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## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

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#### FUNDS FOR RESEARCH IN ASTRONOMY

WHEN drawing up the report upon Research Funds made to the American Association in December, 1915, and subsequently printed in SCIENCE there seemed to the committee to be good reason for believing that it would be advisable to place the data relative to astronomical observatories in a separate article, together with certain additional facts which would be of value to those particularly interested in astronomical research.

For this reason a circular letter of inquiry, dated February 1, 1917, was sent to the principal American observatories asking a reply to the following questions in each case:

1. What are the principal and annual interest of observatory funds available for research as distinguished from teaching and what fraction of the income as far as can be estimated may be credited to research?

2. What are the stated publications of the observatory or other papers indicating the results of researches accomplished?

The replies to this letter are uniformly clear and full. Abstracts of them are given below with data taken in some cases from official publications. It is thought that this form of presentation is preferable to a mere tabulation inasmuch as a more definite idea may thereby be secured as to the conditions which obtain in each of the observatories concerned. Especially does this seem desirable in that those interested in astronomy though not professionally engaged in its pursuit may find a brief but intelligible statement of what provision has been made in this country up to the present for the actual advancement of the science by research.

The undersigned will be glad to receive cor-