

To honor Professor Emeritus
Elias Avery Lowe
whose death occurred on August 8, 1969
The Institute for Advanced Study and his family
invite you to a memorial service
on the ninetieth anniversary of his birth
Wednesday, October 15, 1969
at two o'clock
in the Institute Library Seminar Room

R. S. V. P.

Room A-202

Institute for Advanced Study

Olden Lane

Princeton, New Jersey 08540

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

ELIAS AVERY LOWE, D.LITT.

Lecturer and Reader in Palaeography 1913-48

Honorary Fellow of Corpus Christi College

Professor of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

TUESDAY 3 MARCH AT 2.15 P.M.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, Princeton, New Jersey
Office of the Director

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February 12, 1970

Dear Mrs. Pitzele:

Thanks for your note. I am pleased to get the appraisal and to have a copy of the tape of the Memorial Service for Dr. Lowe for the Institute. We are returning the original tape for you to have.

I have passed on Metzdorf's letter to Professors Clagett and Setton, and they will deliberate on it and report in due course.

I trust you have another interesting and agreeable trip. The first one sounds fascinating, and we will be in touch later in the year.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kayser

Mrs. Merlyn Pitzele
55 Central Park West, 11 E
New York, New York 10023

November 7, 1969

Dear Mrs. Pitzele:

I believe we now have all the bills associated with the memorial service for your father, and I attach a copy of each for your information. They total as indicated:

Central Jersey Sound Center	\$100.00
Tiger Teapot Catering Service	105.75
Applegate Floral Shop	12.50
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	\$218.25

As we had agreed, these bills have been submitted for payment by the Institute, and you may, therefore, simply reimburse our business office.

After Professor Shapiro's talk was transcribed for you, I mailed the complete tape of the service to Central Jersey Sound Center and asked Mr. Ducore to let me know whether he can correct the "broken" word where the reel turns over and how much he will charge for making 15 copies. I will pass this information on to you when I get it, but I assume you will want the extra tapes in any event.

I hope you are finding that there are now not quite so many pressures on you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Paul Bortell, Jr.

Mrs. Merlyn Pitzele
55 Central Park West, Apt. 11E
New York, New York 10023

Attachments

bcc: Dr. Virginia Brown - for your information

October 23, 1969

Dear Mrs. Pitzele:

I am sorry that a whole week has passed since the service for Professor Lowe without my being in touch with you, but these have been busy days at the office. I have, nonetheless, taken the time to call Central Jersey Sound to indicate the embarrassment (to both you and me) as well as the confusion caused by the late arrival of the technician with his equipment. It was an unfortunate situation, and I felt particularly disturbed because I had taken the trouble to call that very morning to confirm the need for being here between 12:30 and 1:00 and allowing for the difficulty in finding the Institute. Mr. Ducore tells me that his man did in fact leave in time to arrive here at 12:30 but somewhere he made an illegal turn, was stopped by a policeman and given a ticket; then in his distress he made a wrong turn in following the directions to the Institute and thus was further delayed. I think there was some amount of irresponsibility on Mr. Ducore's part for not having checked out the Institute's location during the weeks in which he had this assignment on his books, and I told him this. He reiterated that he was indeed sorry for what had happened but could see nothing he could do at this point to remedy the matter - true, of course. However, perhaps it would not be out of order for you to suggest, if you order copies of the tape, that he make them available to you at only the cost of the tapes since he really owes you some time! I now have his bill for \$100, the price he had quoted. Since the Institute is tax exempt, shall we pay the bills and submit the total to you then for reimbursement? I have no bill from either the florist or the caterer yet and no idea what they will be. The Institute has assumed the cost of the invitations.

We felt the flower arrangement should go to someone appropriate and, therefore, offered it to Dr. John. I am afraid Virginia Brown is the one who was so busy helping both before, during and after the service that she had little, if any, opportunity to participate as a guest; but, of course, things would never have gone so well without her, and she enjoyed being useful. I hope you and the other members of Professor Lowe's family felt that the service accomplished what you had in mind. I was sorry not to be able to be there throughout; I am sure it meant a great deal to you all to have so very many people come and, in many cases, from great distance.

I will look forward to hearing from you about handling the bills.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Paul Bortell, Jr.

Mrs. Merlyn Pitzele
55 Central Park West, Apt. 11E
New York, New York 10023

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Order of events for the Memorial Service for Dr. Lowe on October 15

Music - Choir music for feast of St. Benedict from Gregorian Chant (sung by the Choir of the Abbey of Mt. Angel). This will begin at approximately 1:50 p.m. with the 'Gaudamus' on side 1 and will continue until the first speaker rises and goes to the lectern on the speaker's platform.

