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Lowe

January 26, 1937

Reference to NY 718/36X

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Dear Sirs:

Professor Lowe has referred to us your bill of January 20, 1937, in connection with 44 c/s used books shipped on the S.S. Alaunia, which arrived on December 30, 1936. Professor Lowe wishes the books to be delivered as promptly as possible, and we shall see to it that check for \$136.09, drawn to the order of the Universal Carloading & Distributing Co., is sent to you upon receipt of the books.

Very truly yours,

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COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

January 26, 1937

Mr. W. M. Gilbert
Carnegie Institution of Washington
Washington, D. C.

Am ready for interview with President Merriam Thursday
evening this week eight oclock Pennsylvania Hotel Please confirm

E. A. Lowe

Charge Institute for Advanced Study

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CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 21, 1937

Dr. Abraham Flexner, Director
The Institute for Advanced Study,
20 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Flexner:

Upon request of Dr. E. A. Lowe we are sending you herewith Dr. Lowe's annuity policy with the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, upon which the Carnegie Institution of Washington has been cooperating with Dr. Lowe in payment of premiums.

Inasmuch as Dr. Lowe is now a member of The Institute for Advanced Study and is no longer receiving salary from the Carnegie Institution of Washington we are not in a position to continue our former arrangement relative to premium payments on his policy. This change took place on January 1, 1937, and as far as I know no premium has as yet been paid for the month of January.

At the same time I am writing to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, advising them of the change of status with respect to continuation of payments on Dr. Lowe's policy.

It is good news that Dr. Lowe and his family have returned to America and I am looking forward to a forthcoming visit by him to Washington.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

W. M. Gilbert
Administrative Secretary

G:D
enc.

We shall be grateful for an acknowledgment of receipt of the inclosed policy.

WMG

January 22, 1957

Mr. W. M. Gilbert
Carnegie Institution of Washington
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I have your kind note of January 21 with its enclosure of Dr. Lowe's annuity policy of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America. I shall hold this for Dr. Lowe, who is expected in Princeton within the next few days.

I am sure that at the earliest possible opportunity Dr. Lowe will visit Washington and renew his associations with you and your colleagues.

With all good wishes to Dr. Merriam and yourself and deep appreciation of the helpfulness of the Carnegie Institution,

I am

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF/MCE

310 Park Str. Lowe
Hollywood Florida
19. 6. 37

My Dear Flexner,

I have just received several letters from the Carnegie Institution which had gone astray. They explain that which had puzzled & somewhat disturbed me.

Apparently Dr Merriam is willing to consider or at least discuss the subject of assisting my researches by contributing towards the expense incurred in field-work. That is better than nothing.

I am no longer on their salary list + the superannuation policy kept by the Carnegie Institution will be turned over to you.

I am, thank God, out of Miami. This quiet spot with the house right on the ocean is doing me good. But I am impatient to get to Princeton.

I have just had letters from London. My wife + daughters send their love to the Flexners. All of them, except my wife, had succumbed to flu. It's a world epidemic.

On reaching Princeton I'll call up the office, + if that is clear, I'll try Princeton day. Perhaps

you'll be good enough to reserve a room
for me at the Nassau Club (or Inn) of which
you once spoke to me, or at any other Hotel
where a member of the Institute may alight
without losing caste!

Sincerely yours

E. A. Lowe

HARRY PLATOFF
PROPRIETOR

PHONE 5-9279

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1600 Euclid Avenue
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Dear Miss Secretary,

I expect to leave Florida on
Thursday. Will you then be good enough
to keep all letters after receipt of this.

I meant to ask Dr. Flexner where
one can put up for a few days pre-
liminary to getting more permanent
quarters. I shall get in touch
with your office at the earliest op-
portunity.

Yours Sincerely
E. A. Lowe

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17. i. 37

My dear Flexner,

This is all well & good & the sunshine is adorable. But my incipient arthritis is not improving & my eyes are troubling me, so I propose to move northward & get to Princeton where I belong by the end of the week.

I am skipping Washington, for a situation has arisen here which puzzles me. I prefer to talk things over with you first. Merriam it may be superfluous to see, but I must straighten matters out with Leland. I gather that I am no longer associated with the Carnegie

HARRY PLATOFF
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Institution, though I have had
no official notice from Meridian.
It may have gone to Oxford.

I shall call up to find out
whether you are ^{to be} in N.Y. or
Princeton. It's coming week-end! *

Sincerely yours
E. A. Lowe

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P.S. (could you send me a wire
on receipt of this

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27 WEST 44TH STREET

6. i. 37

Dear Miss Secretary

Thank you for forwarding
my English mail. It reached
me by the first post this
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I shall be greatly obliged
to you if you will forward
my mail, till further notice
to this address

to Meyer Lowe
1600 Euclid Avenue
Miami Beach, Fla

The trunk & suit-case
with my papers must be
at the Penn Station. I may

Keep the suit-cases &
forward the trunk only.

The 44 cases of books
should reach Princeton
by the end of the week.
I trust the receiving
& storing will not cause
you too much trouble.

Sincerely,
You

E. A. Love

P.S.

I leave for Florida
tomorrow morning.

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Prof. Lowe,
Institute of Advance Study,
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Sir:

the English Co.
We have pleasure in advising you that our agents, Messrs. Pickford & Hays of London, have forwarded to us a shipment of 44 cases of used books expected to arrive tomorrow on the S/S Alaunia. As you know, shipment will be to be cleared thru Customs formalities which we will gladly arrange to do for your account. However, in order to do so, we will require from you an itemized statement showing the contents and value of each case; also show on this statement whether or not the books are bound or unbound and if they are of American origin. Attached herewith are a number of Customs declarations which we would ask you kindly execute and return to us by return mail. Statements must be sworn to before a notary who must impress his seal and state the expiration of his term. We must have these documents, together with information giving the contents and the value of these case within a few days after the arrival of these case in order to make Customs entry. If Customs Entry is not made within three or four days after arrival, the Customs will remove the goods from the pier and place them in the nearest warehouse and the cost of transportation and storage will be at your expense. Trusting we shall hear from you very shortly, we remain.

Yours very truly,

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Professor Lowe,
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Princeton, N. J.

Dear Professor Lowe:

The writer wishes to advise you that due to Customs regulations, we will not be in a position to forward your 44 cases of books from New York for a few days. Customs have ordered the 44 cases to be transferred from the Pier to the U. S. Appraisers Stores for examination.

*but he said,
after due inquiry
that we should
be in a position*

We are doing everything possible to expedite the clearance and forwarding of these books, and shall keep you advised.

Yours very truly,

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Professor Lowe,
Institute of Advance Study,
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Professor Lowe:

We are pleased to advise you that the Customs have completed the inspection of your shipment and we can secure delivery without paying any duty.

Attached you will please find our itemized bill and we would thank you to let us have remittance, upon receipt of which, we will proceed to forward this shipment to you at 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, N. J.

Yours very truly,

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Institute of Advance Study,
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Professor Lowe:

We trust that the shipment of books were safely received by you. Will you please send us your check in payment of our invoice dated January 30th, in the amount of \$136.09.

Yours very truly,

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September 10, 1936

Dear Lowe:

As I told you, the Princeton people are cooperating with us in every imaginable fashion. We have purchased a large tract of ground about a block from the University campus, on which there is a fine old house which has been put in first-class order this summer. We shall have space there for the School of Economics, for Professor Meritt, and for yourself and Herzfeld if you so wish, but the dimensions of the rooms which would be available for you are as follows: one of 12 feet, 6 inches by 17 feet, 10 inches, and the other 9 feet, 3 inches by 12 feet, 3 inches. This house is, as I have said before, a temporary arrangement, for we shall some day build a modern, fireproof building that will meet all of our requirements. This morning, however, I received the enclosed letter from Dr. Gerould, the Librarian of Princeton University. You will see from the copy of my reply that I am leaving the final decision entirely in your hands.

If you establish yourself in the library you will of course be in pretty close contiguity with Panofsky, Morey, and their associates. If you go to 69 Alexander Street you will find a separate room for your secretary and the companionship of Meritt and Capps. Either way you will, I think, be perfectly comfortable, and I shall do everything in my power, as will Dr.

Professor Lowe

September 10, 1936

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Gerould and his Princeton associates, to make you happy. There is undoubtedly a certain advantage in your being in the library, where you have all its resources in close reach. On the other hand, as you will see, we are trying to arrange messenger service between 69 Alexander Street and the library. One drawback that I see in Dr. Gerould's proposition is that there is no separate room for your secretary. It may be, however, that if you really prefer the library, some arrangement can be made which would accommodate her in a way that would be satisfactory. As to this I do not know, but we shall hold the 69 Alexander Street space for you until you are on the ground and can view both places and make up your mind.

We had a very good summer and we are all anxious to get back to work. I come down from New York to Princeton every week and shall move down for good towards the end of the month.

Mrs. Flexner and Eleanor are both well, and all of us join in affectionate greetings to you and your family.

Ever sincerely,

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF/MCE

Lowe

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

9.vii.36

My dear Flexner,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of June 17 and for your liberal decision as regards my lecturing at Oxford and the honorarium attached to it. I need hardly assure^x that in consenting to give a course in Trinity term the question of compensation played no rôle whatever.

I have had what might be described as three interviews with Dr. Merriam. He came out to see me in Oxford on Saturday last and I saw him twice in London, and the upshot of our conversations I should like to put thus: like yourself, he is sincerely interested in furthering my researches; only there are certain administrative problems which have to be met, and these would best be solved in conference with you and perhaps Dr. Leland. My point of view he understands clearly. I do not wish any addition to the generous salary your Institute is giving me. I wish to avoid even the appearance of wanting to do that. All I wish is to have the \$4,500 at my disposal for those purposes for which, in the past six years, the Rockefeller Fund was used. I tried to make that perfectly clear to Dr. Merriam.

