

## FOREWORD

Those who have visited or worked in the Scott Polar Research Institute during recent years, and those who have read the Annual Reports of its work, are aware of the serious limitations which have been imposed by lack of space. An appeal for funds to extend the building and facilities was launched in 1960. When it became clear that a limited appeal would fall far short of the target, the Council of the Senate of Cambridge University asked the Vice-Chancellor to approach the Ford Foundation with the object of obtaining their support. Grants for building purposes are normally outside the scope of the Foundation's disbursements, but their investigations in Great Britain and America established the merits of the appeal and, in February 1965, a grant of \$280000 was made. This munificent gift, together with other sums in the Building Fund, enables planning to go ahead for an extension which should meet the needs of the Institute for some time. A three-story block is to be built, similar in height to the present building but with a somewhat larger area, and standing parallel to, and behind it. The two blocks will be connected on the ground and first floors. The top floor of the new building will accommodate a large map-room, a laboratory and research rooms. The first floor, which will be joined to the present library, is to be used entirely for library and associated services, and will include an air conditioned archive room. The entrance hall on the ground floor will form an extension to the museum and lead to a lecture room, offices and another laboratory. The basement will contain storage space, darkrooms, a coldroom and a small workshop. It is hoped that building will begin the spring of 1966 and be completed during 1967.

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