

CHARLES FRANCIS GIBSON (31 years old)

PHYSICIAN (Annual salary - \$3500)
1 SUMMIT AVENUE, SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY.

Negro Special Field - Psychiatry

Saint Elizabeth's Hospital,
Washington, D. C., 2 years.
Admitted.

Digest of Application

Born 1906. Married. 2 children.

AB from Lincoln University, Chester County, Pennsylvania,
1923-27. M.D. from College of Medicine, Howard University, 1927-31. Saint
Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C. 1931-32. Sixty-four hours in
psychoanalysis. Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C. 1931-32, certifi-
cate of Internship, October 1932.

Publications: "Concerning Color" the Psychoanalytical
Review - 1930.

Seeks further training to become a psychiatrist.

Budget Summary

Total amount needed	\$	_____
From applicant		_____
From Fund	\$	=====
Granted	\$	_____

*Good - but rather illiterate - letter from Karpman
Seems safe candidate - wonder what opportunity for
practice or professional service he would have*

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STATEMENT OF PLAN OF WORK

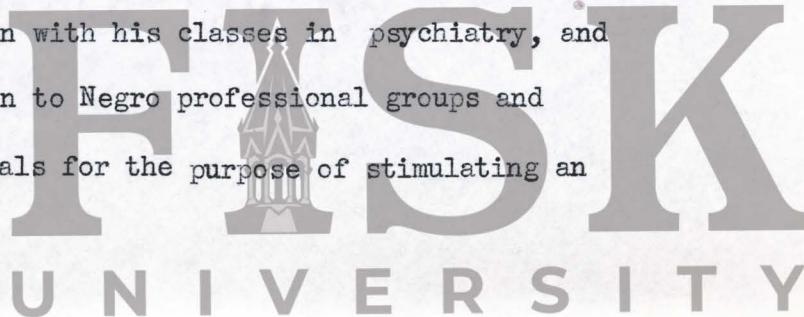
CHAS. F. GIBSON

During my medical education at Howard University, I became very interested in psychiatry. My professor, Dr. Ben Karpman, being convinced that there was a demand for Negroes in this field, and believing me to be capable, encouraged me to specialize after a few years in the general practice of medicine. More than four years in general practice have given me the background necessary for specialization and I am now ready to devote my full time to studying psychiatry.

The opportunity for study is offered by Dr. Karpman, professor of psychiatry, College of Medicine, Howard University, Washington, D. C., and psychiatrist at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C. Both of these institutions are under the supervision of the United States Department of the Interior. Dr. Karpman has begun my work by giving me reading assignments and is to send me case histories done by medical students for correction. My work in Washington is to begin in June, 1937 and is to extend over a period of not less than two years. The course will be divided into two parts, clinical and academic.

The clinical work will include bed-side examinations, case histories, psychotherapy and clinical attendance at Saint Elizabeth's, Gallinger and Freedmen's Hospitals.

The academic work will consist of lectures by Dr. Karpman and several of his associates in psychiatry, psychoanalysis and neurology, reading assignments, assistance to Dr. Karpman with his classes in psychiatry, and preparation of papers for presentation to Negro professional groups and publication in Negro scientific journals for the purpose of stimulating an



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increased interest in this branch of medicine.

After the completion of my work, I will seek appointments to the faculty of Howard University and to the staff of Freedman's Hospital and engage in the private practice of psychiatry.

I expect to start mental hygiene clinics in the university and hospital in which the borderline cases can be diagnosed and treated. Recent contact with Dr. James Sonnett Greene, Medical Director of the National Hospital for Speech Disorders, New York City, has demonstrated the need for this same type of work in Washington, D. C., the center of Negro education. This could be done through the medium of a Medical-Social Clinic, a large part of which would be psychiatric.