I am glad to hear that you have already started putting into shape the house you have acquired. I am very pleased to know that I may have quarters there for my operations. I should like to have a decent-sized room, say 24 ft. x 15 ft. or somewhat larger in which I could house my palaeographical publications and large files of photographs, and in which I could have a desk for myself and, more important still, either a really large round table or a good sized refectory table on which one can spread a

number of large folio palaeographical publications, and around which can be seated say a dozen people, in case one has as many as that in a seminary. I need the sort of a room in which I could hold a seminary because it is essential that the material ~~I need~~ for illustration ~~is be~~ near at hand. The present library occupies the following linear space:

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Folio volumes: | 36 ft. |
| Quarto and Octavo | 136 ft. |

Then there are four cabinets 30 x 19 x 48 ins. high, and similar filing cabinets 36 x 20 x 30 ins. high. The condition of greatest importance in my work is good light.

If it is at all possible I should like a small adjacent room for my secretary, as it is annoying to hear the constant click of the typewriter when one is working, and it would be out of the question when one is holding a seminar. If one could have some arrangement in this building for using a lantern to show slides it would, I am sure, be very helpful. I am throwing that out as a suggestion when you come to overhaul the wiring of the building.

I think you are quite right about the advisability of selecting an American assistant-secretary to be Miss Page's successor. I have no doubt that there are many competent young women in America. The work unfortunately happens to be highly specialised and selective and it takes considerable training before the secretary can be depended upon. However, I have Miss Page's promise that she will do everything to train her successor, and Miss Dean, Miss Page's predecessor, who teaches at Mount Holyoke, would help as much as she can during her vacations.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

E. A. Lowe

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

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Dear Mrs. Bailey,

It is very kind of you to raise the question about the manner of sending salary. I still retain my American citizenship and am therefore liable to income tax on all money that comes in here.

I shall therefore ask you to send my monthly cheque, as does the Carnegie Institution of Washington, to the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 125th Street, New York City, where I have both my private and my C.L.A. accounts. This procedure makes it possible for me to buy only as much sterling as I actually need for current expenses.

You will have noticed from my previous letter to Dr. Flexner that Miss Page is not going to be the C.L.A. secretary, so your kind services will not be required in September; and now that I have heard that the Institute has not made any arrangements which require my residence there in the autumn, and since Dr. Merriam, to judge from the letter which you enclosed, has no objection to my continuing on this side, it is not at all likely that we shall see each other in September. I am looking forward to my Princeton residence with considerable eagerness, and I am regarding it as a pleasure postponed.

Should any letters reach the Institute I should be obliged to you if you would forward them to Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

With my best wishes for a pleasant holiday,

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Lowe

P.S. I think I ought to tell you that a rumour has been spread by some irresponsible person to the effect that I have received a call to the Institute for Advanced Studies. Two letters have just reached me: one from Professor Ullman of Chicago, the other from Miss Dean who is also at Chicago, in which to my amazement and annoyance congratulations are offered "on the Princeton appointment". I lost no time in correcting the error and begged my friends to put a stop to a report which had no foundation in fact. I cannot imagine who started it. Possibly Professor Morey's innocent remark about a rumour that I was coming to Princeton was enlarged upon and made definite. I am more sorry about this than I can say.

E. A. L.

TEACHERS INSURANCE AND ANNUITY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
522 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED ANNUITY

Be sure you answer every question. Go by question numbers.

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|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----|------|--|---|
| 1. Full Name (Please Print) | First Name | Middle Name or Initial | Last Name | | | 2. Married Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Caucasian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mongolian <input type="checkbox"/> Malay <input type="checkbox"/> Negro <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | State or Country | | 5. When Born* | | | | |
| 4. Where Born | Moscow, Russia | | Month | Day | Year | | |
| | | | October | 15 | 1879 | | |

7. Addresses: State both and place a cross (X) in for address to which mail shall be sent.

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| A. Residence <input type="checkbox"/> | Number | Street | City or Town | State |
| B. Business <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 20 Nassau Street | | Princeton | N.J. |

8. Present Position

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| Institution | Title | Date of First Appointment | Duties |
| Institute for Advanced Studies | Professor | July 1, 1936 | Research |

9. List Life Insurance and Annuity Policies in force on your life. If none, so state.

| Company, Association or Order | Amount | Date of Issue |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| New York Life Insurance | 10,000 | June 17, 1915 |

10. Premiums.
The deferred annuity policies of the Association are all issued on the basis of twelve premium payments (monthly) per year, although regular remittances may be made on another basis if desired.
Total Monthly Premium (including any contribution) \$ 83.33 2/3
Number of premiums per year if not paid monthly
Amount of each premium if not paid monthly \$

11. Annuity payments will be of the amount purchased by premiums paid, at the Association's rates according to the sex, and age in completed months, of the annuitant.

12. Beneficiary. To whom shall the proceeds of the Policy be payable in case of your death before payment of the annuity has begun?

Print full name: Example: Mary Adams Smith; not Mrs. John Smith.
Name of Beneficiary: Helen Porter Lowe
Date of Birth: June 15 1876
Relationship to You: Wife

13. Do you reserve the right to change the Beneficiary? (Answer "Yes" or "No")..... Yes

Note.—The Association suggests that the first day of the month following the annuitant's sixty-fifth birthday is a suitable date for the first annuity payment, providing this agrees with the retirement age at your institution. The date chosen may be changed later if desired, in accordance with the terms of the policy.

14. When is the first annuity payment to be made to you?
Answer: On the first day of the month following my 65th birthday.

15. Is it your desire that the disbursing officer of the institution in which you are employed shall deduct the amount of premium due each month from the salary or other emolument due you and make payment directly to the Association?..... Yes
If so, please file with the Association and your disbursing officer forms of agreement for that purpose, on blanks which are to be had from him.

16. Kindly designate how initial remittance will be made.
1. Attached herewith \$..... or 2. By the Institute for Advanced Studies Institution

I hereby apply to the TEACHERS INSURANCE AND ANNUITY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA for a deferred annuity upon my life, according to the terms and provisions of the Association's Deferred Annuity Policy, Teachers Retirement Plan. I hereby agree, both for myself and for any person who may have or claim an interest in the policy applied for, that, in consideration of the Association binding itself to pay the annuity as provided in the policy, all premiums paid become the property of the Association.

I further agree that all annuity payments are contingent upon my survival to the dates when such payments are due, and that the annuity shall cease with the last periodical payment preceding my death, and that there shall be no return of premiums or other benefit at death, except as stipulated in the policy in the sections providing for certain payments to be made in event of the death of the annuitant before the payment of the annuity has begun, or under an alternative form of annuity as provided in Option A or in Option B of the policy applied for. I understand that the policy will have no provision for cash surrender and that the Association will not make a loan with the policy as security but that in case of premium default the policy will become paid-up for a reduced benefit.

Dated at London England this Fourteenth day of March 1936
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
County of Middlesex, ENGLAND, }
CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ss.
State of New York }
Elias Avery Lowe
Full signature of applicant

....., being first duly sworn, according to law, on oath deposes and says: that he is of full legal age and is the person who, as Applicant, made and executed the foregoing Application for an Annuity; that he has read the foregoing questions propounded by the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, and the answers thereto, and that said answers are full, complete and true, and are made as a basis for the Annuity above applied for, and to induce said Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America to enter into a contract to pay such Annuity.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of March 1936
Philip Adams
Signature of Notary Public

To be sworn to and subscribed before a Notary Public and his official seal to be affixed.
Kindly review your application carefully and see that all questions have been answered by words or crosses in appropriate squares.

*Evidence of Age.
It is of fundamental importance that the correct date of birth of the annuitant be established.
An official certificate, either birth or baptism, giving the date of birth, is the best form of evidence. The date of birth can also frequently be established by an extract from a family record of births, passport or similar document. Any copy of such document should, of course, be certified as correct either by a notary public or by an administrative officer of the institution by which the applicant is employed. Evidence of age should be submitted directly to the Association.
If no evidence of the kind described above is obtainable, the following statement from an administrative officer will serve as prima facie evidence.

I hereby certify that in the records of this institution the date of birth of the above named applicant is given as Oct. 15 1879
Month Day Year

Institute for Advanced Study
Name of Institution
Abraham Flexner
Administrative Officer
Director
Title

CROSS REFERENCE

FILE: INSTITUTE GENERAL-----Former Faculty
Lowe, E.A.

RE: correspondence between Dr. Flexner and the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University regarding Dr. Lowe's going to Oxford University each summer for the summer term and giving two courses of lectures during that term.

LETTER DATED: The Vice-Chancellor's letter dated May 9, 1936
Dr. Flexner's reply dated May 23, 1936

SEE: INSTITUTE GENERAL-----Institute Organization
Flexner Correspondence Re

Paris, France

September 2, 1934

My dear Lowe:

Your letter of August 14 with its enclosure reached Paris just at the time when I had sent the Foundation word to hold my mail. In consequence I did not receive it until I reached Paris a few days ago. I had then to answer some American letters that were waiting in order that the answers might go out on the Aquitania yesterday.

I am very glad indeed to get the definite statement from you regarding your needs. Unless Roosevelt still further muddles our financial situation, it ought to be possible to carry out the plans which we have tentatively discussed, but at the moment I am completely mystified partly because I cannot understand the report which comes from America and partly because European financiers and publicists, with whom I have talked, are utterly bewildered. In the Paris Herald this morning, for example, I note that Louis Douglas, the director of the budget and the last of the sound money men, has left the Administration. I cannot conceive at what Roosevelt is driving either in his monetary policies or his labor policies, and it would be wrong for me to take any step beyond those already taken until the atmosphere has cleared. I want very much to start the humanistic studies, and I want to start them with you and Panofsky, but on the other hand I want to be sure that I can pay you in money that will buy bread and clothes, not to mention books, etc. We seem to have reverted back to the Bryan-Cleveland era, only there is no Cleveland. At the bottom of my heart I believe that Roosevelt is in intelligence still a Harvard sophomore and that the country will find it out long before his term expires. Meanwhile, the

Professor Lowe

September 2, 1934

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foundations here are doing nothing new, and American universities are undertaking no new obligations.

Do not worry about the rumors that connect you with Princeton. I hope that they will not disturb your situation in Oxford.

Do you see any reason why in the course of the winter I should not speak to President Merriam on the subject which you and I have discussed and tell him what I plan to do, God willing?

How can Anne and I ever thank you and your family sufficiently for your kindness to Eleanor? She has had the happiest imaginable time in England, and gratitude for a large part of it goes to you and yours.

