deepest sympathy, as you know.

The Institute has been badly damaged
by the war & the needless war efforts of
many of its staff. Will it ever get
back? God knows, - perhaps.

With love & best wishes to you, Betty,
the boys & from Mother,

Dear,

C. J.

China is at its best & best problems
at all times.

July 19, 1943

Dear Dr. Flexner:

It was good to have your note and to learn that you have been catching fish. I should like very much to join you or to go on an expedition for bass with Alan Brown. At present I do not see how I can leave Princeton. Betty is away in Nashville and I have to look after the family. As you know, my mother is here and is now a complete invalid. I have to stay with her.

I am sorry to learn that you continue to grieve and that you believe that I have not done justice to my humanistic studies. Perhaps it will give you some cheer to know that I have just refused an invitation from the Lehmann Committee to be Head of Mission for the reconstruction of Greece, and that I was delayed in getting your letter by spending two days in Baltimore putting the finishing touches on the July number of the A.J.P. The summer number of Hesperia went to press last week. So many people are away that, among my friends who have had anything to do with the teaching of Greek, I am practically the only one who is not actively engaged in the war effort.

I wish you would stop looking upon me as the sheep strayed from the fold; I think you would do me more justice if you looked upon me as the lone survivor.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
Magnetawan, via Burke Falls
Ontario, Canada

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
MAGNETAWAN, VIA BURNS FALLS
ONTARIO, CANADA

July 15/43

Dear Ben:

Under separate cover I
send you an article by Doerster of
Loma. Read it & you will understand
why I am pained that you, our lead-
ing Hellenist, should be giving another
aid to our Strategic Services.

I hope your mother is comfortably
improving; also that you, Betty &
the two boys are well. We saw Alan
Brown & his wife in Toronto. They came
to the Lake today. The roll call is
short:
~~small~~: Cullen & his family, Dickinson-
son's, Dr. Reeve, Northcutt, the

Kellogg's & Brown's. I caught a
nine pound pickerel a few evenings
ago, notwithstanding a seven pounder.

The quiet is overwhelming; no
boats except a few in the early morn-
ing. Paul & Clara & Olga Kelly are
expected shortly. The air is delicious.

Come up & breathe it, - all of
you who can. It won't and won't
be delayed by anything that you,
Earle & others do or don't do!

With love & best wishes to all,
from Anne as well as myself,

Love Affectionately,

G. T.

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
150 EAST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

May 6, 1943

Dear Ben:

I read with the keenest interest and greatest satisfaction McGregor's review of your Epigraphica Attica. There is nothing in the review that shows the slightest partiality for you. It is a brief and candid statement by a competent scholar showing your methods and their scientific and cultural importance.

If I were to review McGregor's review, I should point out that in the very last paragraph, page 246, he misuses the word "expect". "Expect" can only refer to the future. It is correct to say, "I expect to be in Princeton next month or next year" but McGregor cannot "expect" not to be the first. He may "suppose" or "assume". Am I right or wrong?

Indirectly this review bears out the point that I have labored to make with you and Lowe. The classical studies remain at the very heart of liberal education. With the emphasis that the war is placing on mechanism, utility, and science there is grave danger that Greek and perhaps Latin may share the fate of Sanskrit, ceasing to be active elements in general liberal education and becoming objects of interest only to philologists and archaeologists. The only persons who can guard the citadel are persons like yourself, Lowe, Rand, and others whom you know better than I. For this reason I begrudge anything that infringes upon your time and energy. There are scores and scores of others who can serve in Washington. There are a mere handful who can serve in Princeton, Cambridge, and other cultural centers.

Ever affectionately,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ESB

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ABRAHAM FLEXNER
150 EAST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

May 5, 1943

Dear Ben:

I have your note of May 3.

The number of the American Journal of
Philology has not yet reached me, but
I shall be very happy indeed to refer to
page 244 when it comes.

Anne joins me in love to you,
Elizabeth, and the children, and in best
wishes for your mother.

Always sincerely,

A. F.
→

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ECB

January 25, 1943

Dr. Abraham Flexner
Princeton Inn
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I am asking the Johns Hopkins Press to send me an extra copy of the last number of the American Journal of Philology so that I may give it to you.

You will be interested not only in the cover, but also in the announcement on page 127; and perhaps you will be tempted even to look through some of the other contents.

Affectionately yours,

October 11, 1941

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Your letter with its enclosure from Dr. W. W. Francis was waiting for me when I came back from New York last night. I had a meeting of the Trustees of Athens College and I tried to see you when I had a free hour in the morning. It was discouraging to learn that you were not at home, and then when I went around to the Carnegie Corporation to hear from them that you were out of town. I hope for better luck another time. It was a great pleasure to both Betty and me to see Ann here in Princeton the other day.

Now for your Greek. Dr. Francis was quoting to you a line from the Iliad of Homer (Book XI, line 514):

As you say, there is not much doubt about the translation of these particular words. Just for the sake of getting a standard translation, I turned to the Loeb Library and I was much surprised to find them rendered as follows: "For a leech is of the worth of many other men." This does not seem to me like a very complimentary statement, but I find that "leech" is a good archaic word for "physician." If I were to translate this line I should avoid the archaism and give the meaning: "For a doctor is of value equal to many other men."

I gather that Dr. Francis himself holds a medical degree but that he has written down your name along with those of Littré and Pasteur as one who does not hold the degree but who none the less has claim to that multiple value which belongs to a physician.

Affectionately yours,

February 28, 1940

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I want to ask your advice and help about a problem which has raised very great difficulties for the Goodrich family in Baltimore. As you know, Donald Goodrich has been Head Master of the Calvert School for the past eight years. I have learned only recently that dissatisfaction in the Board of Trustees has led to his resignation but so far as I know he has as yet no position for next year.

This is all quite incomprehensible to me and in my opinion the Trustees are making a very serious mistake in letting him go. I have begged Donald to let me write to you about this and he has consented. My idea was that through your many contacts you might have some suggestion that would be useful to him and that you might be willing to use your influence in helping him to find a good post commensurate with his ability.

We are delighted to learn from Miss Siehalser that you are feeling better every day in every way. Betty and I both hope that you will soon give us the pleasure of a visit here in Princeton. We send much love to you and Anne.

Sincerely yours,

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

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

New York City
February 21, 1940

Dear Ben:

Miss Eichelsner has been good enough to spend her Sunday here in order to make some corrections and additions to my reminiscences. She told me that you are anxious to see me -- but no more anxious than I am to see you and Elizabeth and the others at Fuld Hall.

Under the doctor's orders, I am preserving absolute silence, and this little note is being whispered to you with my head dangerously close to Miss Eichelsner -- but don't tell this to Margot! I have undoubtedly improved under this treatment, but it will be a couple of weeks at the least until I can talk like a rational human being. As soon as that happens, I shall come down to Princeton and talk until I am arrested by the police.

My love to you and Elizabeth and to all our mutual friends.

Ever affectionately,

A. F.

P. S. Thank you for the invitation to stay with you, which I would like to accept, but I think it ought to depend on just how much leeway the doctor gives me, as well as on Elizabeth's convenience.

A. F.

ABRAHAM FLEXNER
180 EAST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

February 18, 1940

Dear Ben:

The other day Professor Panofsky, as representative of the Institute Faculty, brought me a beautiful volume which had once belonged to President Gilman and which the Johns Hopkins Trustees had given our group that it might belong to me - "The first Director from the first Faculty". None of you can fathom the depths to which I am stirred by this touching and beautiful act. To President Gilman I owe more than anyone but myself can ever know; to you and your colleagues, as well as to the Founders of the Institute, I owe the opportunity to see a dream realized. And you are one of those who have helped to achieve this miracle. Need I, can I, say more? You must imagine for yourself the deep pleasure which this remembrance gives me and the gratitude I feel to those who have taken my dream, now a reality, into their keeping.

Ever sincerely,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
99 Battle Road
Princeton, New Jersey

Abraham Flexner

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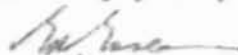
February 16, 1940

Dear Prof. Meritt,

You will be glad to know that the faculty gift to Dr. Flexner has been presented on our behalf by Prof. Panofsky, who reports that "Dr. Flexner was deeply moved and received the gift with a joy which did not fail to impress me. He was so pleased with the workmanship of the leather case that he asked for the name of the lady who made it for us in order to send her a special note of appreciation. I feel that we have taken a very appropriate step and could not have chosen a more suitable gift."

The book which we selected was lined with fine vellum and enclosed in a box of brown leather embossed in gold with the seal of the Institute. After paying all expenses, we have a balance of \$7 which, unless you object, will be turned over to Mr. Aydelotte as a contribution toward the expenses of magazines for the Common Room.

Sincerely yours,



Edward Mead Earle

150 East 72nd Street
New York, N.Y.

January 27, 1940

Dear Ben:

I received yesterday the last number of "Hesperia", and have already examined it with great interest. I can not see that in any respect it is inferior in appearance to the publication when issued from Vienna. I hope that you will show this number to Aydelotte and explain to him the part that it plays in diffusing information regarding the excavation of the Agora.

Give my warmest greetings to everybody in your little building, as well as to Elizabeth and the children in the more imposing structure across the way.

Ever sincerely,

A. F.

Professor B. D. Merritt
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

September 21, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I enclose with this letter the academic record of Professor Oscar Broneer, a member of the staff of the American School of Classical Studies. Mr. Broneer is detained in this country for the year because of uncertain conditions in Greece and wishes to continue his work as a member of the Institute. One of his problems will be the study of Greek and Latin inscriptions from Corinth. I wish to recommend that Mr. Broneer be enrolled without payment of fee so that he may have access to our epigraphical collection. In order to facilitate our study together I wish to recommend further that Mr. Broneer be given the use for this year of room 239, if this is available, so that his place of study will be near the books and equipment that he needs.