Speakers

I. Dr. Kaysen

II. Prof. Marston Morse

III. Prof. Don M. Wolfe

IV. Prof. James J. John

V. Prof. Meyer Shapiro

VI. A reading from Ecclesiastes by a member of the family

Music - Mozart, Horn Concerto no. 2, Rondo (Band 3). This will begin as soon as the reader sits down and should continue until all the people have left the room. (This record will begin with the Rondo and may be played continuously until everyone has left.)

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PATRICIA LOWE PITZELE
55 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10023

Dr. Carl Kaysen
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

October 2, 1969

Dear Dr. Kaysen:

October fifteenth is nearly on us, and so I am sending you what I have planned as program for the service, and hope that you will find it to your taste also. I really have had no experience at all in such matters, and any suggestion or change that you might feel better would be very welcome.

I understand that you have kindly agreed to begin proceedings, and also to name the speakers; then might come Prof. Morse; then my husband (designated only as "a member of the family," please) who will read the passage from Ecclesiastes, "there is a time for..." which is not only à propos, but also was a favorite of my father; James John (I understand you had not included Jim on your list, but I feel he, as representative of my father's assistants, would be an asset, and I also wanted to do him the honor of being asked to speak on this particular occasion); then Prof. Wolfe, who I imagine will speak about my father in the most personal terms - I mean more personally than the other speakers; and finally, Prof. Shapiro, who will speak on his work with my father, and his connection with the Morgan Library, since Mr. Adams is unable to attend. Prof. Shapiro told me he planned to call Him John, to compare notes on what part of my father's professional life each will cover. I also plan to begin and end with some music - exactly what I haven't yet decided - but I think probably a Mozart^A Horn concerto, or a Vivaldi's trumpet concerto. I will decide this weekend, and communicate with Mrs. Bortel. I do hope you agree with this program.

Sincerely,
Patricia Pitzele

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Dear Carl

Much as I should like to do a final tribute to Dr. Lowe on October 15, I just won't have the time to prepare a proper one and nothing less than that would be adequate for a man who took such pains about everything himself. I don't know what my schedule at the Morgan Library looks like, but I hope I can be present at the memorial service, even if silent. If you feel that a Morgan Library representative should speak, you could not do better than John Plummer, who

knew Dr. Lowe's work well, and
will be one of your visiting
Fellows this winter. But I
rather think you may have
enough speakers in the three
that you mention.

With apologies —

Most sincerely
Fred

20 Sept/69

September 9, 1969

Mr. Joseph N. Coffee
Princeton Bookbinding
& Goldstamping Company - 921-6935
6 Chambers Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Coffee:

Attached is the copy for the order we discussed this morning of 400 No. 6 Baronial cards, Venetian print. I am counting on you to place this as a Special Order to insure that we receive the printed cards no later than September 24 and hopefully a day or two before that. According to the book the price for cards, envelopes, and engravolect lettering is \$59.50.

Please telephone me, as soon as the order is received, at 924-4400 or immediately if you run into any difficulty.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Paul Bortell, Jr.
Secretary to Dr. Kaysen

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Translation by Prof. Sergio

Deeply in grief for the passing of the illustrious scholar and member
of the Academia Lincei Cerulli I express to his relatives and to this
Institute my sentiments and participation of the members of the class
of moral science of the Academia Lincei Cerulli

Columbia University
in the City of New York
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10027

THE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
310 LOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Dear Dr. Kayser,

Thank you for
your letter. I shall be glad
to come to the service in
honor of Elias Howe &
speak about his work.
Since I teach on wednes-
day mornings from 10 to
12, I may be a little late;
but perhaps I can arrange
to come by car directly
from Columbia.

Sincerely,
Meyer Schapiro

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42 Fackler Road, R.D. 3
Princeton, New Jersey
September 15, 1969

Dear Carl:

Thank you for your letter of September 12. I shall be very glad to speak briefly about Doctor Lowe at the service in the Seminar Room on Wednesday, October 15.

Mrs. Pitzele is staying with us, so I shall be able to have her advice as you suggest.

I know from talking with Doctor Lowe how generous and perceptive you have been in meeting his needs and making his last months fruitful.