Finally, the fact that sanatorium care for Negro mental cases is very inadequate opens the possibility of establishing a Negro sanatorium for nervous and mental diseases in or near one of the larger centers of Negro population.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Charles F. Gibson

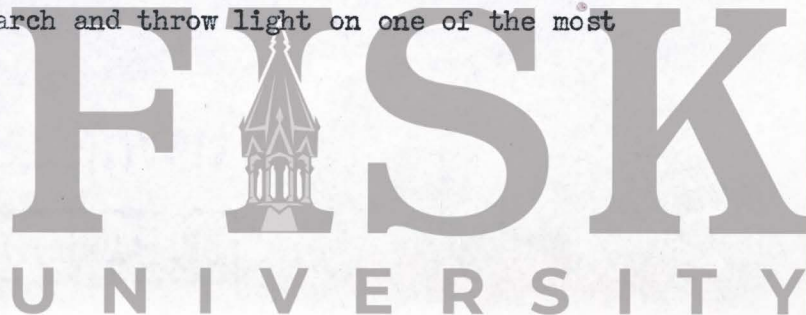
Lawrence A. Oxley, United States Commissioner, Department of Labor

The applicant, Dr. Charles F. Gibson of Summit, New Jersey, who has made application to the Julius Rosenwald Fund for a fellowship in the field of pschiatry, has been known to me over a number of years and I am happy to attest to his excellent character, abilities, initiative, and whole-some vision. I am informed from reliable sources that, if successful in securing a fellowship award, he plans to render a constructive service to the Negro in his chosen field. From other sources you will learn of this young man's unusual ability to do a worthwhile piece of graduate work in the field of psychiatry.

He is at present a successful general practitioner in New Jersey and I believe his application to the Fund indicates a healthy expression on his part, and one which I believe should be encouraged.

Prior to my appointment by the President, it was my good fortune to be engaged in Negro welfare work for almost fifteen years with the State of North Carolina, at which time through a grant made by the Rosenwald Fund I was enabled to make a study of the North Carolina Negro child. During the time of this survey in the State of North Carolina, I became keenly aware of the great need of specialization in the field of psychiatry and mental diseases.

I do not hesitate, therefore, in the least to commend to your favorable consideration this young man, who I am sure will justly merit any opportunity given him to do research and throw light on one of the most vexing problems in American life.



(Letters of Reference-Charles F. Gibson)

Dr. Ben Karpman, Senior Medical Officer, Elizabeth Hospital, Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, Howard University.

Dr. Charles F. Gibson, the applicant, was the leading student in the class of psychiatry for that year, and, considering his background, his intelligence, enthusiasm and interest in the subject, I can speak of him only in terms of highest praise. During my 15 years connection with the Howard Medical School, I have always encouraged students to do original work and have already published under their names considerable deal of material, especially as bearing on the psychology of racial relations. Quite invariably, however, I was obliged to do a good deal of editing before I could consider the article worthy of publication. It stands out clear in my mind, as a very exceptional and unique instance, that the study made by Dr. Gibson and later published in the Psychoanalytic Review (Concerning Color, the Psychoanalytic Review, Vol. XVIII, Nov. 4, 1931) required no more editing on my part than even the dotting of an i or the crossing of a t. I believe that of the students I have trained, he is giving fully as much promise, if not more, than any of them, and I should by all means encourage the granting of his request.

I am afraid that the applicant, in his enthusiasm for the work, has somewhat overstated the situation. I believe there is far more need than opportunity; the need being that the racial problem is, fundamentally a mental hygiene problem, a problem in unhealthy mental attitudes. The need for it is very great and crying. I do not believe, however, that it is going to be a bed of roses for him, and the material rewards will not be as great as he thinks. The colored people, as a group, have not learned yet to appreciate

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the need of a specialist, although it is true, that if he settles in Washington as he expects to do, he can create the demand, for the need is there.

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Dr. T. Edward Jones, Surgeon in Chief, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Gibson, above referred to, served a rotating internship in Freedmen's Hospital from October 1, 1931 to September 30, 1932.

I am pleased to state that I remember Dr. Gibson as one of our outstanding internes. He performed his work in a creditable manner and possessed a character above reproach.

