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REPORT TO ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION, 1932-2
ON SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH PROJECT
FOR SESSION 1931-2.

The first year's grant (\$15,000) from your Foundation for the extension of research in the social sciences was received during the session 1931-2. This was also the first session of active work upon a programme of research which, in the main, was formulated and approved in the session before.

The recognition of one of the needs of modern research in the social science - that of bringing to bear on the same problems the work of investigators trained in different fields (economics, sociology, psychology, law, and the rest) - was stated in the first application made to the Foundation. From the outset, this aim of leading research along cooperative lines has been followed. At the same time, however, the view has been generally accepted that concentration on one main problem gives *order* and purpose to research which might well otherwise be lacking. The arrangements under which work is proceeding are an endeavour to meet both these ends. The work is organised under one Director, who is however in cooperation with the social science departments in the University and in consultation with a Social Research Council and an executive committee. Research falling within the fields of Economics, Sociology, Psychology, and Education, was commenced this session; and the participation of the Departments of Law, Medicine, and Engineering, planned for session 1932-3, will bring the full programme under way.

The Social Research Council.

The Social Research Council, bringing together representatives of the social science departments in the University and also other persons interested in the research, is constituted as follows. The executive committee is drawn from its members. The Council met twice and the