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NATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

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National research fellowships in the biological sciences were established in 1923, supported by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation and administered, under the auspices of the National Research Council, by a National Fellowship Board in the Biological Sciences. The National Research Fellowships in the physical and biological sciences will be administered in the future by a single National Research Fellowship Board in the Natural Sciences. In view of the merging of the two fellowship boards, one in the biological sciences and one in the physical sciences, it seems appropriate at this time to make a report on certain aspects of the activities of the Fellowship Board in the Biological Sciences.

In the fourteen years from 1923 to 1937 the board administered the expenditure of $1,280,580.74, distributed as follows:

For fellowships:
Domestic stipends ........... $ 982,325.25
Foreign stipends .......... 183,185.92
Domestic travel .......... 10,498.59
Foreign travel .......... 31,247.92
Tuition and laboratory fees .......... 4,800.89
Total .................. 1,211,948.57

For administration:
Travel, board members .......... 15,035.01
Travel, applicants .......... 4,072.81
Office expense .......... 49,524.35
Total .................. 68,632.17
Grand total ............... 1,280,580.74

As may be noted from these figures, the amount devoted to tuition and laboratory fees was small. This is because the fellowships were regarded as a co-operative program between the universities and the National Research Council, in which the universities supplied the place of work and equipment and the council the stipends of the fellows. It is not possible to estimate accurately the value of the services and material supplied in this way by the institutions at which the fel-
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