There is undoubtedly a good field for study in the direction of Dr. Gibson's interest - psychiatry, and it appears to me that the plan submitted by him is a practical one.

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Official Transcript of the Record of.....CHARLES FRANCIS GIBSON.....

I. Attendance. Admitted: September 1923.....

Attended.....8.....Semesters. Graduated June 1927.....with degree of A.B......

II. Status of Undergraduates.....

He withdrew voluntarily. is granted an Honorable Dismissal, and is entitled to return upon removing deficiencies.

III. Entrance Credits Sources of Credits: (1) Dunbar H.S., Washington, D.C......

(2).....(3).....

SUBJECT	UNITS	SOURCE	SUBJECTS	UNITS	SOURCE	SUBJECT	UNITS	SOURCE	SUBJECT	UNITS	SOURCE
Algebra	1		History-English			Spanish	2				
Plane Geometry	1		History-U. S.	1		Physics					
Solid Geometry			Civics			Chemistry	1				
Trigonometry			Latin	2		Botany					
English	4		Greek			Zoology					
History-Ancient	1		German	2		Physical Geography					
History-Med., Mod.			French			General Science					

Units estimated on basis of definition of Carnegie Foundation.

How admitted: Upon Certification.....

IV. College Credits

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF COURSE	COURSE NUMBER IN CATALOG	FIRST SEMESTER			SECOND SEMESTER		
		SEMESTER	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER	HOURS	GRADE
		REC.	LAB.		REC.	LAB.	
Year of... <u>1923-24</u>							
Bible		1		1	1		2
El. Biology		1	1	1	1	1	1
Hygiene		1		1	1		1
Composition-Lincoln:Rhetoric-Milton		3		1,3	3		3,2
Cicero-Vergil		3		2	3		3
German B		3		1	3		1
Algebra-Trigonometry		3		2	3		2

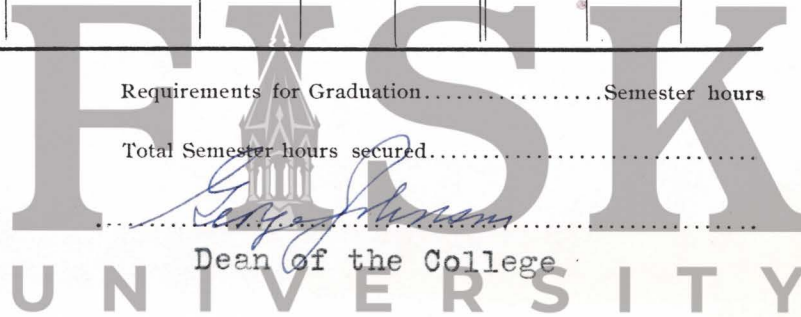
Passing Grades are.....

Requirements for Graduation.....Semester hours

This transcript issued.....

Total Semester hours secured.....

A semester hour on this transcript indicates either a recitation period of 60 minutes or a laboratory period of 120 minutes per week for 18 weeks.



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		SEMESTER	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER	HOURS	GRADE
		REC.	LAB.		REC.	LAB.	
Year of...1924-25.							
Bible		1		2	1		3
Gen. Chemistry		3	1	2	3	1	1
Gen. Physics		2	2	1	2	2	1
Livy-Horace		3		2	3		1
French A		3		1	3		1
El. Philosophy		3		2	3		3
1925-26							
Bible		1		1	1		2
Bacteriology-Embryology		2	1	2	2	2	2
Gen. Biology-Vertebrate Anatomy		2	1	2	2	1	2
Organic Chemistry		2	1	2	2	1	2
American Literature-Am. Essays		3		2,3	3		1
Logic-Ethics		3		3	3		2
1926-27							
Bible		1		2	1		1
Histology		1	1	1	1	1	1
Qualitative Chemistry		1	2	2	1	2	1
Coaching		2		3	2		3
German B		3		2	3		1
Anal. Psychology-Educ. Psychology		3		3	3		3
Lab Psychology			1	3			

1st Group - 90 to 100
 2nd " - 80 to 90
 3rd " - 70 to 80
 4th " - 60 to 70
 5th " - Failure.

