

SUMMARIES

It is interesting to note that this year as well as last the Negro grants cluster around Howard, Atlanta, and Fisk. These are the places that are developing the promising men and are in turn offering careers to the emerging scholars. Of this year's thirty-four Negro fellows, \_\_\_\_ had taken either college or graduate work at Fisk. Six of this year's fellows are members of the faculties of the Atlanta group of colleges: three at Atlanta University, two at Spelman, and one at Morehouse.

No awards were made either last year or this to the large groups of workers at the historic institutions, Tuskegee and Hampton. We have had many applications from Tuskegee but the men simply do not stand up to the competitors elsewhere. We have discussed the matter frankly with President Patterson who is most anxious to improve his faculty but agrees that it would be a disservice for the Fund to make awards on anything but individual merits. A few more years of Patterson's vigorous leadership is likely to show a very different picture in the Tuskegee group. Hampton seems unaware and complacent in the midst of its present mediocrity.

Not many awards have been made to students or faculty of the many Negro state colleges. Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina have got on the list, but most of these state institutions are not yet up to high standard. The state college of Texas at Prairie View has presented a great many candidates of good but not superior quality. It is interesting to see the competition among the Negro institutions for places on this fellowship list, which has already become an honor roll of great distinction. These selections are showing up in dramatic fashion the weaknesses of many of the Negro colleges and are causing a great deal of shaking of the dry bones.

Among the white awards the concentration in the first year was in Georgia and North Carolina. The Southwest immediately set up a howl and this year scores of candidates were presented from Mississippi and Louisiana. Of this year's eighteen awards, seven were to candidates from those two states and three others were from the adjoining Southwestern states of Texas and Arkansas.