Very respectfully yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

September 30, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Our new rooms in Fuld Hall are even more satisfactory than we thought they could be and I want to write just a brief note to express my own appreciation and the appreciation of the members who are working with us for the unsurpassed facilities which we all enjoy.

We are particularly happy that our library of squeeze material is now safely housed and free from the danger of fire. It is the only such collection in the United States and I doubt now that it could ever be replaced.

I think it little short of a miracle that the builders were able to have our rooms ready by the first of the year and we have already settled down to the happy and I hope profitable development of our studies.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

September 18, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I have now received the September bill from the Public Service Company and am able to send you a statement of the complete amount chargeable to you down to August 10th.

The items are as follows:

Gas and light, July 7-Aug.8:	\$10.80
" " " Aug. 8-Aug.10:	.72
Telephone July 15-Aug.10:	4.58
Toll charges :	1.07
	<u>\$17.17</u>

With best greetings as ever,

Very sincerely,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. William Flexner
Princeton, New Jersey

June 7, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I beg to submit to you here a memorandum which I hope will prove suitable for your report to the Carnegie Corporation on work done this year by Dr. Paul Clement.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey
bdm:c

During the academic year 1938-1939 Dr. Clement assisted in the work incidental to the publication of Meritt, Wade-Gery and McGregor, The Athenian Tribute Lists, Volume I. He has participated, too, in a critical study of work to be published in Hesperia, Journal of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Volume VIII, Numbers 1 and 2, and in Paton, The Venetians in Athens, 1687-1688 (Gennadeion Monographs, I). In addition to this activity he has begun to study for publication a number of ancient Greek inscriptions from the American excavations in the Athenian Agora and has spent some time in the reorganization of his material on the ancient religious cults of Thessaly. For Hesperia he has written "A Note on the Thessalian Cult of Enodia"; for L'Antiquite Classique a review of Robinson and Graham, Excavations at Olynthus, Part VIII, The Hellenic House, etc.; for the American Journal of Archaeology a review of Bellinger, Coins from Jerash, 1928-1934 (Numismatic Notes and Monographs, No. 31); and for the American Journal of Philology reviews of Handbuch der Archäologie (Handbuch der Altertumswissenschaft, VI, Erste Lieferung), and of Stuart, The Portraiture of Claudius, Preliminary Studies. These studies were carried on in connection with his work on the epigraphical archives now in the Institute for Advanced Study.

June 7, 1939

Memo to Flexner

Feb. 17, 1939

MEMORANDUM - Feb. 17, 1939

I. Pritchett

\$ 1500

II. Hesperia: establish Hesperia in new building.

American School will appoint a Managing Editor - to occupy one of rooms in new building. His presence there essential.

Would like Institute to make a contribution toward his stipend as he would edit not only on behalf of American School but render assistance, as well to the Institute.

500

note: Would like to report this as a contribution of the Institute toward School work and recommend that the School, at meeting in May, enroll Institute as one of its members.

III. Raubitschek: to complete work.

1500

IV. Books: Definite sum so as not to have to draw on petty cash.

300

V. Travel: Fund to draw on for such expenses

300-400

as:

Hesperia business - in Baltimore
(must go myself or send Dr. Clement)

Boston meetings - \$125

Christmas meetings - 100

(Supervision of work on book in Baltimore during last autumn)

VI. Publication fund: not to be included in next year's budget.

\$ 4100.- 4200.

May 8, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Thank you very much for your invitation to the laying of the corner stone of Fuld Hall. Betty and I accept with pleasure and look forward to the ceremony and to the luncheon afterward at the Princeton Inn.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey
BDM:C

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May 6, 1939

Dear Professor Meritt:

The laying of the corner stone
of Fuld Hall will take place on Monday, May 22, at
12:15 (daylight saving time). We should be very
happy if you and your wife can be present. After
the brief ceremonies in which Mr. Maass, Mr. Houghton,
President Dodds, and Miss Lavinia Bamberger will
participate we shall all adjourn to the Princeton Inn
for luncheon. Please let me know whether you and
Mrs. Meritt can attend.

Very sincerely yours,

Abraham Flexner

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
99 Battle Road
Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ESB

February 12, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I have received an invitation from the Department of Classics at Oberlin College to give the Martin lectures for term this autumn. I believe that it involves a visit of about one week to Oberlin and since it seems a good thing to do I have written to Professor Lord there saying that I shall prepare the lectures for term on the subject of Greek inscriptions.

The lectures are not old. After an experimental year in 1931 the lectures have been given by Tenney Frank of the Johns Hopkins, Charles Seligman of Cambridge, Roy Carpenter of Bryn Mawr, Sir Richard Livington of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, Martin Charlesworth of Cambridge, Cecil L. Sears of Wadham College, Oxford, and F. E. Adcock of King's College, Cambridge.

Adcock is delivering the lectures this spring and I have asked him to visit us here if he can spare a day or two. I hope very much that you may meet him.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, N. J.

COPY

February 9, 1939

MEMORANDUM TO DR. FLEXNER:

re: Hesperia

In 1932 the American School of Classical Studies at Athens published the first annual volume of its new journal Hesperia. One of the principal reasons for establishing this journal was the need to present promptly suitable preliminary publications of the results of the excavations in the Athenian Agora, though the journal was also planned to care for other publication needs of the School. From 1933 until the present time about half the space in the journal has been devoted to the Agora excavations, and two supplementary volumes have been published which deal more extensively with special phases of the Agora work.

From the beginning, the Director of the School in Athens has been ex-officio editor of the School fascicles and the Director of the Agora Excavations has been editor of the Agora fascicles. There has been until now no single editorial board and for the Agora, at least, no permanent editorial office for Professor Shear has divided his time almost evenly between Princeton and Athens.

The firm of Adolf Holzhausens Nachfolger in Vienna has done the actual printing of volumes 1-7. Their prices were lower than any estimates that were obtained in the

United States and their workmanship has been of the highest quality.

The business management of Hesperia has rested ultimately with the Managing Committee of the School, although duplicate subscription lists have been maintained in Athens and in Princeton and receipts from sales and subscriptions have been payable either in Athens or in the United States.

During the autumn of 1938 the members of the Managing Committee of the American School who were most interested in the problems of publication connected with Hesperia decided that it would be best to transfer the place of printing from Vienna to the United States and to centralize the business administration and the managing editorship at Princeton, New Jersey.

The desirability of this unified management had been apparent for some time but the actual change, and particularly the change in arrangements for printing, was occasioned by the difficulties and expense and uncertainty of dealing with a firm in Vienna, now become part of Germany. We were no longer able to settle our accounts in Austrian shillings but had to buy marks at the established price. In spite of assurances from Holzhausens that the cost of publication would not be increased, we found that actually the expense of each fascicle was appreciably greater. After some investigation in this country we discovered that the

printing house of The J. H. Furst Company in Baltimore could now do the same work at no greater expense, with a better face of type and a better quality paper. There was, therefore, no reason from motives of economy for continuing our contract for printing in Vienna and Hesperia is now being printed in Baltimore. Only in the matter of color reproduction do we anticipate greater expense from this change to the United States, but the amount of color work in the journal is not large and we have hope that the constant improvements in color processes in this country will soon reduce the cost of expert work.

This change in place of printing has already given us a feeling of security about our reserve stock and materials. We are now making arrangements to transfer our reserve of past volumes from Vienna to the United States. In the early years there was no appropriate place where this material could be housed, but there will be ample space in the new fire proof building of the Institute for Advanced Study, and the close cooperation between some members of the Institute and the work of the School in Athens makes these new quarters not only a safe but a desirable depository. The Institute has very generously offered these facilities to the American School.

The Managing Committee of the American School plans this year to add to its staff a Managing Editor, one of whose duties will be to see the succeeding volumes of Hesperia through the press. All manuscript approved by the Director

of the School at Athens, or by the Director of the Agora Excavations, is now being sent to the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. Pending the appointment of the Managing Editor, the dealings with the press and the preparation of the manuscript are being carried on by Professor Meritt, but this is a temporary arrangement necessitated now in the emergency of the transfer. Professor Meritt's duties in the future will be purely advisory once the Managing Editor has been appointed. For the sake of close cooperation between him and Professor Meritt and also with Professors Shears and Capps, who live in Princeton, it is our plan to establish the editorial offices in the Institute for Advanced Study. This arrangement is made possible by the offer on the part of the Institute to provide such space and necessary technical assistance.

We are now in a position to publish our journal well and not to be at the mercy of uncertain conditions abroad. Our first fascicle for 1939 is now ready to appear, printed in Baltimore; but we are delayed because the last number printed in Vienna, which should have been ready in December, has not as yet appeared. The reasons for this long delay we do not know and we have no control over them. Such difficulties as this we shall be able to avoid in the future.

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Dear Ben:

I should like to have a meeting with the faculty of the School of Humanistic Studies within the next week or two. I suggest that you let Miss Eichelsner know on what afternoons you are available at, let us say, three o'clock. We can then discuss the question of stipends for next year, considering the question in so far as each member is concerned.

I should like you to bear in mind that the income of the Institute has declined during the first six months of this academic year, as securities paying higher rates of interest have been called and reinvestments had to be made at a lower rate of interest. While I shall try to get outside help, I do not know the extent to which I shall be successful. It will therefore be necessary for us to follow a conservative course until there has been an upswing in general business, reflected in increased dividends.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
69 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/MCE

A. F.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 25, 1939

Dear Ben:

Many thanks for your note about Zuntz.
I shall write him and tell him what you have to
say about White's material and the men most closely
associated with him. I had heard from other
sources that he is not sufficiently prominent
to be likely to be called to an important post
in this country.

Ever sincerely,

A. F.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
69 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/MCE

I shall not mention your name.