Faithfully yours,



Dr. Carl Kaysen
The Institute for Advanced Study

September 16, 1969

Dear Fred:

I write to you abroad (with a copy to your office for safety's sake) in the hope that you will be able to plan to be here at the Institute on Wednesday, October 15, which would have been the ninetieth birthday of Professor Lowe who, as you know, died August 8. The Institute, together with Lowe's family, is planning a memorial service for him on that date at two o'clock in the Institute Library Seminar Room, and I write to invite you to participate. Mrs. Pitzele and I both feel it would be very appropriate for you to make a few comments, along with Marston Morse of the Institute, Meyer Schapiro of Columbia, and Don Wolfe here in Princeton. Will you be willing to do so? If you have any questions about the length of your remarks or how they might fit into the total picture, you may want to get in touch with Mrs. Pitzele (Patricia) whose address, in case you do not have it with you, is 55 Central Park West (11-E), New York 10023.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

Carl Kaysen

Mr. Frederick B. Adams, Jr.
Chateau Villard
1814 La Tour de Peilz
Switzerland

cc: Pierpont Morgan Library (Miss Harris)

33 E. 36 St.

NYC 10016

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Mrs. Pitzele phoned this afternoon and I confirmed Oct. 15 as the date for the Memorial Service. She did wonder if 11 o'clock was too early bearing in mind the people coming from N.Y. and suggested 11.30.

She did discuss where it should be held with Dr. K but it depends on the number of people. However she would prefer somewhere at the Institute rather than the University which Dr. K is aware of, although this will mean overcrowding,.

Do you know in what form the notices will be sent out. Printed?

Mrs. Pitzele will be at her country home until next Tuesday 914-677-3184

Acourse - yes

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Wolf 42 Fackler Rd.

Schapiro

33 E. 36th NY, 10016

Adams, Frederick B. Jr. - 84 Allison Rd. P'ter.

August 21, 1969

Memorandum to: Mr. Morgen
Mrs. Barnett

This is to alert you to the fact that Dr. Kaysen has told Mrs. Pitzele (Professor Lowe's daughter) that we will provide whatever assistance she may need by way of manpower, transportation, packing, and the like, in connection with the clearing of Professor Lowe's apartment.

Ruth Bortell

September 16, 1969

Professor Meyer Schapiro
310 D - Low
Columbia University
New York, New York 10027

Dear Professor Schapiro:

As of course you know, E. A. Lowe, Professor Emeritus of the Institute for Advanced Study, died on August 8. A memorial service in his honor is being planned by the Institute and his family on the occasion of what would have been his ninetieth birthday, Wednesday, October 15, at two o'clock in our Library Seminar Room. I write to invite you to participate in this service because I understand from Mrs. Pitzele that you have had a long association with Professor Lowe in his scholarly pursuits. It is her feeling, with which I heartily concur, that it would be most fitting if you were to comment on this very significant aspect of his life. Professor Marston Morse of the Institute will speak briefly of his relationships with Professor Lowe on a personal basis and as a member of the Faculty here, and we are anticipating that Mr. F. B. Adams will also participate.

Should you have any question about the scope of your remarks or the length of time involved, you might wish to talk with Mrs. Pitzele.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

cc: 279 West Fourth Street
New York, New York 10014

September 12, 1969

Dear Don:

The Institute, together with Professor Lowe's family, will hold a memorial service here for Professor Lowe on the occasion of what would have been his ninetieth birthday, Wednesday, October 15. The plans revolve around Mrs. Pitzale's wishes and her understanding of what would be appropriate to her father's wishes. It is, therefore, as an enthusiastic seconder of her recommendation that I write to express the hope that you will be willing to speak briefly at the service (at two o'clock in the Seminar Room of the Institute Library) about your association with and recollections of Professor Lowe as a person. Professor Morse will represent the Institute Faculty in a somewhat similar vein, touching on the personal relationships between the Lowes and the Morses, and we anticipate that there may be several other speakers as well, probably Meyer Schapiro and F. B. Adams, to cover the range of Lowe's personal and scholarly life.

You may want to talk with Mrs. Pitzale about the length of your remarks or any other questions that come to mind.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

Carl Kaysen

Dr. Don M. Wolfe
42 Fackler Road, R.D. 3
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dr. Carl Kaysen
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

August 30, 1969

Dear Dr. Kaysen:

I told you at the time we spoke together at the Institute in August, that I would suggest a date for the memorial service now planned for my father, Dr. E. A. ^Lowe. He would have been ninety on October 15, that magic day he was so hoping to reach. but my sister, Mrs. James Fawcett of London, cannot arrive until early on October 16. How would that day be? Perhaps in the early afternoon? As alternatives, I would suggest the 17th or 18th, though Saturday may be a bad day for most people. Mrs. Fawcett would not be able to be here on October 21 or 22, but the 23rd, 24th or 25th would be all right for her.