Remember me warmly to your wife and children, and believe me

Always sincerely,

ALFRED FLEXNER

P.S.

I am sailing Thursday and can be reached thereafter in Princeton.

A.F.

P.S.# 2

I have also received the card referring to the article by Brooks Otis on Thoughts after Flexner. It would perhaps amuse me to see the article if you can spare it or tell me where I can procure it. I can of course return it to you.

A.F.

Professor E. A. Lowe
6, Crick Street
Oxford, England

AF:ESE



French Line

Normandie

à bord, le 23. XII. 36.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

This will reach you, assuming you are at Princeton, in time to wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. We should be landing today, but the bad weather encountered near England has delayed us & we dock tomorrow.

The boat with my 44 (!) cases of books has been facing the same high seas but so far she is still afloat, as I gather from our newspaper which tells us that we are in touch with the "Alouette". The books will probably reach N.Y. by the 28 of this month. They are addressed direct to the Institute & insured up to their destination. (20 Nassau St.). I was told by the agent

in Oxford that the case will not be
opened in N.Y. (I hope it is true). In
that case how do you suggest that
I forward the 44 cases? By freight or
by Van? I suppose the latter is best
expensive. - But I'll do whatever
my colleagues have found to be the
practical thing in the circumstances.

I have had one huge trunk full
of my MS Notes travelling with me as
luggage. It weighs $\frac{1}{2}$ a ton (US, about
400 lbs, I should say). May I send that
on a head to 20 Nassau St? I
am going to stay with my brother
Joseph Lowe, 44 Winfield Avenue
Mount Vernon N.Y. You can reach
me there till the 28 inclusive. I
expect to be in N.Y. after that for two
or three days & then go to Princeton,
unless summoned before Jan 1 1937
My kindest greetings to the Flexner family. I was
soon to read about Mrs. Ernest Sincerly
E. A. Lowe

ALBERGO GRAN BRETAGNA E LIGURIA INTERNAZIONALE

VIA SPADARI, 11
(PIAZZA DUOMO)

MILANO,

TELEF. INT. 83-822

14. XI. 36

My dear Flexner,

Last stage. In a few days
I'll be travelling north. In a month
or so I'll be crossing the Ocean.

I write this because the spirit
moves me. I've been extremely fortunate
in my efforts to get the necessary
photographs, a very delicate job,
because one is asking for its very
most precious treasures of each library.
The problem is how not to arouse the
Librarian's sense of being robbed. Many
of them feel that way & are ashamed
to admit it.

But what I really started to
tell you was not this, but rather that
I am feeling a new peace of mind
& strength of body as a result of

being a member of the Institute
for Advanced Study. The atmos-
phere of your 'society of scholars'
has come to meet me half way,
& I feel its beneficent influence.

That is all I wanted to say.
No answer is required.

I shall be leaving Italy shortly.
I shall need a few weeks in
Oxford to get Vol III well —
started on its way. Then for
U.S.A. which I expect to reach
before this year of grace (or disgrace)
is out.

My kind greetings to the
family.

Sincerely Yours

E. A. Lowe

Oxford, 6 Quill St.

25. XI. 36

My dear Flexner,

It was good to get back to Oxford & find your letter of the 18th. It helped to soften the shock administered by the climate. This is a crazy world we live in. Here I have just been living laborious days in the Ambrosiana of Milan: the library is as poor as a beggar, yet heat it had in plenty; in fact, when I was there on Sundays all by myself (& the Prefetto) I took my coat off. it was so hot. And Italy has to buy every Ton of coal it burns. I get back to the land which has more coal than it can sell, & I am in pain & dis-

comfort because my half
of me is thawed & the other
half (the half away from the fire)
is frozen meat. It is too ri-
diculous for words! To get into
bed is an ordeal which ^{it} requires
more than ordinary courage &
endurance to have to face nightly.
To take a hot bath might be a
simple matter, but to have to
negotiate the chilled distances
between the bed room & bath-
room put a strain on one's
ingenuity & on one's lungs.
All this a propos of your brother
Somas' coming to stay here for a
year. Let him read Nausee's
"Farthest North" & prepare ac-
cordingly. He should also consult the
the surviving Goye Eastman-Loughston,
Frankfurt (excluded as being too young).

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I am not going to adopt
your suggestion to ask "my
friend" the Pope to plead
with Almighty for a mild winter,
the reason being that I have
lost all faith in him as a
spiritual force + have gradually
come to the conclusion that he
is not in touch with the Real
Supervisor. Albareda, the new
Prefect of the Vatican Library is a
Spaniard. The Pope had him trot
out to Castel Gandolfo just before
making his address to the Spanish
student refugees. Albareda re-
ported to me the confusion and
vacillation that reigned in the
Holy Father's mind: should he
be firm with the Reds? should he
moderate his reprobation, for fear
of worse atrocities to men & women?

he had to show ~~an~~ indignation, what did Albarada think etc etc? - So evidently senility is taking toll. But were he a man in the forties, his voice would avail naught. For the R. C. church is first & foremost a huge property-holding, job-giving trust, - the greatest (to my mind) organization in the world - and what has that to do with spiritual forces, with right & wrong? The Madrid government are "Red" simply because the Insurgents have promised to get the Jesuits back & restore Spain to its accustomed rule of Darkness & Despotism. So France & Co. are the children of Light & have His Holiness' blessing. We all know why. Papal finances are rather low at present. Two Cardinals

had told me that, & show
it from less biased source.
Hence Paetz's visit to U.S.A.
American assistance in body
needs. Fr. Coughlin was en-
dangering it. -

But why talk of disgusting
word politics when there's the
Institute to think about?

I am now definitely sailing
on the 'Normandie' which
leaves here on the 18th and
should get in on the 23rd.
I expect to spend the Xmas
holidays with my brother at
Mount Vernon outside N.Y.

My books will doubtless be
arriving about New Year too.
I shall get to Princeton before
the year is out. As I am leaving
the family behind (Patsy) is it likely
I shall look for a room in a hotel
or club.

Miss Page is not accom-
panying me. There are reasons
which prevent her. - That is
probably a blessing in disguise.
Miss Martha Dulany who helped
me with the French Mes for
C.L.A. has just crossed the Ocean.
She is ready to help me get
settled. I have allowed her to
use my name in her dealings
with the Immigration authorities
& she told the Amer. Consul in
Paris that she was working
under me & would continue to
do so in America, without pay.

I enjoyed your good news. My
congratulations to her. Pleasure
such success, though nothing novel to
her, is very gratifying to me.
You have seen what Lord Kuffell (of
Morris (or few)) is doing for medicine at
Oxford. Höchste Zeit! My warm

speaking to the family & boat works for 1937

Summer 1937

E. A. Lowe

November 25, 1936

My dear Lowe:

Many thanks for your sweet note. While it does not, as you say, require an answer, I cannot refrain from telling you how eagerly we look forward to having you with us. The Institute is proving to be the heaven of which I dreamed and, though I have no desire to fit you out with wings at this time of your life, I think you will be walking on thin air. We have fitted up a building - of a temporary nature - for the humanists, and there you can work in peace for twenty-four hours a day if the rules of the Paleographic Union permit.

We have great family news - not a baby or anything like that - but Mrs. Flexner has had a play accepted, called "Aged 26" and dealing with the life of Keats. It goes into rehearsal today and is scheduled for its first New York production on December 22. Perhaps you will be here in time for the opening or one of the early performances. The cast is practically entirely English, and Eleanor, on her own, got after the producer and secured the job of assistant stage manager.

Give our warmest greetings to Mrs. Lowe and the children and believe me,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street

November 10, 1936

My dear Lowe:

Your letters have been waiting on my desk because there was really nothing that I needed to say in reply to them, and I had the feeling that something might turn up, but as a matter of fact that is not the case.

When you reach Princeton, you will have two locations to choose from: one in a house where Gapps, Meritt, and Miss Goldman are at work about seven or eight minutes walk from this office; the other the room at the Library, of which you already know. We shall do everything to make you comfortable in your environment and easy in mind.

I have had no communication with Leland or Merriam, and I see no occasion for communicating with them until you arrive here and we can discuss matters at close range.

The year has opened most auspiciously. We are embarrassed by the numbers of advanced workers who want to come here from all parts of Europe - some from Asia and from all sections of the United States. It is quite obvious that notwithstanding wars and threats of war there are a good many people who are still interested in the doings of the human spirit throughout the centuries, and not a few of them are finding comfortable lodgings here.

We have passed through the fiery ordeal of the presidential election. All manner of dire evils were threatened by each side in case the other won. As

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November 10, 1936

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usual, within forty-eight hours the excitement has subsided, and now dividends are being increased and the stock market is booming and the Republicans of the country seem to have forgotten that the country would be ruined if Roosevelt were elected. I have no particular liking for Roosevelt because I think he is shallow and changeable, and I have never been able to persuade myself of the sincerity of his convictions, though I am certain that in many of them he is correct. Everyone admits, however, that he is a capital politician. He has indeed won a victory so overwhelming that it may prove a source of embarrassment, for how he will drive the team of wild horses of which Congress is composed I do not know. He ought to have at hand the weapon of Mr. Baldwin, the threat of dissolution. That would keep the Congressional brethren in order.

We have one piece of family news that is quite exciting. Anne spent something more than a year writing a play based upon the life of Keats. She sold it this autumn some three or four weeks ago to a New York manager, and it is now in process of production. Eleanor is taking a keen interest in it and may even be associated with it in the capacity of assistant stage manager. Jean is as busy as she can be helping the underdog through Miss Perkins' Department in Washington. Simon, as you may have heard, will be the Eastman Professor at Oxford in the year, 1937-1938. Get your friend, the Pope, to plead with the Almighty that they may have a mild and sunny winter, for both Simon and his wife have reached the time of life when they ought not to be exposed to Oxford damp and chill.

All of us join in affectionate greetings to you, Mrs. Lowe, and the children.

Ever sincerely,

Professor E. A. Lowe
6, Oriel Street
Oxford, England

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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TORINO (102) • VIA CARLO ALBERTO, 23

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Torino, li 22. IX 1937

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My dear Flexner.

