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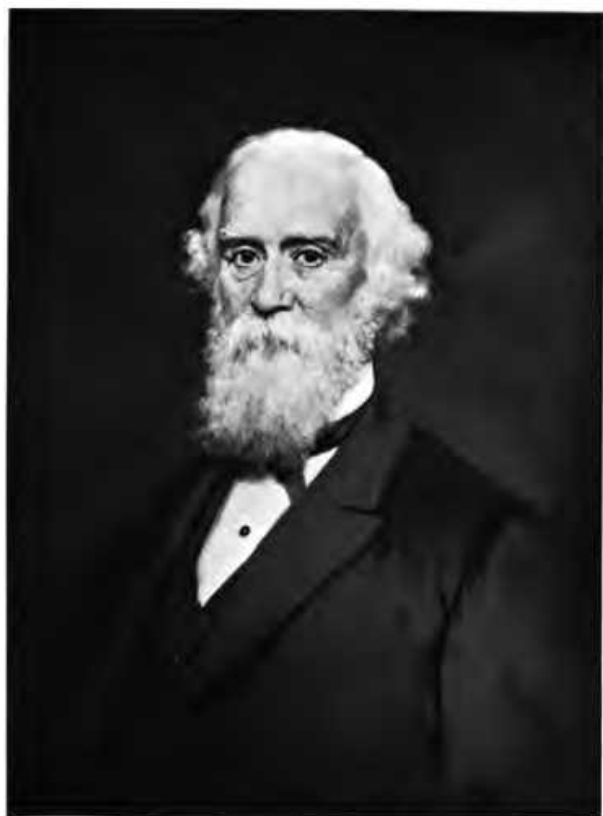
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The George Leib Harrison Foundation.

THE GEORGE LEIB HARRISON FOUNDATION FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE, of the capital sum of \$500,000, was established June 4, 1895, as a filial memorial to George Leib Harrison, LL.D., a citizen of Philadelphia, whose civic virtues and philanthropic labors contributed largely to the honor and prosperity of his native City and State.

THE PURPOSES OF THE FOUNDATION, as then defined by the donor, Charles Custis Harrison, Provost of the University, are fourfold:

1. The endowment of Scholarships and Fellowships in the Department of Philosophy (the Graduate School) of the University of Pennsylvania for students of exceptional promise or proved ability.

2. The establishment of Funds in connection with these Fellowships for the acquisition, by the Library of the University, of works of permanent scholarly value.

3. The extension of temporary relief from their professional duties to men in professorial positions, such as may enable them to engage for a time in special study or research.

4. The engagement of men of distinction to lecture, or, for a time, to reside, at the University.

MAINTENANCE IN PERPETUITY of the capital of the endowment is ensured by a condition of the Deed of Trust which provides that, in case of diminution by loss or depreciation, a portion of the interest shall be transferred to the principal until the original capital is reinstated.

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The integrity of the principal having been thus safeguarded, it was the desire of the donor that the terms of the endowment should permit as large freedom in the administration of the income as might be consistent with the aims of the Foundation, in the belief that regulations of too rigid a character might in future years tend to restrict its possibilities of usefulness in place of contributing to their full accomplishment. It was his express wish that the income should at all times be available to enable the University to meet such needs as might arise, or improve such opportunities as might offer, within the general scope of the Foundation.

Alienation of any part of the funds for any outside purpose is debarred by the Deed of Trust. No part of principal or income may be used in the erection of buildings, in the endowment of professorships, or for any further permanent appropriation.

ON MARCH 1, 1906, the Provost informed the Corporation that a sum amounting to \$144,100 had accumulated since the establishment of the Foundation, and that this sum stood invested with the original donation of \$500,000. He pointed out that the rapid growth of the University made it not only desirable, but mandatory, that a larger annual sum should at no distant date be available for the purposes of the Trust. With a view to meeting this need, he recommended that, while the income of the original donation should remain, as before, applicable for the purposes of the Trust, the accrued excess of \$144,100 should be set apart for accumulation until it should amount to \$500,000 of a par and market value, and that this additional sum of \$500,000 should then be held for the same purposes and trusts, and in all respects in the same manner, as provided in and by the Agreement of June 4, 1895,

respecting the original donation of \$500,000. The Fund, as then finally constituted, would thus amount to \$1,000,000.