January 23, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I have received your letter which you have sent over to me from Professor G. Zuntz and have read with interest what he has to say about the Scholia to Aristophanes.

The "White" to whom he refers was John Williams White of Harvard University. White spent the greater part of his life on the study of Aristophanes and finished only the part on the "Birds". However, all of White's material has been left behind in the Widener Library and I am surprised that some member of the Harvard classical faculty has not taken over the task which White advanced so far. Professor Bertin Gulich of Harvard is probably the man who knows most about it there on the spot and I believe that Professor Zuntz ought to communicate with him if he is interested in carrying on the White tradition.

The two people who were most closely associated with White in his work are Dr. Earnest Cary, 21 Bowdoin Street, Boston and Professor Ol J. Todd, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. These men both worked with White for years and Todd, using White's material whenever he desired, has now published an Index Aristophaneus. It occurs to me that Professor Zuntz may wish also to have the names of these men, whose work he must know but whose addresses he may not know.

I gather from Professor Zuntz' letter that he would like a position in the United States and

Dr. Flexner

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January 23, 1939

that he hopes an interest here in the Aristophanes project of John Williams White may provide for him an opening. I do not believe that anyone in this country would choose Zuntz for this task and I think it safe to say that those who know him by reputation think of him principally as a papyrologist and textual critic without any particular connection with the complicated problems of the Aristophanes Scholia. In any case, the approach to this work ought properly to be made through Harvard University. The library there is equipped with all the books assembled by White for his own work and White's own notes are there. It was the work of many years for him to produce his edition of the Scholia on the "Birds." Even if Harvard had in mind the appointment of someone to finish White's task, I believe there are many scholars to whom they would turn before they would think of Professor Zuntz. His academic record does not make him an outstanding candidate for the program he proposes.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

October 14, 1938

My dear Dr. Flexner,

Thank you for your note of October 11. We shall do the best we can in holding down the cost of our volume, but it is comforting to know that Mr. Saypol may still help us when the need arises.

I am returning the letter which Baura wrote you about Friedländer. I do not know of any opening for him now, although I have had several letters from colleagues as far away as California urging me to do something for him if I can. I am tremendously distressed by recent news that Professor Felix Jacoby in Berlin is no longer able to work, and heaven knows what will happen to him, and that Professor Mario Segre is now one of the first victims of the Italian purge. As much as I should like to help Professor Friedländer, I should wish to give preference either to Jacoby, or to Segre, and even so I have no suggestion that I can make to them.

I have just come back from Baltimore and Uncle Tom tells me that Betty may come home Monday. I hope not in comes up to interfere with her leaving on that day.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey
11:30

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October 11, 1938

I saw Keppel yesterday and told him that there was a possibility that you might need an additional sum of money in the neighborhood of \$1,000. While he made no absolute promise, he told me not to worry but to see him in case any such eventuality developed. Keep the cost down, but let me know if it rises above the sum at your disposal.

I am enclosing a letter from Bowra. I have showed it to President Dodds who discussed it with his Classics Department, the members of which, however, do not see an opening for Friedländer here. I wonder if you know of one somewhere else.

Mrs. Bailey, to whom I am dictating this, is doing well and is at 84 Mercer Street. She read me a gay and happy letter which she had from Elizabeth this morning. Sometime when you are at leisure, drop in at 84 Mercer Street, which is not as far from 89 Alexander Street as Parry Sound. The old girl is making a beautiful recovery.

Ever affectionately,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
 89 Alexander Street
 Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ESB

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April 27, 1938

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I do not myself know how to get in to the Iris Society, but I have written a letter to Papa and expect to have all the details from him. I will send word over to Miss Lichelsner as soon as it comes to me.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey
B:D

20 NASSAU STREET
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 26, 1938

Dear Ben:

Mr. Hartz (Miss Eichelser has a room with Mr. and Mrs. Hartz) is interested in raising iris, and I promised that I would get him some literature about the Iris K.K.K., or whatever it is to which the Chancellor belongs. I am wondering if you are familiar with their plans and methods or whether you will write to the Chancellor in order to put Mr. Hartz in communication with the proper persons, so that he may perhaps make a fortune by crossing breeds, the way the Chancellor has done - if he has!

Ever sincerely,

Q. S.

March 25, 1938

Dear Dr. Flexner,

A few days ago I received a small pamphlet giving the history of the Johns Hopkins Press. The story of its beginning is closely bound up with the early days of the university and I am sending the pamphlet to you so that you may look at it if you so desire.

I have marked one correction. There is a quotation in Greek of a sort that Gildersleeve never would have made.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abraham Flexner

BDM:C

Copy for Professor Meritt

March 22, 1938

Professor A. Reubitschek
Archaeological Seminar
University of Vienna
Vienna, Austria, Germany

Dear Professor Reubitschek:

I am happy to inform you that the Institute for Advanced Study will make you a grant of \$1,500 for the academic year, 1938-1939. You will have no academic duties to perform. The grant is made for the purpose of permitting you to carry on your researches in collaboration with Professor Meritt.

Looking forward with pleasure to our association with you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Abraham Flexner

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MRS. FELIX FULD

March 22, 1938

Dear Ben:

I think I would make a slight modification in your note to Raubitschek. I should make the second paragraph read as follows: "In applying for a visa ask in the first place for a quota number and show the consulate general the official letter of the Institute inviting you to come to America with a stipend. If you can get a quota number, it will mean that you can remain in America indefinitely without any further difficulty. If for any reason the consul declines to give you a quota number, ask for a student's or visitor's visa. I will write to you more fully later about our plans. In the meantime, let me say that I am very happy indeed that we can work together next year."

Very sincerely yours,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
59 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ESB

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Copy for Professor Meritt

February 26, 1938

Miss Florence Anderson
Carnegie Corporation of New York
322 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Miss Anderson:

Thank you for your kind note of
February 24. I have communicated with Professor
Meritt, and he will keep the appointment with
Mr. Leppel for 3:20 on Tuesday afternoon, March 1,
which you have been kind enough to arrange.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Abraham Flexner

AF:ESB

January 10, 1936

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I am sending you here copies of the letters that Betty's father gave me in Nashville. Please keep them if you want to put them in your file. If you do not want them, I will be glad to take care of them here at 69 Alexander Street.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

BMG:MBG

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

December 20, 1937

Dear Ben:

I have yours of the 16th regarding the Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy. I certainly think that you should attend. It is a high compliment that you are the only American invited - but perhaps Egbert and a few other great authorities are equally well deserving. Now don't get your feelings hurt!

Ever sincerely,

Professor Benjamin Meritt
69 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

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December 16, 1937

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Hondius
I am sending to you here a copy of the letter which I have received asking me to take part in the Congress of Greek and Latin epigraphy.

You see from the list of names that I am the only one from the United States invited to be a member of the Committee. This representation does not do justice to the United States and I hope very much that I can persuade a few of the active men like Low and Oliver to go over with me to show what we can do on this side of the ocean. It is my belief that the European representation is somewhat padded.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner
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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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December 16, 1937

Dear Ben:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a
letter which I wrote to Panofsky this morning. I
should like you to think it over.

Always sincerely,

A. F.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
69 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ESB

Copy for Professor Meritt

December 16, 1937

Dear Professor Panofsky:

I have your letter of December 11 and I want to thank you for talking with Morey and Herzfeld.

Immediately after the Christmas holidays are over I should like to have a conversation with you, Herzfeld, Meritt, Lowe, Miss Goldman and perhaps Morey, in order to clarify our policy in the making of grants in the humanistic field. It has become quite evident to me that the conditions in this field differ radically from conditions in mathematics and that we shall have to decide on a long-range policy rather than on a year-to-year policy, for two reasons: (1) it takes much longer to train a man in the humanistic field than in mathematics, for the men who come here in mathematics are, as a rule, further advanced than the young humanists; (2) the possible openings for men trained by yourself, Herzfeld and Meritt are very limited as compared to the vast number of openings available for young mathematicians. I think this means - though I am open to correction - that we shall have to make fewer grants and be prepared to continue them for a longer period. This will give the assurance that when these men leave us they are mature scholars, and it also means that we must select our men with even greater care than has got to be employed in a field where openings of all kinds are abundant.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Erwin Panofsky
114 Prospect Avenue
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/HCE

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

December 2, 1937

Dear Mr. Flexner:

I have written out something of a report on the work Wade-Gery and I are doing in such form that you may, if you wish, send my letter on to Mr. Keppel. The report is enclosed here in the form of a letter to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

September 2, 1937

Dr. Abraham Flexner
Institute for Advanced Study
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I want to report to you the progress that we are making with the study of the Athenian tribute lists.

You will recall that Allen West, who was Professor of Classics at the University of Cincinnati, and I had always planned to bring out a definitive publication of the inscriptions, now mostly in Athens, which carry the names of those cities which belonged to the Athenian Empire and give also the amounts of money that had to be paid each year as tribute. When Allen West died in the autumn of 1936, it seemed that the historical commentary which was particularly his field would have to be considerably delayed. Fortunately, Mr. H. T. Wade-Gary from Redham College, Oxford, was able to come to the Institute this year by virtue of a grant made by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. He is probably the one man in the world who has followed the work which West and I have been doing from its very beginning more than twelve years ago and he has, as you know, made several distinctly valuable contributions quite independently of our own studies which we have incorporated in our plans. His field of study is Ancient History and his presence here now enables us to go forward with our plans for publication with a minimum of delay and interruption. It is fortunate also that the University of Cincinnati has sent its Instructor in Ancient History, Malcolm McGregor, who worked for years with West, to join in our collaboration. They were induced to do this, I feel sure, partly because of the very unique opportunity that the three of us would have for studying this problem together.

