

December 7, 1955

TO: Dr. Duncan S. Ballantine
President of Robert College

I am putting in writing the substance of my proposals made to you the other day relative to the financial arrangements in case it is agreed that I should undertake the writing of a history of the College. My suggestions are as follows:

1. That the \$100 monthly honorarium which I am receiving this year be continued for another two years. (I am receiving \$85 per month from the T.I.A.A. and \$155 from Social Security. A supplementary income is needed to avoid making serious inroads on our savings.)

This honorarium would naturally cease if for any reason I am unable to continue work on the book.

2. That travel expenses to and from the United States for us both be granted in order that researches may be conducted at that end. Mrs. Scott will be able to assist me in consulting records and manuscripts and thus reduce the amount of time we shall have to spend in the States.

3. That we be allowed a further grant for travel and living expenses while in the States.

The amounts can be estimated as follows:

1. Continuation of \$100 monthly salary	\$2,400	
2. Travel to and from the States	2,000	
3. Travel and other expenses while in the States	<u>1,000</u>	
	\$5,400	Total

Respectfully submitted,

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President of Robert College

Dear Dr. Ballantine,

As you already know I have been asked by a considerable number of persons - colleagues, Trustees, et al. - to prepare a history of Robert College, and to have it ready for publication by 1963, the centennial year. I don't consider myself especially well qualified for the task, as I have neither the gift nor the experience of authorship. The only reason for my being thought of in this connection is my almost uninterrupted forty-five years of service in the College in a variety of administrative capacities. The fact that I am partially on the retired list this year and will be completely so next year, and will have the time to devote to the job is, of course, another reason.

I wish to state that I am honestly quite ready to turn the task over to someone else who may be better qualified. There may well be such a person and I shall rest content whatever the decision is. In case, however, you and the Trustees consider that I should go ahead I shall try to produce a book which will be useful as a record of events and conditions and which, at the same time, will give very considerable emphasis to the human element, without which no history can possibly appeal to more than a very restricted group of readers, and, in fact, can be hardly readable at all. The story of Robert College is largely the story of vigorous and interesting personalities, whose beliefs, activities, and even idiosyncrasies, can give much color and vividness to a written account. Furthermore, the facts about the College as an institution - that it was the first American experiment in international education outside the United States; that around it swirled events of great significance to the Near East, Europe and the world as a whole; that it played no negligible part in the astounding political and social changes which have occurred throughout its life - provide material which, properly used, should make a really interesting as well as a valuable book.

Doubts may be expressed as to the necessity of covering the whole period of the history of the College in view of the full treatment in the books by Hamlin, Washburn and

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