Your suggestions as to possible speakers I concur with heartily: Frederick Adams, Professors Merritt, Claggett, and was it Morse? and my own suggestion of Meyer Schapiro, who worked with my father closely over the years. I do not know if it would be out of place, for me to suggest also Prof. Don Wolfe? I know only that he and Mrs. Wolfe were deeply devoted to him, and he to them, and they were so very good to him. The Ode to the Nightingale was one of my father's favorites. Perhaps Don Wolfe - or anyone else - might read it? On personal terms, I feel that too many speakers might become repetitious, and if the above number seems too many to you and should therefore be shortened, I would include: Messrs. Schapiro, Adams, Wolfe, Morse, Claggett, and Merritt, in that order of preference. However, I do not feel strongly about this in any way, and would bow to whatever judgement you had on the subject.

If I have any further thoughts, I will write you again. Naturally, the sooner we can fix on a date, the better for those coming from any distance, and for those, as most are, involved in pressing affairs of their own. And how do we let people know?

I do appreciate so very much your wish to hold such a service as memorial to my father.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lowe Pitzele

Patricia Lowe Pitzele
55 Central Park West, 11 E
New York, N.Y. 10023

Follow

Dr. Carl Kaysen
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

August 30, 1969

Dear Dr. Kaysen:

Apparently, my father, Dr. E. A. Lowe, appointed no literary executor. Therefore I, as executrix of his estate, am sending you as director of the Institute, this letter expressing the hope of his family that his work in progress will see completion.

There seem to me to be two elements involved in the winding up of CLA, both the Supplement and the Companion volumes, as well as the ~~reissue~~ of Vol. II, the publication of Handwriting, and the volume of collected shorter papers.

First, that all of Dr. Lowe's books, manuscripts, files, papers, and notes, remain in one place, ideally the place where they are now, namely at the Institute. I was most grateful to learn from you that the Institute wishes to retain intact the scriptorium, as he called it, until the end of the academic year now commencing, and I am writing to the Morgan Library asking them not to take possession of that part of my father's library already sold to them until this work is finished.

Second, that those familiar with his work remain with it until its completion. My family feels more than fortunate that James John is to be at the Institute this year to work on and oversee the finishing of the final, companion volume of indexes to CLA, and perhaps my father's hoped-for "preface of prefaces." Having heard my father express himself many times on Virginia Brown's extraordinary competence, we are doubly fortunate that she too will remain to finish up the work. She has told me, however, that there is some doubt about the second semester. I very much hope it will be made possible for her not only to see the works through to the end, but also to help me in the necessary cataloguing and disposing of whatever there is, not automatically destined for the Morgan Library. If provision for her work during the second semester makes a problem for the Institute, possibly my father's estate can make some sort of financial arrangement with her, so that what time she has available can be spent on these matters.

I expect to be in Princeton during the day of Wednesday, September 3, and starting Wednesday of the following week, all the time until the house is emptied of my father's possessions. Should you wish to reach me, Mrs. John, Mrs. Wolfe, or Virginia Brown, will surely know where I am.

Thank you very much indeed for your kindness and great consideration to my father. My sister and I in particular have appreciated this deeply.

Very sincerely,

Patricia Lowe Pitzele

Patricia Lowe Pitzele
55 Central Park West, 11 E
New York, N.Y. 10023

Mr. Frederick Adams
The Morgan Library
29 East 36th St.
New York, N.Y.

August 30, 1969

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have recently talked to Dr. Carl Kaysen, of the Institute for Advanced Study, and it is his plan to retain the scriptorium of my father, Dr. E. A. Lowe, through the academic year now beginning, so that the work in progress at the time of his death can see completion.

Clearly, this would be difficult if the Morgan Library now decides to take possession of the books and other materials in his library that it owns. And so I am writing to request that this be postponed until next spring.

There is nothing Dr. Lowe's family more ardently wish than that his work, that consuming passion of his life, be brought to its intended conclusion. So perfectly had he planned it, that other hands trained by him can carry out this conclusion - with the possible exception of what he liked to call his "preface of prefaces, to accompany the companion, index volume, the final volume of his life work Codices Latinae Antiquiores. The other works, all I believe in proof, are CIA Supplement, Handwriting, the reissue of CIA Vol. II, and the collected shorter works.

We are more than fortunate that James John was already retained to work at this Institute this year, to oversee the completion of the Companion, and that Virginia Brown, whom my father believed extraordinarily capable, is also there to finish the rest and to deal with all loose ends still to be tied.

If the Morgan Library sees fit to leave my father's library where it is until the end of the academic year, perhaps you will be kind enough to write Dr. Kaysen to this effect.

I sincerely hope that you will be back in town at the time of the planned memorial to my father, to be held in Princeton some time after October 15 - his 90th birthday. Dr. Kaysen thought maybe you would be willing to say a few words, and I would like to add my hope to this end.

Very sincerely,

Patricia Lowe Pitzele
55 Central Park West, 11 E
New York, N.Y. 10023

cc: Dr. Carl Kaysen