Since the opening of the Institute in September, we have made a complete revision of the *IG* fragments of stones. We have established the fundamental texts on which our commentaries for historical interpretations must be based, and we have already begun sending our manuscript on the first of our two proposed volumes to the printers. I received the first proofs yesterday. They look admirable indeed, and I think that now is a good time to report that Volume I is no longer a mere plan for the future, but rapidly becoming an actual

Dr. Abraham Flexner

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December 2, 1937

and tangible publication. As nearly as we can estimate, it will be a folio volume of something like 350 pages and in it will be brought together for the first time a complete series of these records.

At the same time, we have already begun work on the manuscript of Volume II where Mr. Wade-Gery's help is of particular value. He knows the history of Athens in the fifth century with all the evidence at his finger tips. I believe that already we have solved many very difficult problems particularly concerned with the outbreak of the Peloponnesian Wars. This has been possible because we have been together and have been able to talk freely whenever a difficulty, either historical or epigraphical arose. I believe we can be fairly sure that Volume I will be finished in 1938 and Volume II in 1939.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

BDM:WRO

September 28, 1937

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I have your note about Dr. Raubitschek and have just written to him in the general terms which you suggest. I can see no reason for an immediate consideration of his application, but I do believe it would be well for his sake to decide upon it perhaps by the first of the new year, so that he may make his plans for absence from Vienna if he is in fact to come here for the following academic year.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey
BDM/MG

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

September 27, 1937

Dear Ben:

I have your letter in regard to Dr. Raubitschek. I wonder whether it is necessary to act upon this application at this time. Would it not be satisfactory if you wrote Dr. Raubitschek that you have made the recommendation and that in your judgment it will in all probability be favorably acted upon. I see no reason for difficulty, since at the end of the current year both Jurji and Starr will drop out, and I hope that a larger sum may be available for grants in the humanistic field.

Ever sincerely,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
69 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey
AF/MCE

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September 24, 1937

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Dr. Habitschek has planned for more than a year to make application for a fellowship in the Institute so that he may study Greek inscriptions with us here. After some preliminary correspondence he has now sent a formal application, which I am transmitting to you along with his letter to me and his testimonials. My recommendation is that we grant the application, offering a stipend of \$1800 for the academic year 1938-1939.

I know Habitschek personally, and close acquaintance with him in Athens have become convinced that he is the kind of student particularly suited to work at the Institute. His discoveries in Athenian epigraphy of the sixth century are, in fact, of first rate importance. Furthermore, he is the most promising of all the Viennese school - and it would be a real service to scholarship to help in the training of a successor to Professor Adolf Wilhelm, whose long career has done much to make Vienna a friendly rival in epigraphic prestige with Berlin. I am anxious to help maintain, if possible, the high quality of the epigraphic work at the Vienna Academy, and believe that the granting of a fellowship to Dr. Habitschek would contribute toward this end.

Finally, I think it highly desirable that Habitschek should be here in 1938-1939 when his preliminary studies at Athens are fresh in mind, and when he will be able to enter freely into discussions with Dr. Threpsades, as well as with me, while Threpsades is editing the epigraphical texts of Athens.

Very respectfully yours,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute for Advanced Study
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Benjamin D. Meritt

20 NASSAU STREET
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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April 12, 1937

Dear Ben:

The enclosed letter from Simon
will show you that a study of Arthur's chart
is proceeding.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

A. J.

replied; not unlikely he is
looking for accounts of similar
conditions. I can easily ask
Lancaster also but I should
prefer Rhoads' opinion first.

DR. SIMON FLEXNER
530 EAST 86TH ST.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

April 11. 37.

Dear Alice,

Read your Bulletin No. 6
with the greatest interest and
pleasure. It's the record of a most
remarkable accomplishment.

You shoud be most happy.

I turned the report on the
Meritt case over to Rhoads
who is more likely than any-
one else with us to understand
the condition. He has not yet
replied; not unlikely he is
looking for accounts of similar
conditions. I can easily ask
Landellian also but I shoud
prefer Rhoads's opinion first.

530 EAST 86TH ST.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Told Rhoads that if it will
keep him & see the child that
could doubtless be arranged.
I will report to you promptly
after I hear from Rhoads.

Allen & I were sorry not to be
able to accept Anne's invitation
last Thursday.

Love,

Allen.

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530 EAST 86TH ST.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

April 13. 7.

Dear Mrs.

Dr. Rhoads has studied the
spout on the Meritt child and
will need to see him (or her). Mrs.
Meritt can call him on the
telephone - Repeat 4-8000 and
make the necessary arrange-
ments; or she can write him
first. His name is Dr. C. P.
Rhoads care Rockefeller
Hospital.

I hope all goes well with

Tom.

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March 31, 1937

Dear Ben:

I am sending you a copy of Riefler's letter to Mr. Maass embodying the results of the meeting of the Committee held on Friday last. You will see that on the basis of these minutes you can go ahead as fast as Woodbridge can move.

Won't you please return this letter for my files?

Sincerely yours,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
69 Alexander Street
Princeton, N. J.

A. J.

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Messrs: HERZFELD, LOWE, MERITT, and
PANOFSKY

THE School of Humanistic Studies was started in October, 1935. In the absence of Professor Meritt, who lectured at Oxford and subsequently spent some weeks in Athens, the task of beginning fell to Professor Panofsky. He succeeded without difficulty in establishing the same kind of coöperative relationship with the Princeton University Department of Art and Archaeology as had been previously established between the mathematicians of the University and the Institute. During the year 1935-1936 he conducted a seminar on the work of Michael Angelo with the participation of five advanced students; in 1936-1937 he hopes to complete his work on Dürer's *Melancholia* and to continue his investigations in the field of late mediaeval and Renaissance iconography and will again conduct a seminar.

During the year Doctor Weitzmann brought to Princeton approximately twenty-five hundred new photographs from Mount Athos, a mass of material which throws entirely new light on the development of Byzantine art and will be utilized by the Princeton group of art-historians and archaeologists.

The staff has been enlarged by the addition of Pro-

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fessor Lowe and Professor Herzfeld. Inasmuch as Professors Lowe, Meritt, and Herzfeld are abroad prosecuting their researches as this bulletin goes to press, it is impossible at this time to make any announcement about their plans for the coming year.

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APPLICATIONS AND FEES

APPLICATIONS for admission should be addressed to the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey.

The membership fee is \$100.00 per annum.

The Trustees have set aside a sum which can be used as stipends to persons of distinct ability and promise who require a limited amount of financial aid.

Report for Feb. 1937 Feb 1 1937
Dear Dr. Flexner.

Bulletin

Professor Meritt will continue his study of the recently discovered inscriptions from the Athenian Agora, reporting upon them from time to time in published form in the journal Hesperia, ~~collaborating in this task~~ and editing the reports of members of the staff who make epigraphical ~~reports~~ ^{studies} of the Athenian discoveries. In 1937-1938 he hopes to ~~complete his work~~ ^(the MS of which is now nearly complete) and publish ~~a~~ ^{or} volume on the collectors of the Athenian tribute, and ~~problems related to~~ related problems. This work is preliminary to the definitive publication of the Athenian tribute-quota lists and assessment decrees, ~~part~~ the preparation of which his principal effort will be directed, with assistance and collaboration from Mr. Malcolm McGregor of the University of Cincinnati and Mr. H. T. Wade-Gery of Wadham College, Oxford. A ~~seminar~~ will be offered, as during

The current year, to interested
graduate students of Princeton
University ~~and members~~ and to
interested members of the Institute.

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January 28, 1937

Dear Professor Meritt:

I am sending you herewith the statement regarding the School of Humanistic Studies that appeared in Bulletin No. 5 of the Institute, issued in February 1936. We are now engaged in preparing Bulletin No. 6 which will be published in February 1937. Will you be good enough to send me a brief statement regarding the work you propose to do in the year, 1937-1938, which I may include in the forthcoming Bulletin?

Sincerely yours,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
69 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

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Pritchett

Jan. 18, 1937

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Mr. William K. Pritchett, who is now assisting me with the facsimiles of Greek inscriptions that are the property of the Institute, holds an appointment at \$100 a month until (I believe) July 1, 1937.

I find his work most valuable to me now, and in looking forward to the summer when I shall not be in Princeton and to next year, I realize that it will be desirable to have Mr. Pritchett continue his work of classification and reading without interruption — for new acquisitions are coming in constantly.

I ^{wish to} recommend, ^{to you} therefore, that Mr. Pritchett be given an appointment on a 12-month basis at \$125 a month beginning July 1, 1937. The present rate of \$100 a month is hardly enough, as I have learned, to meet his minimum needs.

Very sincerely yours,

Wade-Gery

January 18, 1937.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

For almost fifteen years I have been studying the Athenian Tribute-Quota lists, which are perhaps the most important epigraphical documents preserved for the history of fifth-century Athens. Much of this work (and much of the preliminary publication) has been done in collaboration with Allen B. West, who was Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati. We were planning together a definitive publication at the time of West's death last September. This publication must still be made, and no one is better qualified to participate in it, as a historian, than H. T. Wade-Gery of Wadham College, who has followed all the studies made by West and me and with whom I spent part of last year in Oxford.

To make possible the necessary collaboration I wish to recommend to you that Wade-Gery be given an appointment as Visiting Professor for the year 1937-1938. He will accept the appointment if he can secure leave from his college, as I think he can. I have not as yet heard from him definitely, but since his college meeting

comes (I believe) early in Trinity Term, I should have word by February. He is married and has one son (aged 8), so financial assistance will be necessary for him in addition to whatever perquisites he can hold from his college.

Inasmuch as Wade-Byrd must know whether or not he can come for next year before the time of our Trustees' meeting in April, I wish to recommend to you that you ask at the meeting on January 25 for authorization to extend the formal invitation to him, with a stipend of \$5000 to make his year here possible.