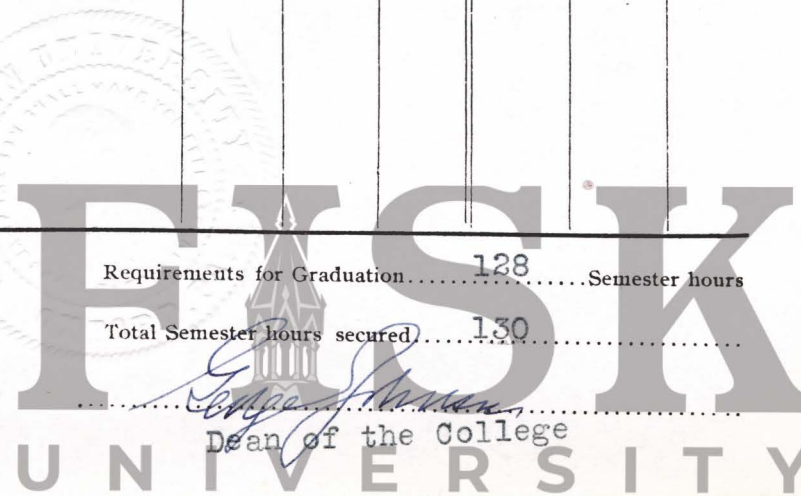
Passing Grades are.....

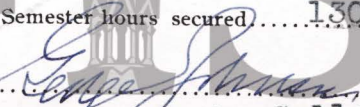
Requirements for Graduation.....128.....Semester hours

This transcript issued.....

Total Semester hours secured.....130.....

A semester hour on this transcript indicates either a recitation period of 60 minutes or a laboratory period of 120 minutes per week for 18 weeks.




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The following is an official transcript of the record of Charles Francis Gibson while a student in the College of Medicine of Howard University:

Freshman Year, 1927-28

Anatomy, Osteology	88
" Joints	85
" Muscles	75
" Dissection Hrs.	114
Bio-Chemistry	87
Embryology	Cr
Histology	85
Materia Medica	95
Physiology	85

Sophomore Year, 1928-29

Anatomy	90
Anatomy, Topographical	79
Anatomy, Dissection hrs.	94
Bacteriology	86
Clinical Microscopy	95
Medical Zoology	75
Pathology	88
Pharmacology	88
Physical Diagnosis	84
Roentgenology	85
Surgery	90
Therapeutics	75

Junior Year, 1929-30

First Semester	
Obstetrics	C
Ophthalmology	A
Orthopedics	B
Oto-Laryngology	B
Pediatrics	B
Practice of Medicine	C
Psychiatry	P
Public Health	C
Surgery	B

Junior Year contd-

Second Semester-	
Obstetrics	C
Ophthalmology	A
Pediatrics	B
Practice of Medicine	C
Psychiatry	A
Public Health	B
Surgery	B
Dermatology	B

Senior Year, 1930-31 1st Trimester

Surgical Clerkship	B
Surgery	B
Gynecology (Lect)	A
Practice of Medicine	C
Urology	B
Obstetrics (Lect)	C
Neurology	C
Medical Clinics	D

Second Trimester

Medical Clerkship	B
Surgery	C
Gynecology (Lect)	A
Practice of Medicine	B
Neurology	C
Medical Clinics	P

Third Trimester

Practice of Medicine	C
Medical Clinic	P
Out-patient Clerkship	B
Surgery	D
Surgery (Lect)	A
Gynecology	P
Obstetrical Deliveries	P
Anaesthetics	B
Dermatology Clinic	P

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Senior Year Contd-	
Third Trimester continued-	
Neurology Clinic	B
Medical Jurisprudence	C
Out-patient Surgery	C
Prenatal Clinic	P
Neurology (Lect)	B

Received degree of Doctor of Medicine June 5, 1931

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F. D. Wilkinson
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