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GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

(FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IN 1902)

PURPOSE AND PROGRAM

49 WEST 49th STREET
NEW YORK

THE General Education Board was founded by Mr. John D. Rockefeller in 1902 and incorporated by Act of Congress January 12, 1903. The general object of the corporation is "the promotion of education within the United States of America, without distinction of race, sex, or creed."

The present program of the General Education Board concentrates on two fields: southern education and general education.

Southern education. Throughout its history, the southern program of the Board has been guided by an objective laid down at the time of the Board's foundation in 1902: "The immediate intention of the Board is to devote itself to studying and aiding to promote the educational needs of the people of our southern states." Currently this tenet is observed in assisting state governments and higher institutions to undertake studies, experiments and demonstrations in public education designed to adapt school programs to the life interests and opportunities of students; studies dealing with significant southern interests and problems; qualitative development of selected institutions, more especially in the physical and the social sciences; and the improvement of personnel. Special programs in Negro education relate to supervision and promotion of public schools, basic develop-

ment of selected higher institutions, and the training of staffs.

General education. The other major interest of the Board is in the field of general education at the high school and junior college levels. This program, which was begun in 1933, is concerned with research and experimentation looking toward the improvement of education at the secondary level to meet the conditions that social change has imposed upon the schools and colleges. As a means of providing information about the growth and development of boys and girls which is needed in planning for educational improvement as well as in preventive medicine and mental hygiene, the Board has also provided aid for a limited number of research projects in the study of adolescence.

Organization

The policies of the General Education Board are controlled by a self-perpetuating board of unsalaried trustees.

The program is administered under the president through a group of executive officers whose names and positions are listed on page 5.

The office of the General Education Board is located at 49 West 49th Street, New York City.

Finances

Both the income and the principal of the General Education Board are available for appropriation. Responsibility for the fund and its expenditure rests with the trustees.

Limitations

Under the terms of its charter the field of the General Education Board is limited to the promotion of education within the boundaries of the United States. To accomplish permanent results in this field the Board obviously must limit its activities to certain defined programs. It does not entertain requests:

- (1) To give or lend money to individuals;
- (2) to invest in securities on a philanthropic rather than on a business basis;
- (3) to support propaganda;
- (4) to contribute to local or official educational institutions in any manner which would replace, obviate, or render unnecessary support received through normal channels.

Publications

There is published annually a report by the officers and the treasurer of the General Education Board which will be sent upon application.