Very sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

69 ALEXANDER STREET
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 9, 1937.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Bowra made a splendid impression when he lectured here, and I have hopes that he will receive the offer he wants. His presence, with Wade-Gary next year, would really create an ideal combination not to be matched anywhere on this side of the Atlantic. With the Institute and Princeton there would be a group of scholars capable of doing a thoroughly decent job of classical studies.

About Bowra's offer I have sent a memorandum to Stuart, and I enclose a copy of it here for you. Stuart has promised me (a) that Dodds will not write to Bowra and say that it is impossible to find the extra thousand or so without his (Stuart's) telling me so first, and (b) that he will ease my mind by letting me know at any time if Dodds reaches a favorable decision.

Whatever happens we must prevent Dodds from writing to Bowra that he can't raise the money.

Sincerely yours,

E. D. Meritt

Flexner

Copy for Professor Meritt

January 6, 1937

Dear Professor Voblen:

Since we parted this morning I have had interviews with both Riefler and Meritt on the subject of buildings and grounds, and a telephone talk with Mr. Sinnerbeaux, who told me that with his other work he simply could not do in the next few days what you requested him to do this morning.

I find myself drawn into a vortex which I have been preaching against all my life, namely, that universities devote an inordinate amount of time to just such operations. It is perfectly plain to me that Riefler and Meritt are tired of it, and I am sure that if I did as much speculating and walking in connection with the problem as they have done I should give up building and simply rent additional space at 20 Nassau Street.

I am quite clear that at this moment we have neither the time nor the money to bother about the Olden Manor and the Olden Farm, for there is actually a question as to whether, with falling interest rates, we will have money next year for Dinos or a Greek scholar whom Meritt would like to bring over for his Agora work. Such being the case, the Olden Farm, the Olden Manor and landscaping are out of the question. If we embark upon them we will find ourselves on the same sort of incline plane that has landed the Johns Hopkins University in the mire.

I told Mr. Sincerbeaux to limit his report to the Battle Road and Mercer Street lots, and he assured me that he could take care of this in such a way that if ever we wished to do anything with the Olden Farm he would not have prejudiced that piece of property from any point of view.

It is my conviction that we will never have any academic buildings on the farm, and I have such grave doubts as to the use of the Manor for social purposes that if I had to vote on the matter now I should vote in the negative. Fortunately, it does not have to be decided now and I can take time to think.

The problems which we need to settle at this time are (1) housing for the faculty and (2) closing up of the golf course transaction. Let's concentrate upon these and get them finished so that Riefler and his associates may at once be enabled to get homes for themselves and quit thinking and speculating on the subject, for it really does not interest them. The golf course matter may drag along a little longer, but it will be settled in the way we desire.

I feel no inclination whatsoever to take up the question of a building, for I am not clear enough in my own mind as to what we want. I would far rather rent additional floor space in 80 Nassau Street and get our minds so full of the purposes for which we exist that we will all become relatively indifferent to buildings and grounds. Mr. Gilman had a great university in two old boarding houses, and the present Johns Hopkins, with a beautiful campus, is on the rocks. I am all for the boarding houses and opposed to the rocks, as I know you are at heart. It is, I think, quite clear that these things bulk much less largely in your mind than they do in mine or Riefler's or Meritt's, for we are strangers to them; but I fear them, as I fear the plague, for these young men bursting with ideas and alive to opportunities, who find themselves distracted by things in which they are not interested, though in so far as the housing is

Professor Veblen

January 6, 1937

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concerned they have got to take a minimum amount of their time to settle their problems in a brief period once and for all, as you settled yours many years ago.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Oswald Veblen
Fine Hall
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/MCB

P. S. I am sending copies of this letter to Riefler and Meritt.

A. F.

P. S. #2. Since I dictated the above, Meritt and I have driven the whole length of Battle Road. I am more than ever puzzled as to why there should be any difficulty at all. Battle Road is not a highway or traffic-way. It is a residence street and a side street. It corresponds to the horizontal line in the letter "H". There is a highway at one end, and there is nothing that we can do, it seems to me, with the blocks on which your house and our lots are situated beyond accepting the present layout.

As far as landscaping is concerned, it seems to me out of the question to think of it in connection with Battle Road, as now laid out, and there is no occasion for even raising the question at this time in connection with the Olden Farm, the future of which is absolutely dark. There will, of course, be a street as wide as we choose to make it from Harcor Street to the Olden Farm, past the end of Battle Road. No unusual width is required and hence we need not sacrifice all the space we own on the far block of Battle Road.

It is my opinion that we should recommend the completion of Battle Road as now laid out, leaving for the future all other questions. On the lines I propose we can get a decision at the next Board Meeting; on any other basis a final decision will be postponed "till the cows come home".

Once more I recur to the unforeseen expense the moment we get into the real estate business. We have spent on 69 Alexander Street three times the amount anyone expected. If we start on Battle Road and the Olden Farm, the only way to meet the expense - foreseen and unforeseen - is to cut the mathematics budget seriously, for that school is the only one which spends so large a sum that a reduction of any size can possibly be made.

A. F.

20 NASSAU STREET
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

October 1, 1936

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your kind letter,
which gives me precisely the information that
I want. I wish I could include the whole of it
in my report to the Board, but that would make
the report unduly long. I shall, however, use
the gist of it.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
69 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

B. D. Meritt

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September 24, 1936

Dear Ben:

There is to be a meeting of the Trustees of the Institute on October 13. At that time I am in the habit of presenting a report, in which this time I should like to include a statement regarding the work which the new schools expect to undertake this year or in the near future. Would you be good enough to prepare for me a brief statement which might include a short account of your peregrinations last year? Riefiler and Mitrany have already furnished me with such a memorandum, and I shall ask Panofsky for one also.

I am glad that you and Elizabeth are here. It may be that I shall see you before this reaches you.

Ever sincerely,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
62 Battle Road
Princeton, New Jersey

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62 Battle Road,
Princeton, New Jersey,
Sept. 29, 1936.

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

Dear Dr. Flexner,

I wish to give to you a report of my activities ~~last year~~ while on leave of absence from the Institute, and a brief statement of my plan of work for the present year.

By invitation from Oxford University through Professor Gilbert Murray I was appointed University Lecturer ^{in 1935-1936} for two terms ~~and~~ in the historical section of the Faculty of Literae Humaniores. During Michaelmas term I was associated with Wadham College ^{where I} ~~and~~ lectured twice a week, once on Greek inscriptions to undergraduates (about 75) and once on Problems of Greek Epigraphy for the Burs and Tutors (really a seminar with about 12 tutors in attendance). During Hilary term I was associated with Trinity College, and continued the seminar, though not the undergraduate lectures. During the Oxford Christmas recess, and

again from mid-March to late May I was in Athens studying the new inscriptions from the Athenian Agora. For these periods I held from the American School of Classical Studies at Athens an appointment as Visiting Professor, and lectured in the Epigraphical Museum one morning a week to the students of the American School. I also prepared a report for publication in Hesperia, the Journal of the American School, on the newly discovered inscriptions from the Agora (now in press), and obtained for the library of the Institute a complete collection of squeezes of all the inscriptions in the Epigraphical Museum, in the Agora, at Eleusis, and on the Acropolis.

This is the nucleus of what I hope will be the most complete collection of squeezes in America, and a very valuable reference collection for epigraphical work by all scholars on this side of the Atlantic. While at Oxford, I succeeded in getting for the Institute the complete collection from the Ashmolean Museum, and Mr. William H. Buckler gave to me for the Institute

his entire collection from the excavations of Sardis. These squeezes are now all in Princeton, and I have made ^{further} arrangements ~~with the~~ ~~Anglo-American~~ for the acquisition of squeezes from the museum at Smyrna. The building up of this ~~During the year~~ collection of squeezes has received favorable recognition from the Committee on ~~Research~~ Materials of Research of the American Philological Association and from the Archaeological Institute of America. The Archaeological Institute sent ^{to} me an ~~grant~~ unsolicited grant of \$250 which I spent during the winter in preparation for further acquisitions.

The sum of \$2500 voted by the Institute for Advanced Study was used as designated during the year in making the collection of squeezes in Athens (about \$400) and in obtaining ^{the foundation of} a working epigraphical library (about \$2100). The books thus acquired are now in ~~the~~ Princeton.

During the winter I also collaborated with H. T. Wade-Gery of Wadham College in writing

a paper on "Pylos and the Assessment of 425 B.C." which has just been published in the American Journal of Philology (Vol. LVII, pp. 377-394).

My plan for the present year is to continue the study of the new inscriptions from the Athenian Agora, for which I have the responsibility of editorial supervision ^{and which now number more than 4000} being assisted by Sterling Dow ~~of~~ and William S. Ferguson (by invitation) of Harvard, by James H. Oliver of Columbia, by my assistant at the Institute Mr. William K. Pritchett, and by two Fellows of the Agora Staff in Athens, Miss Margaret Crosby of Yale and Mr. Eugene Schweigert, a former student of mine at the Johns Hopkins. I shall also continue work on the epigraphical collection of the Institute, and on the preparation for publication of "The Athenian Tribute Quota Lists," responsibility for which will now fall largely on me since the untimely death of my collaborator, Allen B. Wend of Cincinnati. This summer. During the winter I shall also conduct a seminar.

of one hour a week (on Wednesdays)
for the graduate students ^{at} ~~of the~~ Johns Hopkins
~~University~~ on "Greek Historical Inscriptions."
This last by special arrangement between the
Institute and the Johns Hopkins University,
where the Academic Council and the Trustees
have appointed me Visiting Professor.

Very respectfully yours.

Benjamin D. Meritt.

