

Candidate **Charles D. Matthews**

Special Field

Professor of Religion
Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, AlabamaArabo-Islamic languages,
history, literature

Plan of Work

Twelve months living and study, 1938-39, mainly in Turkey, Iraq, Persia; practical study of Persian, Turkish, Arabic, reading as widely as possible in history and literature; observation of present social and educational movements; investigation of the modernization of libraries and growth of school and public libraries.

May return to present position. Might obtain position (now open) in the School of Oriental Studies, American University at Cairo, or at some other American institution in the Near East.

Digest of Application

Born January, 1901, Piedmont, Alabama. Married, one child.

A. B. from Birmingham-Southern College, 1922. M. A., 1925, Ph. D., 1932, Yale University. Attended University of Berlin, summer of 1930; University of Strasbourg, five weeks of study of French and German, 1930. Attended Newman School of Missions and American School of Oriental Research, Jerusalem, 1933-34.

Experiences: Birmingham-Southern College, instructor of English literature, also languages, 1924-30, \$1,800 - \$2,900. Half salary for sabbatical leave, 1930-31. Birmingham-Southern College, instructor of English, 1932 to present, director of the Library, 1937 to present, chairman of division of social sciences, 1937-38, \$3,000 - \$3,400.

Independent study, research, and travel: Edited five Arabic manuscripts of Yale Landberg Collection. Four months travel and study in Europe and Near East - Arabic, biblical geography, archaeology, summer of 1929. Four months in travel and study in Germany, France, and England, summer of 1930. Directed a group of teachers and ministers in travel through Europe and Near East, summer of 1933. (See attached sheet)

References

Budget Summary

Mr. Guy E. Shavely, Pres., Birmingham-Southern College.

Mr. Philip K. Hitti, Princeton University.

Total amount needed \$3,500

Mr. W. L. Wright, Pres., Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey.

From applicant 1,400

Mr. A. T. Olmstead, University of Chicago.

From Fund \$2,100

See folder for additional references

Committee Notes

Granted

Documents submitted

Photograph

Exhibit material

Transcripts

Digest *Complete*

Sent to Committee

Plan of work

Documents returned

Charles D. Matthews - Additional Material

Fellowships: Johns Hopkins University (transferred to Yale), Moses prize in Hebrew, 1923, \$100. Kohut Fellowship in Semitics, Yale, 1930-32. Newman Fellowship, M.E. Church Board of Foreign Missions, Jerusalem, 1933-34. American Council of Learned Societies scholarship, oriental seminar, Princeton University, summer of 1935.

Has applied to Guggenheim Foundation for \$2,500 for same purpose. Has applied to American Council of Learned Societies for smaller grant to attend oriental seminar at Princeton University, summer of 1938.

Publications: Various articles in Alabama Christian Advocate and Nashville Christian Advocate, and in other religions bulletins.

M. A. essay, Yale, The Contact of Islam with the West, including a study of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, 1925; published in revised form in Methodist Quarterly Review, Nashville, July, 1926.

Ph. D. thesis, Yale, 1931-32, edition and translation of a 13th century Arabic manuscript, Kitab Ba'ith an-Nufus li-Ziyarat al-Quds al-Mahrus, collated with copies from Leyden, British Museum, Bibliotheque Nationale; introduction published in JPOS, No. 4, Vol XIV, 1934; text in JPOS, Nos. 1-2, Vol. XV, 1935.

Paper on the above, Palestine, Holy Land of Islam, before Society of Biblical Literature, New York, Christmas, 1930; published in JBL, part II, 1932.

Edition of Arabic text of Ibn Taimiyeh, Qa'ida fi Ziyara Bait al-Maqdis; published in JAOS, spring, 1936.

Edition of 14th century Arabic text, Muthir al-Gharam li-Ziyarat al-Khalil, 'a.m., collated in Paris and London, 1933; being published in 1937 numbers of JPOS.

Edition of Arabic text, an-Najirami, Kitab Aiman Al-Arab; accepted for publication in JAOS.

Edition of Maqrizi, Dau as Sari li-Ma'rifa Khabar Tamim ad-Dari, on the Tamimi Waqf in Hebron; complete but for final notations and introduction to be published in JPOS.

Edition of Ibn Taimiyeh, Kitab al-Ba'alabakiyeh, on the direct inspiration of the Prophet, complete but for final notations and introduction. Plan to publish in JAOS.

Now working on an Egyptian Arabic manuscript relative to Napoleon's invasion; and the Princeton copy of Beha' (or Jamal) ud-Din al-Qudsi, Muthir al-Gharam ila Ziyarat al Quds wa'sh-Sham; collating with photostats of the Paris copies.

Have first draft complete, except for maps, for a semi-popular history of the Near East since Biblical times.

Paper on The Significance of Nomadism for Hebrew Origins; before Society of Biblical Literature, New York, Christmas, 1937; accepted for the Journal.

The Book of Arousing Souls; popular article on the Ba'ith an-Nufus, Asia Magazine, April, 1932.