I am having a very exciting
its palaeographicum seu
photographicum. I hired a
car + my excellent photographer
from Rome is taking me to
all the small holes (+ many
big ones) where the local
talent could hardly cope
with my wants. It is
very beautiful "despite
everything." I can concentrate
on my work by not reading
the papers + letting the world
roll in to destruction without worrying
about it. I saw a sickening

Sight in Florence on Satur-
day: a chosen band of flexen-
band Hitler Youth marchers,
in their uniforms through the
city of Dante & Giotto & Leonardo
& Poliziano! I had to spit
when the swastikas passed we
the Florentines gave the Fascist
salute.

I am working hard in
order to have most of my
material for Vol IV ready
to hand to the Cl. Press
before I leave in December.
I shant return to Oxford
before the middle of Nov.

Greetings to the Flexen family
I hope you all had a good
summer. Sincerely,
E. A. Lowe

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HOTEL SITEA - TORINO

Torino, li 193

Confidential

P.S.

Please do me one favor: if you get together with Merian to discuss what my relations are to be to his Institute, please keep Letard out of it. I find him small-minded & incapable of taking a proper view of such a situation as has arisen. He has written me two letters which prove that. I want to be

clear of the Am. Council
of Learned Societies + get
permanant secret pay.
And if Merriam is ob-
streperous I'd like to be
free of him too.

Please destroy this.

Sincerely, E.A.L.

HOTEL VITTORIA
BRESCIA

28. IX 36.

My dear Flexner,

Your kind letter enclosing
me from the Librarian of Princeton
has just reached me (I am travelling
by car, with a photographer, to the various
small towns that have C.I.A. items)
I reply at once: I am very much
touched by all this kindness
& co-operation. I can see it will
be a joy to be in such a society.

As for the practical point
raised, it is, as you yourself say,
best to wait till I am on the
spot & can decide which would be
more feasible all round.

25. I do not need much room
but I do want to have a
room for myself + one for an
assistant: neither need be big,
for I do not possess a voluminous
library. Its the big table that
I need, ^{a few book shelves} + good light + a place
for keeping my many mounted
photos + a steel case for G.L.A.
manuscript material. These are
easily obtainable. In sum I can't
transport what I've got in Oxford.
It would not be worth while.

I write after a hectic day. We
left Milan this morning + photographed
in Monza + Brescia during the afternoon
Went to Monza; then to Verona.
And now to bed; with all good wishes
to you
Sincerely
E. A. Lowe

Do please explain my sincere thanks offered.
I'll write him myself if you think it necessary?

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MANAGER

July 18, 1936

The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Gentlemen: Att:MISS M. C. EICHELSER

As you request in your letter of July 16th I am enclosing herewith a supply of deposit tickets to be used in sending us deposits for the account of Dr. E. A. Lowe.

It is customary for us to accept such deposits and acknowledge receipt to the sender and also to the depositor, so that it will not be necessary to make up two deposit slips.

Very truly yours,



Asst. Vice President

CD:F
ENCL

July 16, 1936

Chemical Bank & Trust Company
125th Street & 8th Avenue
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Professor E. A. Lowe, who is now at Oxford, England, but is coming to Princeton in the autumn, has asked that we deposit his salary checks to his account at your bank. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you would send us a supply of deposit slips.

Very truly yours,

MARIE C EICHELSER

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

19.vi.36

My dear Flexner,

Your letter of the 11th enclosing Dr. Merriam's letter to you and the clipping from the paper has just reached me. I am greatly obliged to you for your liberal interpretation of residence. I think it eases the situation considerably, as it will give me the necessary time for winding up affairs here in orderly fashion and of getting the Italian material in shape for the press so that the next volume can be started.

I am following your good example and am saving postage by enclosing a letter to Mrs. Bailey in yours.

I shall restrain myself and not say a single word about international politics, for it is impossible to talk about it without using unprintable language. The best thing to do is to forget it all and let the gangsters cut each other's throats. Then we may have some peace.

With kindest greetings to you all,

Very sincerely yours,

E. A. Lowe

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

16.vi.36

My dear Flexner,

If this letter reaches you in the Canadian woods you must forgive me for disturbing your rest, but I have just received a letter from Dr. Merriam saying that he will be in London for a week or ten days from the 27th of this month, and that he wishes to have "an early opportunity to discuss a number of problems that we have had under consideration". From one of your earlier letters I gathered that you expected the three of us would discuss the problems referred to by Dr. Merriam. I am now writing to find out if you have any definite points which you would like me to make in my talk with him.

My view of the case is a simple one. I understood that Dr. Merriam had expressed a readiness to continue supporting my researches. The support that is now required is for the extra expenses involved in carrying on C.L.A. activities, roughly \$4,500. This money I do not wish to regard as salary, and I should be glad to have it treated as a special fund for C.L.A. purposes. If you agree with this point of view or have any other suggestions please send me a night letter.

A week ago I wrote you asking for a formal statement appointing Miss Page as student assistant. I regret to say that Miss Page has found it necessary to change her mind as her mother's health is such as to make it impracticable for her to be so far away. She will do what she can to break in her successor, either here or on the other side, and will not leave me in the lurch. I shall be sorry to lose her services, because she was very faithful, very careful, and altogether a useful member of the staff. I am sorry to have troubled you in vain.

With best wishes for a good rest,

Yours sincerely,

E. A. Lowe

June 24, 1936

My dear Lowe:

I have your letter of June 16 and cabled you as follows:

"Agree with your letter June sixteenth. Don't know what else Merriam has in mind."

It is my understanding - and as I supposed Doctor Merriam's also - that the contribution of the Carnegie Institution is to go for expenses of one sort or another and that your personal salary shall be entirely aside from that \$10,000.00 per annum. I hope that you will give yourself no concern on this point.

I am sorry that the health of Miss Page's mother is poor so that it will be impracticable for her to come to America. If you have to train another assistant, I am sure it will be easier and simpler to find an American rather than to bring someone from abroad. We shall have no difficulty in finding an educated young woman who will be equal to the task.

We have acquired a house very close to the University and are having it put in good shape with a new heating system this summer. I wonder if you can give me a general idea of the amount of space that you will require. Meritt will be in the same building, and probably others.

With all good wishes for the summer for you and your family,

Ever sincerely,

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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June 23, 1936

Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford (England)

Agree with your letter June sixteenth Don't know what else Merriam has in mind

Flexner

Charge Institute for Advanced Study

June 11, 1936

My dear Lowe:

I have delayed answering your letter because I wanted first to communicate with President Merriam. It would seem to me that, as far as the Institute is concerned, there is nothing to be gained by your making a hasty trip to Princeton in the early autumn, and I wondered if the same would not be true of the Carnegie Institution. I am enclosing a letter which I received from Merriam this morning. It would seem therefore that the wise course for you to pursue would be to remain abroad until your work is completed. It won't matter to the Institute if you postpone your arrival in Princeton until January. I imagine that this will also apply to Miss Page. Let me know.

I am glad to know that two of your librarian friends have been made cardinals. The next thing we will hear is that you will be made one.

I enclose a clipping from the New York Times. I congratulate you, as does Merriam also, on this very great scholarly distinction which Oxford has conferred upon you.

I will write you in the early autumn further about Bowra and Fraenkel, and I do hope that we may be able to arrange for a visit from one or the other and perhaps both of them in 1938.

Mrs. Bailey will add a postscript to this regarding your salary checks, for these are matters that she has taken great pains to comprehend and

Professor Lowe

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are quite beyond me and the mathematical group.

With all good wishes for you and your family,

Ever sincerely,

AF:ESB

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dear Professor Lowe:

I am told that residents of England are required to pay a large income tax on any money received by them in England, which causes me to raise the question whether you wish your entire salary to be sent to you. If you authorize me to do so, I can open an account for you in a Princeton bank and deposit such amounts as you will not need in England, and these will be awaiting you upon your arrival in Princeton.

Your first check is due the last of July, 1936, and I shall have it sent to you in U. S. dollars, payable in Oxford, England, unless you prefer that the draft be drawn on a bank of another town or city. If at any time you have special instructions, please let me have them before the 20th of the month involved.

We try to arrange all these financial matters in the way best suited to the needs of those connected with the Institute, so don't hesitate to communicate with me on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Professor E.A. Lowe
6, Oriel Street
Oxford, England

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6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

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Dear Flexner,

Thank you for your letter of May 7 about Miss Page. I shall adopt your suggestion and consider her a student-assistant with a grant from the Institute for Advanced Study. The designation will suit her admirably. Please also convey my thanks to Mrs. Bailey for her kind letter. Miss Page will try to get in touch with her as soon as possible.

Before I take up your letter of May 16 let me say that about a week ago I had the pleasure of meeting Professor Herzfeld and his charming sister. I was greatly impressed with both of them, and I can well understand why the Institute for Advanced Study is known as a "paradise for scholars," if it is made up of such folk as the Herzfelds.

On receiving your last letter I got in touch with Bowra, of Wadham, and Fraenkel (note that the Professor loathes the umlaut over 'a' as too reminiscent of Nazi-land), of Corpus, and I am glad to be able to report that both were frankly delighted with your proposed invitation. I understand that Bowra is visiting lecturer in Greek at Harvard this coming autumn. He would, therefore, prefer to be at Princeton in the autumn term of 1938. Considering that he is an important tutor in his college, he could hardly be absent for more than one term.

Professor Fraenkel, on the other hand, not being a tutor - as you know, he is the Corpus Professor

of Latin, the only Latin professorship in the University - could afford to spend half a year a Princeton and, in fact, would prefer it. He, too, would prefer 1938 to 1937, and the only suggestion he made, as far as time goes, was that it might be advisable not to have the two Oxford men overlap. From which I gather that he would prefer to be with you the first half of 1938 and Bowra the last part of the same year. I am very glad that you are thinking of inviting these two scholars. They are both excellent men and sure to be greatly appreciated at Princeton. I am, indeed, much obliged to you for having entrusted me with this exceedingly pleasant mission.