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March 17, 1936

Dear Ben:

I imagine that you received my cable from Arizona where I spent two glorious weeks. I have sought a decent winter climate in Egypt, Italy, and the Riviera. It does not exist in any of these places, but Arizona has it in abundance and to spare. I had two such weeks as I have never had except at Ahmic at its very best: cloudless, slightly warm days when it was a joy just to sit in the sun and be alive, but I have come back greatly refreshed and invigorated.

My cable was a very mild and brief expression of my gratification that your scholarship had been so distinctively recognized by one of the great humanist universities. I do indeed congratulate you and Elizabeth, and I hope that you may be spared many years to carry on here in Princeton and elsewhere the interesting and important research upon which you have made so auspicious a beginning.

I was also delighted that you and Elizabeth broke away from the almost too heavy social and educational routine of Oxford in order to see something of the English country before you left. Your letter indeed led me to remark to Anne that before too long a time passes she and I must spend another spring term at Oxford, for we were very happy there, and I think that I should be even happier if I went there as a visitor with no lectures on my uneasy conscience.

Soon Elizabeth will be sailing, and I hope very much that she and the children are going to have a good trip and that she will let me hear about you

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all. The first signs of spring have just reached Princeton. We are beginning to play with the idea of meeting at Almic. If we are well, it ought to be the most interesting summer we have ever had there, for we shall have more to talk about than ever before.

With all good wishes and affectionate greetings in which Anne and the children join,

Ever your friend,

A. F.

P.S.

Many thanks for the London Times and the Oxford University Gazette with the interesting accounts of your degree.

A.F.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
American School of Classical Studies
Athens, Greece

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P.S. #2

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have just written to Buckler thanking him for the gift which you mentioned in your letter of February 27. It was a handsome present and is deeply appreciated.

A.F.

P.S. #3

March 19

Since I dictated the preceding I have received your letter regarding the visit to Berlin. You may remember that I suggested to you when you went abroad that you ought to include Berlin in your itinerary.

I do not think that there is any real danger that you will be embarrassed by the University. Princeton has not been invited to send a representative to the Heidelberg anniversary, unquestionably because Einstein is here, and I am quite sure that the University of Berlin will not honor one of Einstein's colleagues. In your place I should write Kirchner and say briefly that you hope to visit Berlin for a few days before your return, unless you feel sure that you will find him there in any event. In that case you need not even write. Having gone there, you can act incognito, see the men and the things quietly that interest you and sneak out. If any suggestion should be made that you be given an honorary degree, I should in your place say that your acceptance would be dependent upon the approval of the Trustees of the Institute. In this way you would gain time. I should not wish your Oxford degree tarnished by accepting a degree from a university, of which the present Rector is a "vet".

I am enclosing cards of introduction to Dr. Otto Jeidels, a prominent banker and a close friend of mine, and to Professor Wolfgang Windelband, who after a distinguished career in the Ministry was demoted by Hitler to be professor of history at Berlin and has now been further demoted by being appointed to a

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professorship at Halle. He is a charming person, and these two men would be able to give you any advice that you may need on the spot.

A.F.

Dr. Otto Jaidele
Behrenstr. 32
Berlin, W. 8

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Windelband
4 Grunewald, Beymerstrasse 6
Berlin

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May 9, 1935

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your letter of the third with enclosures, which I shall attend to for you just as soon as you are on the payroll of the Institute. The buff forms of the Teachers Insurance Association are newer than the white ones which you signed when in the office, but I am sure that the Association will accept the checks, no matter what color the form.

I have been a very long time in replying to your letter, but it has been a rush getting Mr. and Mrs. Flexner off and winding up many affairs for the members of the School of Mathematics, etc., etc.

With kindest regards to you and Elizabeth,

Very sincerely yours,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt

Ethel S. Bailey

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April 30, 1935.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt,
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Professor Meritt:

Your letter of April 26th has been received and our records marked accordingly. No further formality other than your authorizing the Institute for Advanced Study to make the payments on your policies will be necessary. We are enclosing salary deduction agreement forms which if you wish may be used in this connection.

Very truly yours,

R. D. Mohun
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MRS. FELIX FULD

April 30, 1935

My dear Professor Meritt:

I have your two letters of April 26 and am sending you herewith check for \$11.62 to reimburse you for the expense involved in your trip to Princeton on April 24.

I shall be very happy to take care of the various payments for you and have noted all the instructions.

Your contribution from your salary to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America is deducted by the Treasurer of the Institute, so that is automatically taken care of.

I shall be here until July 5, so that, if anything else occurs to you, don't hesitate to inform me, as you know I am delighted to help in any way that I can.

I suppose you have seen the announcements in the New York papers regarding the two appointments to the School of Humanistic Studies of the Institute. Everyone is very happy over the news.

With kindest regards to you and Elizabeth,

Very sincerely yours,

Ethel S. Bailey

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
314 Northfield Place
Roland Park, Baltimore, Md.

April 30, 1935

Dr. Abraham Flexner
The Institute of Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of April 25 in which you extended to me the invitation to become a professor in the Institute of Advanced Study. I am happy to accept your invitation under the terms outlined in your letter and look forward eagerly to participating thus in the establishment of the School of Humanistic Studies.

Very sincerely yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

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April 25, 1935

Dear Professor Meritt:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study held April 22, 1935, I was authorized to take the first steps in the organization of a School of Humanistic Studies. I have pleasure in inviting you to become a professor at an initial salary of \$9,000 a year to begin whenever your salary in your present post ceases. It is understood that you will contribute 5% of your salary to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, the Institute contributing an equal sum monthly, that these combined contributions will continue until your retirement and then become a basis of your retirement allowance, and that, unless your term of appointment is prolonged by mutual consent, you will retire at sixty-five years of age.

I am sending you a complete set of the Bulletins of the Institute. You will observe that we are endeavoring to cultivate the closest relations with the advanced work of Princeton University so that such facilities as the Institute may acquire and such facilities as Princeton University may possess will be open to the advanced workers of either institution without additional expense to them. Finally, the members of the faculty of the Institute are expected to regard their tenure as a full-time occupation. Though they are free to take any steps which the interests of their respective subjects

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require, they are so remunerated and protected that they are expected to refrain from the acceptance of payment for ordinary services. This of course does not apply to honoraria or royalties which may accrue to them in consequence of scientific activity of the high grade to which it is assumed they will devote themselves.

I understand that during the next academic year you will be abroad in pursuit of your studies, first at Oxford, and later in Athens. I had a talk with Professor Capps this morning, in the course of which he stated that, in his judgment, the major part of your time, beginning with the excavating season, should be spent at Athens, but this I leave entirely to your discretion.

It may be that in writing this letter I have omitted some point of importance, but I believe that, if you will carefully peruse the bulletins, your understanding of the situation will be complete.

I am deeply appreciative of your expressed willingness to join in the establishment of a School of Humanistic Studies on the same high level as the School of Mathematics, which has thus far operated in conjunction with the Mathematical Faculty of Princeton University most successfully and harmoniously.

Very sincerely yours,

Abraham Flexner

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MRS. FELIX FULD

April 8, 1935

Dear Ben:

Returning to town I find your letter of March 31st, which I will answer paragraph by paragraph.

The mathematicians have an outlet for their publications in the Annals of Mathematics, which is supported jointly by Princeton University and the Institute for Advanced Study. This, I suppose, is the equivalent of your publishing papers in the American Journal of Philology and Hesperia. The question of a subvention for a book has not yet arisen, and, in my judgment, is not worth taking up until the book is born. I should suppose - though I cannot, of course, commit the Board - that no difficulty would be encountered in underwriting a publication of this sort, either by yourself or in collaboration with the University of Cincinnati or some other institution.

Of course, it would be essential for you to retain your connection with the Agora work, and I don't suppose there is any doubt - though, again, I cannot commit the Institute - that the Institute would become a supporting institution.

Should you receive an appointment from the Institute, your salary would begin when your Hopkins salary stopped. When is this? It would be paid in regular and equal monthly instalments. Inasmuch as the salary scale has

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been higher than that in vogue in other institutions, the Institute has not paid the moving expenses of any of the professors. The amount is small and the precedent is one I prefer not to make.

The Institute is a member of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and pays monthly 5% of the professor's salary, he paying a similar amount.

I hope that this letter is satisfactory as far as it goes. One cannot possibly anticipate all contingencies, and we have made as few general rules as possible in order to be able to meet specific situations which productive scholars encounter.

All of us join in love to you and Elizabeth and the children.

Ever sincerely yours,

A. J.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 5, 1935

Dear Ben:

Your letter of March 31 to Mr. Flexner
has come while he is away from Princeton. I shall
bring it to his attention upon his return next week.

With kind regards to you and

Elizabeth, I am

Sincerely yours,

Esther S. Bailey

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
314 Northfield Place
Roland Park
Baltimore, Maryland

March 31, 1938.

Dr. Abraham Flexner,
Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Flexner,

In the interval that has elapsed since my last trip to Princeton I have thought of several questions that I want to lay before you.

I shall of course have to give up the American Journal of Philology if I move away from the Hopkins, but I feel confident that small articles which I write from time to time can be accepted init., or perhaps in Classical Philology at Chicago. The actual publication of new material from the Agora will be cared for in Hesperia, but the longer studies that grow out of my epigraphical work ought somehow to be provided for -- and I wonder what our plans will be for this type of publication. In about two or three years I expect to have ready (with Allen West of Cincinnati) a two-volume work on the Athenian Tribute Lists, and, unless the muse deserts me, there will be other books to follow that I shall want to have printed. Will there be provision for this type of publication in the scheme of organization of the Humanistic Division in the Institute?

