MINUTES OF HISTORY DEPARTMENT MEETING, 4 March, 1946.

A meeting of the Department was held on Monday, 4 March, 1946, at 2 P.M. in SH 206. Present: Root, Feller, Thornton, Smith, Cuttino. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel and appointments.

Mr. Root first raised the question of Mr. Livingston. He outlined his academic career, mentioning his publications, his work on the Elgin-Grey correspondence in Canada, and his collection of unpublished material relating to the history of Australia and New Zealand. It was pointed out that Mr. Livingston had been a member of the Department for almost twenty years and that during that time had risen in rank from instructor at $2250 to associate professor at $3250. Mr. Root recommended that Mr. Livingston be promoted to the rank of professor with an appropriate increase in salary. The Department unhesitatingly accepted this recommendation by unanimous vote and urged immediate action.

Mr. Root then submitted a curriculum vitae for Mr. Mosse, pointing out that Mr. Mosse had held the rank of instructor for three years at a salary of approximately $2,000 and that he would receive his Ph.D. from Harvard before the beginning of the academic year 1946-47. Mr. Root called attention to the fact that Wisconsin was considering the appointment of Mr. Mosse and recommended that he be promoted to an assistant professorship at a salary of $3,000. Objection was raised to the proposed salary, and attention was called to the following facts: a) Mr. Livingston in twenty years had received a salary increase of only $1,000; b) Mr. Cuttino had in the course of three years’ service received a salary averaging $1835 yearly; c) the figure proposed for Mr. Mosse was out of proportion to other University salaries for the same rank. It was felt that a salary of $3,000 was justified only if all members of the Department received similar increases or if the general scale of salaries in the University were raised. As a result of discussion on this point, the Department voted to recommend that Mr. Mosse be promoted to the rank of assistant professor at a salary of $2500, with the understanding that an extra $100 might be added to meet a bid from Wisconsin should this prove to be necessary. The Department was unanimous in its high opinion of Mr. Mosse and in its judgment that he remain permanently on the staff.

In the case of Mr. Fletcher it was felt no sound judgment could be made at present regarding the question of permanent appointment. The Department accordingly voted to extend his appointment as instructor for a third year, accompanied by an increase in salary to be determined by the administration.

Mr. Root spoke of various letters of recommendation he had received for possible appointments and circulated them among members of the Department for further study. Mr. Cuttino agreed to submit information on a historian to replace Mr. Clark. In adjourning it was agreed that all members of the Department be invited to attend the Department meeting on Wednesday.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

G. P. Cuttino
Secretary.