Now I wish to consult you about my own plans. I find that I shall require at least three months of steady work in Italy before I can get ready the material for the next volume to put into the hands of the press. I cannot leave for Italy before the first week in July, and the months July and August are rather difficult in Italy on account of the heat. I must also allow a fortnight for packing up my library and papers for despatch to America. As no volume of C.L.A. can possibly appear this year, it is essential that the next volume appear in 1937. Now, the press requires a whole year to get out a volume; so that if the next volume is to appear in 1937 it is absolutely necessary that copy should be handed in by November of this year. I do not see how this can be accomplished unless I devote part of the autumn to field work.

I should, therefore, like to propose a postponement of my Princeton residence in the hope that you would have no serious objection to my coming over in September in order to have a conference with you and later with President Merriam, to meet my colleagues and instal my library, and then to take a fast ship to Genoa to do my Italian field work during the good months of October and November, returning to America towards the end of the year, ready to start residence in January of

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1937. I am greatly disappointed to find that progress with the next two volumes of C.L.A. has been slower than anticipated, but I encountered conditions that were beyond my control. Last Christmas vacation I should have gladly gone to Italy, but owing to anti-British feeling I was warned that it might be best to postpone the visit. I naturally expected to start my Princeton residence in October and to stay on till it was time to cross the ocean in the spring. I am sure you will understand, and I hope that this request for permission to modify my programme will not disarrange any of the plans which you had for me.

I have just heard that two of my librarian friends are to be made cardinals, so there is every hope that, at least in ecclesiastical libraries, there will be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary photographs. In some of the secular libraries there may still be difficulty, but I shall wave my American flag, and that ought to help.

With warm greetings from all members of the family,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

E. A. Lowe

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

9.vi.36

My dear Flexner,

First let me thank you for the liberality with which you received the Vice Chancellor's suggestion. As you know, I handed in my resignation as soon as I had the formal communication from you at the end of January. Shortly after that I was invited to meet a committee consisting of Cyril Bailey, Bowra and Professor Fraenkel, who asked me whether it would be possible for them to count on my presence at Oxford during Trinity term. I told them that as I had to spend at least eight weeks in Oxford annually on account of the printing with the Clarendon Press I did not think it would either interfere with my researches or clash with my duties at Princeton if I gave lectures here during Trinity term, but the decision lay entirely with the Director of the Institute and his verdict would be final. I was extremely gratified when I heard that this committee got the Vice-Chancellor to write to you. He seemed as much pleased with your consent as I am; and I shall consider it a privilege to be allowed to be a sort of link between the old and the new seat of learning.

I think I ought to say to you what I said to Cyril Bailey, that my readiness to give palaeographical lectures at Oxford had nothing to do with emolument and that I think you are entitled to deduct from my Institute's salary any remuneration that Oxford will make me for the Trinity lectures. The sum offered is £150.

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Let me end this letter with another practical question. Would you mind sending me a letter, or perhaps sending it direct to Miss Page, offering her a grant of \$1,000 for the next three years to work in palaeography with me. This she could show to the American Consul in London and get her visa.

Mc Elroy tells me that Mrs. Flexner has been paying a flying visit, but apparently she has not honoured the 'city of whispering spires'. Oxford is very beautiful just now, as you will doubtless recall. Do you not envy yourself when you look back upon the ovation you had here in jenem wunderschönen Monat Mai when you gave the Rhodes lectures?

Professor Jennings of Princeton, who is the Eastman professor, is dining with me next Wednesday. I wish you were of the party.

With kindest greetings,

Sincerely yours,

E. A. Lowe

June 17, 1936

My dear Lowe:

I have your interesting letter of the 9th. In respect to the honorarium offered you at Oxford, let me quote a sentence from page 2 of bulletin No. 5:

"The scale of salaries and retiring allowances is such that the teaching staff is freed from all financial concern and feels under the strongest obligation to refrain from activities that bring a financial return without really being of high scientific or scholarly character - in other words, that the members of the staff may live up to the standard that has been created in the full-time departments of certain medical schools organized within recent years."

Inasmuch as your lectures will be of a highly scientific and scholarly character, there is no reason why you should not accept the honorarium offered you. The object of the Institute is to eliminate commercialism and exploitation such as has demoralized so large a number of the American teaching profession, the members of which have given Chataqua lectures, popular lectures, have written popular text books, etc., greatly to the detriment of their scientific work and for no other purpose than supplementing their salaries. This does not apply in the case in question, but the final decision must rest with you. Nevertheless, I am glad you asked me, because I am anxious that we shall establish a new standard in this country in matters of this kind and that the utmost openness should prevail, which I need not tell you is not

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generally the case.

I shall be very glad to write Miss Page such a letter as you suggest, though, as a matter of fact, her grant - if it is to be a grant - is made annually, but that is a mere formality.

Anne went to London on business in connection with a play. She was extremely busy finishing her work there and hid herself off to Italy for a badly needed rest. That explains why she has seen so little of her Oxford friends.

I hope that Jennings - who, by the way, is of Johns Hopkins and not Princeton - made a good impression as Eastman professor. He is very highly regarded in this country.

With all good wishes to you and your family,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF/MCE

P. S. Since dictating the above I have given President Dodds of Princeton University a letter of introduction to you. He and Mrs. Dodds are going to spend the summer in Great Britain, and he may wish to talk with you about classical scholars. He has been an ideal collaborator and has done everything in his power, and in the finest possible spirit, to help in creating the Institute, so I shall be grateful to you for anything you do for him.

A. F.

June 17, 1936

Miss Page
c/o Professor E. A. Lowe
Corpus Christi College
Oxford, England

Dear Miss Page:

I am happy to inform you that a grant of \$1000 a year has been made to you by the Institute for Advanced Study for work in the field of paleography, under the direction of Professor E. A. Lowe, at Princeton, New Jersey, beginning July 1, 1936, and continuing for three years.

We shall be very happy to welcome you to America.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF/MCE

May 16, 1936

Dear Lowe:

I have been having some talk recently with the classical people here, and they are very anxious that Bowra of Wadham and Fränkel (of Christa Church, I think) should be invited by the Institute to come over to give a course of lectures next year or the year after. We have been doing this kind of thing in mathematics with great success and satisfaction.

Would it be possible for you to approach these men and ask whether they would be willing to entertain an invitation of this kind? It will doubtless be best to postpone it until the year after next.

With all good wishes to you and your family,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF/MCE



Corpus Christi College,
Oxford.

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Dear Mrs Bailey,

May I ask you
a question or two in
behalf of Miss Page
my secretary. She is
a young woman of
21, who has never
been away from home

I am trying to find
out beforehand whether
there are places in
Princeton where she

could obtain modest board & lodging say for \$ 10 to \$ 12 a week. Preferably in a family, of Roman Catholic persuasion. But that is not a sine qua non condition.

She will be met in N.Y. by people I know unless we cross on the same steamer.

How early in September are you likely to be at Princeton? -

Forgive me for giving you all this trouble.

Sincerely yours

E. A. Lowe

May 11, 1936

My dear Professor Lowe:

This year I shall be returning to Princeton early in September, and I shall be glad to do everything I can to assist Miss Page in finding a place in which to live. At the moment I do not know of a Roman Catholic family who would wish a boarder in their home, but there are many desirable places at modest rates, and I think she will be happy in Princeton. After I have met Miss Page, I shall be able to make suggestions, and of course I shall go with her to introduce her and to guide her. I think neither you nor she need worry about her being comfortable here. We have all found Princeton a most delightful place in which to live, and all persons connected with the Institute have been most cordially welcomed.

I would recommend that she stay at the Peacock Inn until she can make her living arrangements. If her boat docks early and she reaches Princeton in the morning or the early afternoon, she may even be located in permanent quarters before evening.

Sincerely yours,

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Oxford, 6 Oxial St.
28. IV. 36

My dear Flexner.

Just a question: Miss Page, my general assistant & secretary is English. Will she have trouble getting in? McElroy suggests that she enter as a special "assistant" in a learned undertaking.

Can Miss Perkins help us in the matter?

Miss Page has acquired special knowledge & familiarity

with the material dealt
with in C. L. A. &
That is why she may in
all honesty be described
as a "specialized" assistant

If you require any
facts before approaching
Washington please let
me know.

I have just had a visit
from her father who naturally
wants to know to what
sort of a wild & woolly place
his daughter is going out to.
I think he is quite reassured!
I told him all about Mrs.
Bailey, & showed him her name
on the letter head. That impressed
him.

The enclosed clipping may interest you. I am
Sincerely yours E. A. Lowe.

May 7, 1936

Dear Lowe:

I do not believe it is necessary to appeal to Miss Perkins in regard to Miss Page. Let her go to the American Consulate and ask for a student's visa, for an assistant can surely be called a student without stretching the term too far. We have made a number of grants to students from Cambridge (England), so if the question is asked whether she is to be remunerated she is only to say that she has a grant from the Carnegie Institution, or from the Institute for Advanced Study, whichever you prefer, for advanced work. Should she encounter difficulty, cable me (Vanstitute Princeton NewJersey).

Many thanks for the clipping, which I shall read with interest.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF/MCE

April 23, 1936

My dear Lowe:

I have yours of April 15 containing copies of the correspondence with Merriam and Gilbert. I think you need give yourself no further concern on the subject. When you reach America, you and I will have a talk with Merriam. His letter of February 27 in which he speaks of "hope of continuing the salary" seems to be sufficient assurance.

The year is drawing to its close. Everything has been most successful, and everybody looks forward with enthusiasm to the coming of yourself and Herzfeld. By the way, Herzfeld's London address is 11, Weymouth Court, 1, Weymouth Street, W. 1. (Telephone: Langham 1587) I may not have sent it to you previously.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF:ESB

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

15.iv.36

My dear Flexner,

Thank you for your kind note of March 30, the gist of which, namely, not to worry, I shall take seriously to heart.

But since the letter from Merriam, of which I wrote you, I had one from his Executive Secretary, who is second-in-command, and who happens to be a close personal friend. It is clear from that letter that Merriam would not be at all reluctant to eliminate palaeography and win \$4,500 to be used for other purposes.

However, Merriam has written me again to say that he thought he had sufficient data now to serve as a basis for an understanding of the relationship desired between the two Institutions, and he was ready to let matters rest as they are till I returned, which, I think, is a good idea.

I am not going to give this matter another thought, because I know that if worse comes to worst I can count on you not to let C.L.A. fall between two stools.