A resolution embodying this recommendation of the Provost was, thereupon, approved and enacted by the Corporation, March 1, 1906.

THE INCOME OF THE FOUNDATION became available September 1, 1896, the first day of the fiscal year 1896-1897. The Corporation now takes occasion to make this statement of the results accomplished, in the first ten years, so far as they may be placed upon record. Its efforts, as yet, have been confined to the realization of the first and second only of the purposes of the Foundation—the institution of Scholarships and Fellowships, and the establishment of Funds for the acquisition by the Library of works of permanent scholarly value.

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1896, eight Scholarships, fourteen Fellowships, and five Senior Fellowships, were created upon the Harrison Foundation. To these were added September 1, 1897, five Fellowships-at-large, and on February 1, 1901, one Research Fellowship. A few modifications have been made in the conditions of tenure, but the original plan remains, in its main features, unchanged.

THE HARRISON SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE HARRISON SCHOLARSHIPS, eight in number, were originally restricted to students holding the baccalaureate degree of the University and recorded as having been in residence for at least two years prior to their graduation. They were intended to afford men of marked promise but limited means a year of graduate study in which to give

conclusive proof of their fitness for Fellowships. On November 3, 1903, this restriction was removed. Graduates of any institution whose baccalaureate degree is acceptable to the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Philosophy are now eligible.

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS are not permanently assigned to particular subjects, but are distributed yearly to applying candidates in order of merit by the Corporation of the University upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Philosophy. Each Scholarship takes its title, when conferred, from the subject elected by the successful candidate as his major subject. The incumbents are required to continue in resident graduate study for one full academic year. They receive free tuition from the University and a stipend of one hundred dollars from the Foundation, are allowed to engage in outside occupations only upon permission from the Dean, and are not eligible for reappointment.

THE HARRISON FELLOWSHIPS.

THE HARRISON FELLOWSHIPS originally created, fourteen in number, were assigned permanently to the following subjects:

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| 1. Classical Languages. | 8. Political Science. |
| 2. Semitic Languages. | 9. Economics. |
| 3. Germanic Languages. | 10. Philosophy. |
| 4. Romanic Languages. | 11. Pedagogy. |
| 5. English. | 12. Chemistry. |
| 6. American History. | 13. Biology. |
| 7. European History. | 14. Mathematics and
Astronomy. |

Five Fellowships-at-large were added September 1, 1897. They differed from the Fellowships first created only in that their title subjects were not permanently fixed. It was intended that they should be assigned by the Corporation from time to time, as occasion might demand, to subjects which are elected by but few students and in which, consequently, it did not seem desirable to create permanent Fellowships; and also that they should be employed on occasion for the appointment of additional Fellows in subjects provided with permanent Fellowships when the merits of two or more candidates should appear approximately equal.

THE ORIGINAL CONDITIONS OF TENURE required that the appointee should hold a satisfactory baccalaureate degree and present evidence of ability to qualify for admission to candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy; that he should have had at least one year of graduate work of a character acceptable to the Executive Committee; and that, in accepting his appointment, he should, *ipso facto*, declare himself a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, electing as his major the subject specified in his application and satisfying the regulations of the Department governing admission to candidacy for that degree. He was pledged to remain in residence at the University during the term of his Fellowship and to devote his whole time to the prosecution of his duties, no teaching or other outside work being permitted. His appointment conferred free tuition from the University and a stipend of \$500 from the Foundation, but not exemption from the payment of laboratory or graduation fees. The Fellowships were declared not open to women—who are, however, eligible for several Fellowships established in the Department on other Foundations—or to persons already holding the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.