

September 6, 1940

Dr. Edgar J. Fisher
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Dear Dr. Fisher:

Thank you for your letter of the fifth suggesting several additional names for our honorary lectureships.

Our plan is that each lecturer or fellow should deliver five or fewer lectures each semester. The honorarium is for the year. We plan also that they would make their home in Bennington for the year, but we will expect that they would meet other engagements and might be away from the College for a considerable period on lecture tours.

Some of our appointments are for a semester at \$500 and others for a year at \$1000.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Leigh
President

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President Robert D. Leigh
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

Dear President Leigh:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of August 29th in connection with your plan for honorary lecturers or fellows at Bennington College and your request for information concerning Dr. Karl Polanyi. It happens that Dr. Polanyi called at the Institute a short time after receiving your letter the other day and I told him that you were interested in communicating with him. I suggested that he should write directly to you and I understand that he has already done so. I believe you have the biographical material about Dr. Polanyi but I am enclosing a copy in case you do not have it at hand. For several years he has been on the panel of London University Extension Lecturers as well as lecturer for the Board of Education "Courses on Citizenship" at Oxford. In 1939 the University of Oxford organized "A Residential Summer School in Social Studies" and Dr. Polanyi became a member of that staff which included such distinguished men as A. D. Lindsay, Master of Balliol, H. B. Butler, Warden of Nuffield College, Sir Arthur Salter, Fellow of All Souls College, Sir Alfred Zimmern, Fellow of New College and L. Robbins, Professor of Economics at the University of London.

The information which you have given concerning your plan for honorary lecturers or fellows is of interest. For the \$1000 honorarium which you pay in the case of each lecturer or fellow, do you expect him to remain in residence for the entire semester and deliver five lectures during the semester? I judge this to be the case.

You may be interested in other suggestions as to available candidates for the interesting opportunities which you have at Bennington College. Dr. Etienne Dennery, a well-known French economist, is in the United States and is to let me know whether he will be available during the first or second term. In case you might be interested in him I am sending you a statement about him. The biographical sheet is one which we used for Dr. Dennery when he was here several years ago. Suggested topics for this coming academic year and the titles of books recently published are indicated in red.

President Leigh

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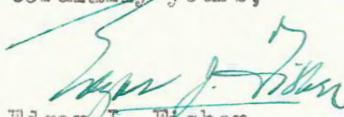
M. Pierre de Lanux is also in the United States at this time but probably would not be available for the entire first semester. It is possible that he would be available for the second semester. I enclose some information concerning him.

✓ If you were interested in having the distinguished English publicist, Sir Norman Angell, for a shorter period than a term at Bennington College, I know that he would be glad to accept appointments, particularly for the first semester. However he would not be able to be in residence during the entire term as it would be necessary for him to be absent from the campus several times during the first semester to accept lecture appointments which have already been arranged for him.

Should you be interested in my making other suggestions, it is possible that I would be able to do so. If we can be of further assistance, kindly let me know.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,


Edgar J. Fisher
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