It might interest you to have on your files the last three letters I had from Washington on this subject.

We are in the grip of the coldest Easter holiday I have ever known in Oxford, but spring is on the way, for all that, and the sticky horse chestnut buds are bursting into leaf.

With kindest greetings to the family,

Sincerely yours,

E.A. Lowe

Patsy turned down Oxford (she got an admission to the Soc. of Home Students) & has since been accepted by Wells (her mother's college)!

COPY.

Carnegie Institution of Washington
Washington, D.C.

March 13, 1936

Dr. Elias A. Lowe,
6, Oriel Street,
Oxford, England.

My dear Elias,

Your letters to Dr. Merriam and to me have been very gratefully received. I am only sorry that Dr. Merriam's letter to you, which was not mailed until March tenth, was sent before yours arrived. He and Mrs. Merriam left on March tenth for a week in Florida, but he will be back next week in time to attend a meeting of our Executive Committee in New York.

If I have read between the lines correctly in Dr. Merriam's letter to you, the real difficulty in the situation lies in the fact that when he wrote there was in his possession no clear statement concerning your relation to the Institution after acceptance of Flexner's offer. There is of course plenty of time to effect appropriate adjustment before July first, when, presumably, you will go on Flexner's payroll, but, frankly, I am doubtful if you can expect to retain full membership in the Institution thereafter. A regular member of the Institution staff is one who gives his entire time to work of the Institution and receives compensation therefor, thus being entitled to the benefits of the Institution's Annuity Plan.

The arrangement approved by our Executive Committee whereby you were permitted to continue direction of the Corpus in association with the American Council of Learned Societies was for a period of three years ending December 31, 1937, with the understanding that salary payments would be continued during this period as if you were engaged solely upon regular work with the Institution. Thus, you were accorded special dispensation without affecting your status as a regular member. No other plan has as yet been authorized, however, and a new element has now been brought into effect, inasmuch as your salary after July first will presumably be paid by the Institute of Advanced Study.

I am making a statement of these items for your consideration in formulating reply to Dr. Merriam's recent letter. I do not know what specific form his recommendation may take with regard to your future association with the Institution, but I assume that, in the first place, some modification of the present plan for co-operation with the American Council of Learned Societies would be appropriate. If it is possible that the Institution could not pay your salary at the same time that you receive regular compensation from the Institute of Advanced Study, perhaps a suggestion from you as to contribution toward your expenses would be a desirable step.

As the tone and spirit of Dr. Merriam's recent letter clearly indicates, I am sure that he wants to be of as much assistance to you as possible under the new conditions. My inference is, however, that these conditions have developed a situation which needs restatement, and reconsideration by our Executive Committee.

I hope you will not think that I am treading forbidden ground. I am simply discussing certain features of the situation as I see them in the hope that such personal notes may be of some help to you in formulating your own plans.

Do I understand that you do not expect to leave England before next fall?

Love to the family.

Sincerely yours,

W m Gilbert
Executive Secretary

COPY

Carnegie Institution of Washington
Washington, D.C.

Office of the President.

February 27, 1936

Dr. E. A. Lowe,
6, Oriel Street,
Oxford, England.

My dear Dr. Lowe,

The discussion with Dr. Abraham Flexner with regard to his proposal for your relation to his School of Advanced Study at Princeton I have followed with much interest, and recently I have seen a copy of Dr. Flexner's letter to you of December 7, 1935, and your reply of December 31, 1935.

It had been my plan to write you regarding the matter as soon as I learned from Dr. Flexner, through a copy of his letter to you, precisely the proposal which he is making. I did not receive a copy of Dr. Flexner's letter to you until Dr. Flexner had received your reply. It seemed to me then best to wait until I should hear from you as to your view of the situation and your desires in the matter. While it is, I am sure, desirable for others to discuss your program and possibilities in a constructive way, I have also the feeling that decisions as to what individuals do must depend upon the desires of the persons concerned.

I have been agreeable to an arrangement by which Dr. Flexner might offer you a relation to the School of Advanced Study with the understanding that if you desired it you could have a relation to our staff. It was my hope that we could continue the salary which we have been paying to you for such time as might be desirable, or at any rate until you finish the present major projects under way. If it should appear that you prefer not to remain on the staff of the Institution, then it would become necessary for me to make a statement to our Trustees concerning the situation. But I would wish to be guided by what seems most favorable for you for conduct of your work.

I am sure that a satisfactory plan can be worked out, but I would be glad to hear from you regarding the matter, so that we may have adequate guidance here for such action as may be necessary with relation to your situation.

With kindest personal regards, believe me,

Very truly yours,

J. C. Newman

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CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Office of the President.

March 28, 1936

Dr. E. A. Lowe,
6, Oriel Street,
Oxford, England.

My dear Dr. Lowe,

Just a note to thank you for yours of March nineteenth, just received. Our letters on the subject of your relation to the Institute for Advanced Study crossed each other on the way, but without going over all of the correspondence, I believe we have the data set down as the basis of an understanding which can be worked out when you return to this country. You may be assured of my desire to see you have the best possible situation and relations for conduct of your studies.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

John C. Merriam.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE
OXFORD

16. III. 36

Dear Mrs Bailey,

I am returning the forms duly signed, witnessed + sealed (or rather stamped). I hope they are in order. As there are no consuls in Oxford I had to wait till I had to go into town.

I hope the recent dramatic events in the field of international politics have not upset the philosophic calm of the Institution-members. If Hitler keeps on brandishing the slave branch he may become a candidate, with Freud, for the

RECORDS OF THE DIRECTOR
OFFICE

Noble peace prize.

I dont care what prizes that man gets, so long as he is not given a professorship in international law in the Institute for Advanced Studies.
I mean it.

Sincerely,
E. A. Lowe

April 8, 1936

Dear Professor Lowe:

Thank you for your note of March 16 sending the documents properly signed for the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America. I was horrified at the charge of \$2.00 for each copy by the Consul of the United States in London. The charge for notarizing signatures over here is 25¢, and usually notaries are very gracious and decline to accept anything. The Institute shall certainly reimburse you when you reach Princeton next autumn.

All is going very well at the Institute, and Dr. and Mrs. Flexner and their daughters are fine. We are looking forward to the autumn when we may welcome you and your family to Princeton.

Sincerely yours,

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

ESTHER S. BAILEY

March 30, 1936

Dear Lowe:

Thank you for your note reporting the letter from Merriam. I felt sure that it would be forthcoming, even though delayed. Let it teach you a lesson: namely, not to worry, for if the worst came to worse there would be other ways around the difficulties.

Many thanks too for the new Hitler joke. A German professor who has recently arrived here told me that if a plebiscite could be held in Germany under the auspices of the League of Nations the Hitler vote, in spite of emigrations, would not exceed thirty per cent.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF/MCE

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

19.iii.36

My dear Flexner,

I have just had a letter from Dr. Merriam which has crossed mine of March 3. He apparently did not wait to hear from me about my new connection and has expressed himself very kindly in this letter in which he shows himself not only open-minded but even generous in his attitude. It seems he will be ready to co-operate, and he is only waiting to hear from me what my understanding of the position is and what my desires are.

I should have thought that all this was perfectly clear to him, but in a general way I have reiterated my hope that the valuable support which I have enjoyed at the hands of the Institution for the past quarter of a century might be continued until my work was done. This was the gist of what I had to say to him. I expect that he will write me as soon as he receives the letter of March 3. But nothing could be more friendly and encouraging than the letter which I have just had.

I must tell you a good Hitler joke: stop me if you have heard it. It is well known that Hitler is superstitious. On consulting a fortune teller he was told that he was going to die on a Jewish holiday. He immediately consulted an expert on the Jewish calendar and tried himself to discover all the holidays of Israel, when one of the entourage suggested that the Führer was wasting time since any day on which he died would be a Jewish holiday! This may be an old one, but I only heard it yesterday from Prof. Goodhart.

With kindest regards to Stefanie
Yours sincerely
E. A. Lowe

Lowe

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

3.iii.36

My dear Flexner,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th February. I am sorry to learn that President Merriam feels as he does. I think I wrote him from Madrid and thanked him for his co-operation the same day (December 31) I wrote you and thanked you for the offer. I have had two kind notes from him since his meeting with you on December 2 and in neither of them did he allude to the new development. I fear the letter from Madrid has miscarried, and he naturally feels that I should have informed him of all the facts. This I have just done as simply as possible, and on the general lines suggested by you. The result is on the knees of the gods. Dr. Merriam may feel that one Institution is all that is good for a man and he may want to devote to other projects the funds now used for palaeography. It goes without saying that I shall be sorry to sever a very pleasant and honourable connection which has lasted for exactly twenty five years, but it is only thanks to your reassuring letter of February 13 that I do not have to worry about the possible loss of the emolument which, as you know, was to cover the running expenses of work on the corpus, as secretary, travel, books, etc.

I am glad to hear that C.L.A. II reached you safely and that you did not at once consign it to the basement. One cannot help admiring the beautiful Clarendon Press printing. To have you say that you will be proud to be associated with the subsequent volumes fills me with pure joy and sincere humility. I know that I do not deserve such good fortune.

I have kept the best for the last. Professor Einstein has a rival. I mean he is not the only one who is adding lustre to your Institute. A young scholar of charming address and modest bearing - a man of merit and Meritt by name - has been winning golden opinions in Oxford. His discoveries are on all sides described as exciting and revolutionary: it is no wonder that he has been given an honorary doctorate*. I have seen him only twice. He has been away a good deal and so have I, but he is dining with me at Corpus on Sunday next before leaving for Athens. Last week there dined with me in Hall a grateful pupil of yours who never omits to tell me what inspiration he got from your teaching him Homer. I have nearly forgotten all I ever knew of Homer. Perhaps some of us might induce you to hold a small seminar.

With kind greetings to the family,

Very sincerely yours,

E. A. Lowe

P.S. It occurs to me that perhaps you may want me to come over for a conference the end of June or beginning of July - or is there any likelihood of your coming this way? In view of the operations in the scriptorium involving my assistants and my secretary it seems wise to postpone moving our material till September. May I assume that you have no objection to this and that I may do field work on the Continent and take some holiday during the months of July and August?

