

THE MILTON FUND FOR RESEARCH

THE late William F. Milton left the bulk of his estate to his wife for life, and after her death to Harvard University for the purpose, first, of building a library if the University had no suitable library building, and then

"If said fund is not used in constructing and erecting such library building, or if a part thereof remains after such construction, I then hereby authorize and empower said President and Fellows of Harvard College to use the *income* of said fund, or such *income* thereof as remains after constructing said library building, from time to time, either in whole or in part, to defray the expenses of any special investigation of a medical, geographical, historical or scientific nature which said corporation may from time to time desire to make or prosecute in the interests of, or for promoting the physical and material welfare and prosperity of the human race, or to assist in the discovery and perfecting of any special means of alleviating or curing human disease, or to investigate and determine the value or importance of any discovery or invention, or for any other special or temporary object of the nature above stated. . . ."

The provisional arrangement for its use in the immediate future is as follows:

For the income beginning July 1st next, and not yet assigned, the Corporation will be glad to receive from any member of the instructing or scientific or administrative staff of the University requests for aid in investigation. Such requests must be received before *January 10th* and should be made out *in triplicate on the forms* provided for the purpose. These forms, a sample of which is attached for your immediate information, have been adopted in order to facilitate the consideration of applications for aid and it is requested that they be carefully and completely filled out. Additional forms may be secured from the Secretary of the Corporation.

The Corporation will appoint each year a Committee to advise it in making a selection among the investigations proposed and in the allotment of income therefor. If aid is requested for an investigation by a member of a department or school which has its own funds for research, this fact will be duly considered by the Committee in recommending grants. No allotments will be made for more than two years; but if an investigation proves to require a longer period, an application for a renewal of the grant expiring in the current academic year should be received before *January 10th*.

In all cases where grants are made, it is expected that the recipients will send to the Corporation a brief report, *in triplicate*, of progress, covering each year during which the grant applies. These reports should reach the Corporation not later than *June 30th* and should include a general statement of expenses incurred.

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL,
President.

Enclosure.

CAMBRIDGE, November 1st, 1929.



Lowell, A. Lawrence. 1929. "Lowell, Abbott L. Nov. 1, 1929 [Milton fund circular]." *Merritt Lyndon Fernald correspondence*

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