Another question that has occurred to me involves my relations with Athens. During the next ten years, at any rate, very substantial increases in our epigraphical knowledge are likely to be associated with the Agora excavations. I have been given the general editorship of all these documents and have now three assistants,

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members of the Agora staff, working with me. I cannot afford to let drop a close association with the School at Athens, for Athens is the source of the most interesting material. Now, I have my connection with Athens primarily because of membership in the Managing Committee of the School as a representative of one of the supporting institutions. I have been representative from Brown, and Princeton, and Michigan, and am now representative from the Hopkins. I fear that I should have to resign from membership if I give up this connection with a supporting institution. It may be that the Managing Committee would not accept the resignation, but it would seem to me only fair to make the gesture. This would not be necessary if the Institute were a supporting institution, but such membership costs \$250 a year. Would the Institute go that far to maintain my connection with Athens if it should become necessary? If there were no other way I have thought that I might make my own contribution as a supporting institution and then represent myself. In any event, I must consider (with your help and advice) how my connection with the School is to be maintained.

In planning for next year's budget I want to ask, for information only, how and when payments of salary from the Institute are arranged, and in what proportional amounts. May I also ask whether the Institute bears the expense of our moving to Princeton, as Hopkins did when I moved here and as Chicago has offered to do, or whether this falls on me? I am interested also in one other business item. Does the Institute make a contribution toward deferred annuities? I have been carrying such a policy, on which the University and I have made equal payments.

These are all items of interest, of course, but very minor items compared with the prospect of becoming a member of the Institute. It would

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be superfluous to tell you that I hope the action of your Board is such that this ambition can be realized.

Betty joins me in warmest regards to you and to Mrs. Flexner. Please give my best greetings also to Mrs. Bailey.

Very sincerely yours,

Ben

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February 21, 1935

Dear Ben:

I have had two conferences with President Dodds since you were here the other day, and I have arranged, as I promised, to have a conference with one of our own people on Monday next in New York. I am not sure whether I shall be able to return to Princeton Monday evening or Tuesday evening, for I have some other matters that I must wipe off the slate while I am in New York. I shall have also to see President Dodds again after returning to Princeton Monday or Tuesday. It may be, therefore, that an additional day will elapse before I can give you the definite information upon which you are waiting, but it seems to me that the difference of a day or two cannot possibly be of the slightest importance to President Hutchins. Matters of such moment cannot be hustled, and I think he ought to give you all the time you need in order that you may arrive at a decision with which you and Elizabeth will be entirely satisfied. In any event, I shall lose no time in communicating with you.

Give our love to Elizabeth, and believe me

Ever sincerely,

A. F.

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June 2, 1934

Dear Ben:

Inasmuch as you will probably be the pioneer at the lake this summer, I am dropping you a line to say that I am going to have to go to Europe this summer in the interest of the Institute and that Mrs. Flexner and Eleanor will go along, so unfortunately Ingleside will remain closed. I cannot tell you how reluctantly we have come to this conclusion, but, if I don't go this summer, I should have to go during next winter, and I do not feel that I ought to be absent from Princeton for any considerable time during the academic year. Spread the sad news among our friends, and tell them that we are heart-broken to miss the lake. I have no doubt that the fishing will be the best in the last twenty years and will more than recompense you and your father-in-law for our absence. Now and then, if you have nothing else to do, walk through the woods, and see if the boat-house is closed and the place in good condition.

Give our love to Betty and Kirk, and believe me

Ever affectionately,

A.F.

Professor Benjamin Meritt
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P.S.

Aristophanes arrived. Thank you.

A.F.

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Dear Ben:

Aristophanes has not come, but it will come. I have not really missed it, so that your so-called "lame excuse" is quite unnecessary.

The Oxford prospect sounds most attractive to me. I think it would be a splendid thing for you, from both a personal and a scholarly point of view, to get in close touch with Oxford scholars, the British Museum, and the Bodleian Library. The question of living arrangements depends, I think, largely on the length of time you are to stay there. You can probably rent a small house very inexpensively if you are going to be there a full term. We had the house of the great classicist Bywater in Norham Gardens. It was small and fairly well equipped - we left it better equipped than we found it. It is the property of Professor A. J. Smith, who is a Fellow of Magdalen. If you do decide to go there, I will give you the names and addresses of persons who can make you further suggestions in case this house is either unavailable or unsatisfactory.

I envy you the prospect of leaving for camp as early as June 13th. I really don't know what we are going to do this summer. I am trying to bring together a few people to make a start in the field of economics and politics, but whether I can do this best on this side of the water or on the other, I do

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not myself yet know. I hope to come to a decision within the next week or ten days.

Anne, Eleanor, and Mrs. Bailey join me in affectionate greetings to you, Elizabeth, and Jimmie.

Ever sincerely,

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January 11, 1933

Dear Ben:

I have been nosing around in reference to the Hopkins offer.

I suspect they would be glad to offer the place at a salary of \$6,000 without summer work, though I have no absolute authority to say so.

If on these terms it appeals to you, as I hope it may, let me know, and I can give it another shove. I think they will make some sort of temporary arrangement for next year if they are sure of your acceptance.

We have had atrocious weather with the result that Anne after two attacks of the grippe has gone to Florida for a brief stay. Eleanor, Jean, and I are all fine, and all join in love and affectionate greetings to you, Elizabeth, and the children.

Ever sincerely,

A. F.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
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December 22, 1932

Dear Ben;

I read with very great interest the letter which you sent me from President Ames, and I have taken it upon myself to write him urging him to fill the post temporarily next year in order that you may be able to keep your promise to Michigan and urging also that, as you have a family to look out for, he make you the most advantageous possible financial offer. I could do this with impunity, for Ames and I were classmates at college and have been friends ever since.

From your point of view it would seem to me a distinct step upward to come East. You will be near Capps at Princeton, near Pennsylvania, near New York, and in easy reach of Harvard, Yale, etc. - not to mention the new Institute for Advanced Study, which is going to tilt the educational and intellectual world still further to the East. Whatever may be said for the West - and I have no doubt that a lot can be said - the facilities, opportunities, and inducements of the country lie and are bound to lie in the East.

I think Ames is quite right in saying that there is a greater opportunity for academic freedom in Baltimore than in most American universities. That is a hangover from the days of President Gilman, Gildersleeve, and the other great men who initiated that enterprise. The university atmosphere at the Johns Hopkins will always be more prominent than the collegiate.

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I do not know anything about the present salary scale, but I believe you should hold out for a sum which will free you wholly from summer work. You must use your summers not only for recreation but for wide reading in your own field and in contiguous fields. That is one difference between the scholars of today and the previous generation both in this country and abroad. The latter were broader in scope. We have lost something through intense specialization, but a good deal of it can be retained if proper use is made of the long vacation.

I am most interested to hear about the progress of the work on the Agora. I heard Shear down at Princeton the other night give a perfectly wonderful exposition of what had been done. I sat on the most uncomfortable camp stool in the United States and was utterly amazed to find that I had been sitting there for two hours. Really the time passed without my noticing it.

I saw Capps and your other friends, and all asked for news of you and Elizabeth.

I have been spending these last weeks trying to round out my initial group in mathematics. That is why I haven't thanked you for the very attractive volume which you were good enough to send and which I shall read during the holidays. I returned from Princeton only last night, and now I think I have my mathematics nucleus secure - Einstein, Weyl of Göttingen (the most eminent mathematician in Germany), Veblen and Alexander of Princeton. I have taken counsel on all sides, so that I have ^{not} been swayed in favor of Princeton. On the other hand, Princeton has men ready to be promoted to the places vacated by Veblen and Alexander, so that Princeton University will not be harmed and Princeton itself will be enormously strengthened by the collaboration of the two mathematical groups.

I saw Jean and Paul in Washington this week, and both are well and asked

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for news of you and the children.

Mrs. Flexner and Eleanor are in fine shape. Eleanor is having the time of her life at the Civic Repertory Theatre keeping ungodly hours, eating stuff that would have killed her a year ago and beaming with happiness.

All of us join in affectionate greetings and in best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and Elizabeth and the children and those of your associates whom we know.

Sincerely your friend,

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THE HUMANITIES

At the Buckwood Inn Conference, held in October, 1924, the officers were "authorized to mature for the consideration of the Board propositions dealing with the humanities." Since that date, proposals dealing with the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago have been favorably acted on by the Board, aid has been given to the American Association of Learned Societies, and action is hoped for on the part of the International Education Board in reference to proposals dealing with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens and the American Academy in Rome.

Meanwhile, through conference with individual scholars and recently through a two-day conference at Washington, attended by some twenty humanists representative of different subjects and coming from universities in various sections of the country, the officers have endeavored to form a conception of the general situation respecting humanistic studies in the United States. Thus it is believed that from the standpoint of subjects and institutions, a fairly reliable picture has been obtained.

The level of interest, enthusiasm and scholarship on the part of individual scholars is high -- as high, perhaps, as is the level anywhere. The standards set by Child, Hadley, Goodwin, and Gildersleeve have been in recent years maintained by Jastrow, Clay, Breasted and their colleagues, whose sound aggressive scholarship is quite as well known and recognized abroad as at home. There is, moreover, a good deal of activity in the field at large. Thus, the demand for teachers is such that young men receive posts at modest salaries soon after graduation -- with the result that their training is abbreviated and, in the long run, their scholarship suffers. It would seem that this demand is, however, at least in part, conventional in nature, rather than an indication of enthusiasm

on the part of schools and colleges; teachers of Latin, Greek, Ancient History, etc. are part of the accepted machinery of higher education; young men, therefore, find posts, but, as we shall see, with too little incentive or opportunity beyond.