E.A.L.

* I enclose the press report.

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

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My dear Flexner,

Your kind note of February 24 has just reached me. I sent you a letter yesterday. I hope you do not mind this bombardment, but this is just to thank you and to say that I am overwhelmed by the kind things you say about C.L.A. II. Leland used to be a scholar himself and knew all the difficulties involved in getting a work finished and published; but I think he has forgotten all that and, having become an executive, he uses his great talents in seeing to it that work promised should appear on schedule, that costs should be kept down, and that a brave show of efficiency be sustained throughout. As Rand rather happily characterised it some time ago, it is an attitude of so many thousand pairs of pants have been ordered by a certain date and so many thousand should be sent on that date. Unfortunately, Leland has been learning from his many years of contact with scholars that they are a very disappointing and undependable lot. But fortunately he has a sense of humour, and when he forgets that he is an executive he smiles and takes the wretched scholars as he finds them.

In short, I am very grateful to you for having sent your note to Leland.

A man called Leonard Montefiore sent me a pamphlet on Heidelberg University. He has perhaps also sent it to you. At any rate I gave him your address and asked him to send you a copy. It surely makes startling reading.

I am enclosing a few clippings which may amuse you. Oxford undergraduates on Strike: that is news. "What is the world coming to"? say the good old Jewish Dons! But the world moves on. Even the Times. Today I saw, for the first time, a bit of Russian news sent from Moscow instead of Riga. Here tofore all reports about Russia came to the Times from Riga.

*Gratefully to the family
your friend
E.A.L.*

Corpus Christi College,
Oxford.

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Dear Mrs Bailey,

Just to thank you for sending
me the T-I-A-A. booklet. It ex-
plains everything. At the end of the
week I shall be in town & there
the Amer. Consul can act as the
Notary Public. Then I shall be able
to return the forms which I had to
fill out. I hope they are in order.

Last night I dined with that
charming & soft spoken Dr Meritt.
are they all so gentle at the Institute.
What a heavenly place! It was
kind of you to send your word
of welcome. I appreciate it greatly.

The thought of moving is a sort of
nightmare. I don't know whether
we shall take a small house or
rooms, at first. One daughter will stay
on in London. One will go to an Amer.
college (we are thinking of wells!) One
is in N.Y. but may join us. Beatrice
who is in London is at too well & Mrs.
Lowell may think it wisest to stay with
her. I hope Princeton

has all sorts of accommodations
but you so must for you being
of these. I am very glad to
hear of you.

March 20, 1936

My dear Lowe:

I have just returned from a brief vacation and am delighted to find your several notes. I am returning two of them which you may desire to keep.

I was a good deal interested in the clippings in the Times regarding the Heidelberg invitation. As one might expect, the British universities have taken a square stand and have repelled an invitation which should never have been sent. Our American institutions have acted variously. Harvard has, I regret to say, accepted. Virginia, true to the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, has declined. Princeton probably because Einstein is here was not invited so that the authorities did not even have to consider the question.

I shall not be in Europe this spring, though there is a possibility that Eleanor may run across to renew her English friendships.

I am very much pleased indeed with your favorable opinion of Meritt. In fact, I have had golden opinions about him from everybody with whom he has been in contact in England, and his reputation in this country is extraordinary for a young fellow of his years.

As far as your problems of moving are concerned, they are, I think, very simple. You can send your books by freight or express to the Institute for Advanced Study, 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, and they will be kept for you in a fireproof and secure room.

Professor Lowe

March 20, 1936

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On the property which we have acquired there is a large thirteen-room house, very well lighted, in which I am inclined to house you, Meritt, Herzfeld, and perhaps others until the permanent building is provided. We are prevented from the moment/building because there is a small house adjoining the thirteen-room house above-mentioned, which we ought to acquire and which we have thus far not been able to purchase.

There is no occasion whatsoever for you to be in this country during the summer unless you so choose, and it is certainly not necessary for you to cross the water for the purpose of seeing me. I shall be in the Canadian woods between the first of July and the fifteenth of September just about the time, I imagine, when you will be coming to this country.

I hope very much that your domestic problems will iron themselves out. It is always difficult to transport a family, but I trust that, when this has been accomplished once, it will never have to be undertaken again.

As far as Princeton itself is concerned, there are various possibilities. If you are alone for a time, you can probably secure a room at the Graduate College where Professor Morse and Professor Mitrany are living. If other members of your family accompany you, there is an excellent inn - the Peacock Inn - where the Einsteins spent about six weeks before they found a house to their satisfaction. You would all, I think, be thoroughly comfortable and happy there.

Eleanor and Mrs. Flexner join me in warmest greetings and all good wishes to you, Mrs. Lowe, and the children.

Ever sincerely,

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF:ESB

Oxford, 25. ii. 36

My dear Flexner,

Thank you very much
for your kind & reassuring
letter of Feb. 13. My future
worries will be ^(not finances, but) E.A.L. - his
limitations, physical, mental
moral; for otherwise there is
nothing to hinder my finishing
the important task before
me. I expect my work to
improve. If it fails to do
so, it will be the fault
of A.F. or his "paradise for
scholars"

The extraordinary privilege
of being present + "consecrating"
at one's own funeral ceremony,

(You recall how the notation
(appealed to Mark Twain)
is denied us mortals, but
something akin to it has
been vouchsafed me since
my resignation. The enclosed
"flattery" (in all senses) note
from the Senior Fellows of Univ.
College is an example of
what I mean. I could only
reply in mocking vein to his
mock-modesty. The note of
the funeral oration is in it.
I prefer McElroy's note: it
is more sincere, & smacks
less of epitaphs. I let
you see them because at
bottom I'm gratified by these
expressions, even if only partly meant

My affectionate greetings to the family.
^{am forwarding some clippings.}

Sincerely
E. A. Lowe

1, ORIEL STREET,
OXFORD.

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My dear Flexner,

The enclosed will please
you. It certainly pleased
me. For there is no telling
what a sleepy body
like the Hebdomadal
Council might ^{or not do} do. Fortunately
there are some young
Dons on it too. I am
told that Cambridge
will follow Oxford's ex-
ample. The principle

in the Eastern Hemisphere the 28-anniversary is complete!
What a prospect for homo sapiens Europaeus! EATL

12 BRISTOL STREET,
OXFORD.

Univ. Prof.
of Birmingham, + Prof.
Sir W^m Beveridge of London
had fine letters in the
'Times', where the press &
cos have been sent lately
for the past few weeks.
As a joke people has said,
"if we must send delegates
to Heidelberg, we'll send a
man it expelled (hard on
the man!). Things in Nazi-
land are certainly going
from bad to worse - is what
concerns learning & the things
of the spirit.

Pats has just taken her entrance exam. with what result
Do not know! - otherwise such news

Oxford. 6 Oxide Str.
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My dear Flexner.

First allow me to acknowledge your letter of Jan. 28 informing me "formally" of my election. Will you kindly consider this as the formal acceptance. I should like to thank you again & the Trustees of the Institute as well, for the great honor conferred on me. It will be a delight to work in your midst & enjoy the atmosphere of warmth and co-operation which you are creating. I am looking forward to it keenly &

tasting the happiness of
anticipation.

Thank you for the papers
dealing with the retiring al-
lowance. I shall fill them out
& return them in due course
of time. But I should like
to know something about the
two options offered by the TIAA

I shall write you about
plans as soon as we see
them more clearly resolved.
Is there any chance of your
crossing the ocean this spring
or summer? I haven't ^{yet} seen
Merritt this term. I knew that
he is liked & highly thought of.

Patry is at the moment taking
entrance exams (Soc. Home Studies)
She'd like to begin with Oxford.

but she is very keen on America. My kind
 regards to Mrs. Patrick Flanagan when you speak. Yours sincerely
E. A. Lowe

February 27, 1936

My dear Professor Lowe:

In the absence of Doctor Flexner, who will be in the West for a fortnight, I have received your letter of February 18, which he will be very happy to have.

I am sending you a Handbook of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, which may answer your questions regarding the options offered by the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association.

May I take this occasion to express my pleasure that you are to be connected with the Institute and to welcome you to Princeton? If there is anything that I can do to help in any way, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

ESTHER S. BAILEY

February 23, 1936

Dear Lowe:

I have just received your superb
Volume II. To show you what I think of it I am
sending you a copy of a note which I have written
Leland.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF:ESB

CODICES LATINI
ANTIQUIORES.

Oxford 6 ii. 36

Dear Flexner,

A copy of C.L.A.-II
is being forwarded to you to
give you an idea of the
work that is being done in
the scriptorium.

I know it is bulky,
& it will be in the way,
but don't let Miss Bailey
throw it into the W.P.B.

Sincerely
Yours

E. A. Lowe

February 19, 1936

My dear Lowe:

President Merriam is apparently under the impression that it would have been fitting if you had written him of your appointment to the Institute, though inasmuch as he knew it from Leland and me I do not see the point. However, without alluding to it in any way, I suggest that you write him some such letter as I enclose.

I received a note from you this morning telling me that the volume is on its way. I shall be delighted to see it.

It is once more as cold as the devil here. Such a winter as this I have never known.

With all good wishes to you and your family,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF/MCE

Suggested letter to President Merriam

Dear President Merriam:

You have probably heard from Mr. Flexner that since he conferred with you he has offered me a professorship at the Institute for Advanced Study. I have accepted this post because the Oxford climate has ceased to agree with me, and it is a matter of the first importance that I return to a climate in which I can work at full capacity. Mr. Flexner wrote me that you would have no objections to the change and that as far as he is concerned he is delighted to have me continue my relationship with the Carnegie Institution of Washington. I myself have the keenest satisfaction in so doing, and I hope that between us we may push the corpus to a successful conclusion on the basis of coöperation between the two institutions and the American Council of Learned Societies.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

February 13, 1936

Dear Lowe:

I have your nice letter. You may be very sure that not only Dr. Gerould but everybody in Princeton will do everything possible to provide you with the facilities and coöperation that you need. I have never been in a place in which a finer coöperative spirit was manifested all around.

The house regarding which I wrote you will give you all the space you will need to spread yourself in, and your material when it arrives at 20 Nassau Street will be stored in such a way that you can get at it without difficulty whenever you please.

