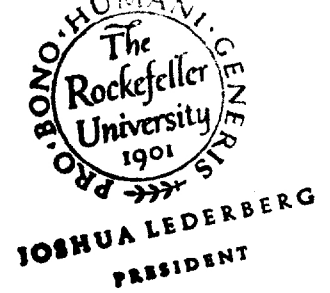


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Memo to File - Conversation with Arnold Thackray on the 7th of April

I called Arnold to get his advice on the solid and intellectual life at English universities, having recalled a remark he made about All Souls College. (This was visited by Simon Flexner and must have been part of his thinking about a graduate institution.)

Arnold's remarks came rather quickly to the high table, or the extended dinners, which he implied were a twenty time-a-year kind of event for any given faculty at the colleges he knew, so he thought one should not exaggerate the extent to which this intruded on family life. He did not readily identify any single element of the English system suggesting that it was put together as the aggregate of a large number of small elements. He did talk about a common room that had current literature and drinks (and this led me right away to the thought that we ought to augment the facilities of our Club in the same direction.)

He will try to think of what has been written about the British system and send me a reading list together with the names of anyone else that he feels I could usefully talk to.

Churchill College might be as appropriate a point of ~~view~~ reference as All Souls.

As to American analogs he thought I should be attending to the Institute for Advanced Studies (and I should talk to ~~Bram~~ and Harry Wolf); the Harvard House system and the junior fellows (he mentioned John Clive the historian) and he knew only a little bit about the

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college system at UC Santa Cruz. The latter is so Californian in my judgement it may not be very pertinent.

He will be glad to pay a visit later on in the spring and we should make some date to do that a month or two from now.

There is of course a certain tension between the augmentation of the faculty residences and that of other facilities: let's say here at Abby Aldrich. "Where should Welch Hall be"?

I should get more statistics on the where faculty live in order to get a sounder base.