When, however, in discussing the status of humanistic studies in the United States, we pass from the devotion of individual scholars to general conditions, a different story must be told. Great scholars still exist; colleges and universities still support chairs and departments. But, since the days of President Gilman and President Harper, no American university president has done for humanistic studies what has been done for science, medicine, engineering, etc.; nor have the humanistic groups themselves vigorously asserted the importance of humanistic studies, however strongly individuals may have prosecuted their respective interests. In a way, this phenomenon may be interpreted as simple righting of the balance; the humanities had had the whole field for centuries; latterly science and the professions have come into their own. The truth is not, however, that too much has been done for science and medicine; in fact, enough has not been done for either; but meanwhile, during this period, the humanities have been, to a certain extent, officially overlooked. The country has been scientifically and materially, not humanistically, minded; and the universities have simply reflected the dominant forces of the time, taking, on the whole, no broader view than the general American college-graduated public.

The consequences are plain: as respects the status of humanism in the United States, eminent scholars are somewhat depressed; they show the timidity and modesty that characterize persons who are not used to having or expecting much; they do what they can as individuals, with little, often no, clerical help; but certain though they are of the importance of the interest they represent, they have developed towards the outside world, and indeed towards other aspects of university activity, something like an inferiority complex.

This psychological situation has already had a distinct effect. In certain fields there are no recruits; Jastrow's professorship at Pennsylvania, Clay's at Yale, the chairs of Bloomfield and Haupt at Johns Hopkins, and others which are likely to be vacant in the near future, cannot be filled at all with American scholars. While the volume of production is said to be large and much of it of the highest quality, the humanistic career does not attract men as it attracted them a generation ago. Business and law exert a strong pull in direct competition; they are aided by pressure from families bound to be concerned over the future of their children. To be sure, in respect to salaries, the general outlook is universally poor - nor worse in the humanities than, on the whole, in the sciences. But industry and the professions offer the scientists an alternative or a supplement. Moreover, scientists have latterly more and more received budgets or outside subventions which enable them, despite personal hardship, to undertake large tasks. In the field of humanities, with exceptions too few to affect the general result, no such conditions obtain. It is well nigh impossible for a scholar to engage on a large task, unless he (1) possesses independent means, or (2) finances himself by first producing for purely commercial reasons textbooks representing not his ideals, but the market's capacity of assimilation, (3) increases his academic income by instruction in summer schools, popular lectures and writing popular articles. To the difficulties of carrying on a large task, even on these terms, is added the paralyzing doubt as to whether, the task achieved, a publisher can be found. The university presses are inadequately financed; the book trade has been so commercialized that there is hardly a shred of professional or scholarly interest left in it. The officers are informed that it is even now often easier to procure publication of really scholarly work by an American professor abroad than in the United States; that important manuscripts representing years of effort are growing obsolete in desk drawers; that American scholars produce brief

articles because only these are likely to be printed; they have to be cut to the bone and even so, publication is years in arrears.

The picture may be too dark; it may involve the assumption that conditions are better in other academic fields than they really are; but it represents the way in which the general situation is viewed by the ablest of American humanists. Discount the description above given as one will, it is obvious that the humanistic career in the United States is to-day less inviting than a career in science and less inviting than a similar career on the continent, despite the fact that at the moment, we possess, while Europe lacks, the material resources requisite to encourage humanistic studies.

Indisputably, the trend of modern development is in the direction of the pure and applied sciences. But men cannot live by comfort and convenience alone. Even in Europe, scholars are less buoyant than in the days when Bilde-sleeve crossed the ocean to worship at the shrine of the great German savants. The rise of the sciences, enormous material expansion, the spread of popular education have all tended, relatively, to reduce everywhere the immediate importance of the humanities. Nevertheless, a strong tradition embodied in accepted standards of culture, in university prestige, in the patronage of governments and learned academies still protects humanistic study abroad. No such tradition and no such bulwarks exist in America; on the contrary, purely cultural interests have in America to fight hard for their place in the sun. Now and then a scholar has been fortunate in procuring the support of a wealthy patron; in a few scattered instances museums and institutions have obtained special funds for the support of attractive enterprises; but, on the whole, there has been in America no concerted and systematic effort to support and encourage learning comparable to the support and interest available for the development of other intellectual and social concerns.

Aside from the general considerations just advanced, there is a peculiar timeliness in concerted effort at this time. Vast stretches of human history are at present mere guesswork; much that has been accepted needs to be revised. The war has opened - especially in the Near East - novel opportunities for throwing light upon all the problems connected with the history of human civilization. What Breasted and Reisner are doing in Egypt to clear up the early history of human civilization, Rostovtzeff is in position to do in Syria as respects the Hellenistic period, and the American School at Athens is in position to do in Athens as respects the most brilliant and disastrous period in Greek history. The scholars are here; the imagination of young students would be fired by the opportunity to cooperate in voyages of discovery, comparable in fascination to researches on the atom or the distant heavens. No other nation now commands the money needed to prosecute inquiries in this field. The money exists, but interest and organization have hitherto been lacking.

Analysis of the nature and status of humanistic studies shows the following items, all of which must be considered in the development of a program for the encouragement of humanistic studies:

1. University departments

Larger sums (whether derived from increased fees or from increased endowments) must be procured, in order to reduce the routine burden carried by productive scholars, and in order to give them clerical or other assistance, especially while they are engaged on exacting tasks in the field of research or criticism. Perhaps the faculties are themselves in part to blame for their situation; for they construe their teaching and administrative responsibilities so seriously that they are unhappy unless they are mothering their students; and this would appear in some places to be as true of M.A. students as of B.A.'s. The educational problems - arising partly out of inferior previous preparation of

students, partly out of defective university organization - must be solved by the universities themselves. In so far as general funds are required for the development of existing departments or the creation of new departments, cooperation on the part of a Foundation is in principle easy.

2. Special appropriations

A good budget will under ordinary circumstances support from year to year both teaching and research in a department of medicine, a department of chemistry, a department of mathematics. Occasionally some field enterprise may be undertaken which calls for an unusual outlay - an astronomical expedition, for example - but such enterprises are relatively rare. In the humanistic field, the conditions are distinctly different. The regular budget will support teaching and small-scale research; but a large task at once calls for an extraordinary expenditure over a term of years, and on large, occasional tasks the life and vigor of great scholars depend. Such tasks once finished, however, no similar expenditure may ever again be required. For instance, the normal budget of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago for the year 1925-6 was \$9,800.00, which sustained a teaching department carrying on incidental research; but the Director of the Institute, Professor Breasted, is one of the most fertile of living scholars. He saw a succession of extraordinary, specific field opportunities, valuable alike as training and research, which the University could not finance out of current income. To finance these activities over the period necessary to their completion called for \$200,000 a year annually for five years. It was not possible for the University to raise \$4,000,000 of endowment for the purpose. Fortunately Professor Breasted enlisted the interest of Mr. Rockefeller, who is supporting the field operations in question to the extent of \$100,000 a year; and the General Education Board has further supplemented this fund by five-year grants amounting approximately to an equal sum.

The same sort of problem arises in connection with cooperative enterprises undertaken by groups of scholars; one such enterprise may call for a small sum annually over a limited period; the next for a larger sum. These societies cannot raise endowments; perhaps they ought not to be endowed. Yet unless specific sums are obtainable for definite objects, the undertakings must either be abandoned or carried on under conditions that require an unreasonable sacrifice of a few persons, and even so cannot be achieved in a really thorough-going fashion. If they must be left to chance, as they now are, the adventurous and experimental side of humanistic study is sacrificed and the field loses what is at the moment its most powerful appeal. As compared with science, its handicaps are still further increased.

On the other hand, the difficulties in the way of making special appropriations are obvious: the door is opened for a flood of specialized applications on the merits of which the officers of a Foundation may not be competent to pass. It would seem that in general endeavors should be made to build up university endowment; and that, as has been done in the case of medicine, when special sums are needed by humanistic departments, the responsibility for selecting and developing the enterprise should rest upon the university.

3. Publication

Results must be published; but they can be published, as a rule, only at a loss - certainly in America at this time. Study must therefore be given to the financial problem involved in easing the conditions surrounding the publication of learned works that cannot be issued except at a probable or certain financial loss. An investigation should be made of the financial situation of university presses in order to see whether it is possible to secure such cooperation as will be needed to issue and to distribute publications that do not pay.

4. Societies

Indispensable factors in developing interest and cooperation are humanistic societies and associations with their respective journals, proceedings, etc. Up to the present time, these organizations have led poverty stricken lives with the small dues paid by underpaid scholars; their journals have been gotten out under almost impossible conditions. Some of the best (e.g. the Harvard Studies in English) have given up the ghost; others (e.g. Harvard Classical Studies) are sustained because a devoted scholar, who is fit for other things, annually passes the hat to make up a deficit of \$2,000 or somewhat more; occasionally a university press or a university grants a subvention that is just enough to keep alive a journal printing the fewest possible number of pages. Here again is a subject which should be studied so as to get all the facts as a basis for considering what steps, if any, are feasible to promote the activities of learned societies and to assist them in obtaining reasonable facilities for publication.

5. Fellowships and grants

Travel and study abroad are absolutely essential to the humanist. It would be bad enough to confine the training of physicists, mathematicians and physicians to American universities; but inasmuch as physics, mathematics and medicine are the same in essence the world over, the thing could be done, though obviously not without sacrifice of inspiration and stimulus. But in the humanities America will not suffice at all. The languages, the libraries, the galleries, architecture, the historic sites are across the water. A merely bookish knowledge will not sustain vigorous or productive humanistic activity. Moreover, during their formative period, humanists must get away from America to places where art and literature and scholarship are more at home than they are as yet here. Professor Tenney Frank quotes students at the American Academy in Rome as saying: "I had to get away or surrender." If the academic career were remunerative, young

men would readily risk incurring debts in order to study at the sources abroad; older men would have laid by the sums needed to enable them at intervals to refresh themselves. In the absence of a salary scale which does not justify young men in incurring debts or permit older scholars to lay by a competency, a system of fellowships for younger scholars of promise and a system of grants to older men who deserve and need a renewal of inspiration ought to be created.