

At the request of the Japanese Research Committee I recommended to you that a grant of \$3,250.00 for each of the two years, 1928-29, should be made to Professor S. Nasu, of the College of Agriculture, Tokyo Imperial University, for undertaking a preliminary study along these lines in Japan. The authorisation of this grant was, I understand, cabled by you to the Japanese Council on April 18, 1928.

3. The Trend of Population in Eastern Asia, etc.

This project is still under consideration by the Council's Advisory Committee on Population under the presidency of Professor Wilcox. Dr. Shotwell has been informed by the Social Science Research Council that funds have been made available for preliminary investigations of this project.

4. The Trend of Consumption of Agricultural Products in Eastern Asia.

This project was approved and placed under the direction of the Food Research Institute of Leland Stanford University. A sum of \$7,500.00 was provided for the first year's work. Dr. Alsberg, Director of the Food Research Institute, has asked for suggestions from the Chinese and Japanese Research Councils concerning investigators in those countries who might be employed in the project. I have submitted the names of possible nominees to Dr. Alsberg and hope to discuss the matter with him as I pass through Palo Alto on my way to New York.

5. Economic and Social Effects of the Development of the Pacific Tropics as Sources of Vegetable Oils.

This project was referred by the Social Science Research Council to its committee on Social and Economic Research in Agriculture and is still under consideration.

6. Trend of Pacific Agriculture from Subsistence Farming to Cash Crop Farming.

This project was approved and placed under the direction of the Food Research Institute at Leland Stanford University. A sum of \$7,500.00 was provided for the first year's work. Dr. Alsberg has taken the same steps in regard to it as in regard to project No. 4 above.

7. Village Handicraft Industries in Two Village Areas of North China.

This project was originally suggested by Dr. Paul Monroe, Director of the International Institute of Columbia University, New York, and a member also of the governing body of the China Foundation, Peking. No action was taken upon it by the Social Science Research Council. Dr. Monroe's original suggestion was that the investigation should be undertaken through the Social Science Research Department of the China Foundation. I discussed the idea with Dr. Y. T. Tsur, Director of the China Foundation, and Mr. L. K. Tao, Secretary of the Social Science Research Department, and also with Professors J. B. Taylor, of Yenching, Chen Ta, of Tsinghua, and Franklin L. Ho, of Nankai University, all of whom have done some work in the field. The Social