There is nothing in Leland's letter regarding Merriam that need give you any concern. These foundations never pledge themselves except for a period of years, usually three and never more than five. Merriam was genuinely interested in your work and genuinely desirous of retaining your relationship to Carnegie. If anything now unforeseen should happen which makes this impossible, the sum involved is not enough to disturb you or me; so don't worry about the future. The institute finances have been so cautiously managed that it would take a good deal of disturbance to cause anybody any inconvenience, though, to be sure, a gift such as Merriam has been making is always welcome. In your place, however, I would make no further allusion to

Professor Lowe

February 13, 1936

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it in writing anyone, but if Merriam should write you you would naturally express your appreciation and your hope that the relationship which has been so useful in this great undertaking may be continued.

As far as Leland's urging you to go fast is concerned, I don't think that you need any prodding. The whole Institute is organized on the theory that we invite to professorships only first-rate men and that we trust them absolutely. It makes no difference to me, for example, that Veblen every now and then takes a morning off to chop trees or that Panofsky occasionally sleeps late. If people of your calibre and ambition cannot be allowed to solve their own problems in their own way, I am very certain that nothing I can do would be of any service.

We are all well, although we are having a devil of a winter. We are now in the fourth week of temperature which begins in the morning somewhere between zero and five to eight degrees and with the exception of one day has not risen as high as freezing.

Eleanor and Mrs. Flexner join me in heartiest greetings to you and Mrs. Lowe and the children. I do hope that Bice will soon be up to par physically.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF/HCE

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

3.11.36

My dear Flexner,

Your kind letter of January 17 was very welcome. The same post brought one from Dr. Gerould of the University Library. He generously offered me all the facilities he has and only regretted that the hoped-for \$4,000,000 library is still a thing of the future, otherwise he would gladly have given accommodation for my special collection.

But I am very happy to know that you can come to the rescue and that my books and photographs may be sent to 20, Nassau Street in care of the Institute, and that somewhere in one of the two buildings on your newly acquired land you will find the necessary rooms for the scriptorium in which work on C.L.A. can continue uninterruptedly and be prosecuted to a successful finish. This is indeed great news.

Both Professor Sigerist of John's Hopkins and Professor Koehler of Harvard had to remove their large libraries from Europe to America. I shall write to them and try to find out how they managed. A practical hint or two may save me a lot of time and expense.

On January 29 I received two cables of congratulation from America, from which I concluded that public announcement had been made of my appointment. Not wishing to have the news reach Oxford University through the press I took the necessary steps and sent in my resignation to the three faculties responsible for my appointment.

A few days ago, too, I received a letter from Dr. Leland in which he said:

"I am happier than I can tell that the offer from Flexner has finally been made. I agree with you that this assures

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the completion of C.L.A., and makes it possible for you to carry it on without anxiety and under less stress."

To all of which I can only say Amen. But Leland has a few more paragraphs which I think will interest you, so I send on a copy of his entire letter, and I am also forwarding to you a copy of my reply so that you will see that the paragraph about the Carnegie Institution caused me considerable surprise. Considering that Dr. Merriam explicitly wrote me a long time ago that he would have no objection to my transferring my centre from Oxford to a centre in America, and considering the obvious gain for my researches resulting from the change which you are making possible, I cannot for the life of me see what justification the Carnegie Institution would have in changing its attitude and stop supporting my researches. I am not in the least worried about this, but I thought it my duty to call your attention to the point raised by Leland in order to remove all doubt about the continuance of the Carnegie grants, since those grants were to defray the annual current expenses incurred in the prosecution of C.L.A.

It does my heart good to know that Miss Belle Greene and other friends in America have welcomed the news of my appointment. I know that it will be a great joy to me to be with them again and to work under the friendly and encouraging environment of the Institute for Advanced Studies.

My kindest greetings to you and Mrs. Flexner, and my love to Eleanor, to whom I shall write as soon as I have a little more time. Patsy particularly wishes to be remembered to you. She is the only member of the family with me now at Oxford. Mrs. Lowe is keeping Bice company, who has to be in London. The poor darling is not quite up to the mark and we are trying to cherish and encourage her as best we can. We believe in her future.

Very sincerely yours,

E. A. Lowe

2 enclosures:

COPY.

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES.

15 January, 1936.

Dear Lowe,

I am glad to have your undated letter from Madrid. I am happier than I can tell that the offer from Flexner has finally been made. I was sure it would be, but I have learned during the last few years not to count definitely on anything until it is an accomplished fact.

I agree with you that this assures the completion of C.L.A., and makes it possible for you to carry it on without anxiety and under less stress. Nevertheless, I hope that you will not relax your determination and efforts to bring out at least one fascicule each year. If you can do more than that, so much the better, but you ought not to allow yourself to do less.

You are of course right in thinking that all the money that has been received from the sale of photographs will be available for further work on C.L.A. It should, however, be reserved for the cost of photography until that has been completed, and afterwards the balance can be employed for expenses of travel, assistance, etc.

The question of what part the Carnegie Institution may take after the calendar year 1937 remains to be ascertained. I do not think Dr. Merriam has given that problem any consideration as yet. It is probably a part of the more general problem of your relation to the Carnegie Institution, and that is a matter to be worked out by Dr. Merriam, Dr. Flexner, and yourself.

I shall be glad to have the undertaking continue to be under the auspices of the A.C.L.S. until the end. Indeed, since we are contributing to the cost of publication, that is only natural. Further, it is through this Council that there is a relationship established with the Union Académique Internationale and thus the enterprise has an international status.

Fascicule II came yesterday. It is a magnificent piece of work, and I shall be very proud to exhibit it to the members of

this Council at their annual meeting in Washington at the end of the month. Hearty congratulations!

I am gratified to know that you were able to send some part of Fascicle III to press before you left Oxford, but I have to confess that I do not know what the contents of Fascicle III are to be. I had thought that Fascicle III and Fascicle IV would be devoted to Italian manuscripts outside the Vatican, but I judge from your rather sketchy report that they may be devoted to German manuscripts. At any rate, will you not inform me as to this? If you can go still further and draw up a schedule showing the contents of the next three or four fascicles, I shall be glad to have it for my information.

With best wishes for the new Year, and with kindest regards to Mrs. Lowe, and to your daughters when you see them or write to them, please believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Waldo G. Leland.

6, Oriel Street,
Oxford.

3.11.36

My dear Leland,

In a few days I expect to be able to send you the complete accounts for 1935. They are at the moment being carefully checked by the expert from Barclays Bank, who, as you know, helps us with the difficult problems of exchange. If you take an average of out expenses incurred during the last six years you will see that the needs of the present year will not be met with what is left of the original grant. My rough estimate of expenses which we are going to have in 1936 is as follows:-

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|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Dr. Bischoff | About £300 | \$1500 |
| Miss Page and other assistants | £250 | \$1250 |
| Office, etc. | £150 | \$750 |
| Travel | £200 | \$1000 |
| | | 4500 |

I have preferred to give them first in £'s because there is no telling what the value of the dollar may be by the middle of the year, or even earlier. The pound sterling has been fairly steady for the past two years. You will note that the above does not include expenses which we are going to have for photography during 1936. This makes it perfectly clear that you will have to draw upon the photography fund in order to cover current expenses of 1936.

There is nothing to deter you from starting to make use of the photography fund. I base this remark upon the following consideration: we have been assured that the Library of Congress will purchase photographs up to the sum of \$10,000. Up to now you have received in cash \$4352, and we have recently sent off to Congress 227, which will bring

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you in an extra \$567.50. From this you will see that you can still count on over \$5,000 for photography from Washington. Putting the cost of our average photograph at 15/- we should be able to procure 1133 negatives from the \$5,000 on which we can count, but we shall not need this large sum because we have already published 275 items, and the photographs necessary for another 500 items are already in our possession, and the most that we shall require are photographs for another 750 items; these items we shall easily procure with the money which will be placed at our disposal by the sale of photographs to Congress. If you should draw upon your present photography fund to the extent of \$3,000 or \$3,500 the balance left in that fund, supplemented by future payments for delivery of photographs to Congress, will furnish the money we shall need for procuring the necessary negatives. I think my figuring is on the safe side, and I see no flaw in the financial reasoning.

So much for 1936. In the autumn of 1936 I shall be in America and I shall be able to discuss with you how I plan to arrange the future work of C.L.A. You will be pleased to hear that Dr. Flexner has promised me quarters for my scriptorium, so that my library and facsimiles could be properly housed and the work of editing could be done under favourable conditions by myself and my assistant. I had a letter from the Librarian of the University of Princeton very kindly offering to give me all possible facilities.

I see no reason whatever, unless totally unexpected difficulties should arise, why the C.L.A. undertaking should cease having the protection of the A.C.L.S. and that of the U.A.I., our relations in the past having been of the best, and your attitude and that of the Council invariably helpful, and all suggestions made with the single view to furthering the enterprise. If you still wish it I shall continue making an annual report to the U.A.I. and, of course, to the A.C.L.S., especially as our financial relations will continue unbroken so long as we continue drawing upon the photography fund.

There is one paragraph in your letter which somewhat puzzles me. It is the one in which you speak of my future relationship with the Carnegie Institution. To judge from Dr. Flexner's letter of December 7 extending the invitation

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to join his Institute, the offer was made with the approval of Dr. Merriam and only after personal consultation with him. So far as I can see, nothing will have changed except that my scriptorium will be transferred from Oxford to Princeton and instead of being obliged to give six courses in Palaeography I shall not be obliged to give any, and shall teach as little as I please. Since my researches will doubtless be rendered more effective by this change it is hard to see how my connection with the Carnegie Institution, which has just passed the quarter century mark, could suffer as a result of this new development.

Lastly, you must forgive me if I protest and say that I do not require any urging to work as hard as I can. When a horse is running as fast as he can he does not require pulling at the mouth. I do not propose to relax my effort, although I am very conscious of the fact that a decent long holiday would do me good and do the work good, but I am sorry to say that I have not got the strength of character to tear myself away and take such a holiday. If all goes well the ten parts of C.L.A. will appear within the ten years 1934-1944. It may easily be that two parts may appear in one year. I cannot guarantee and no-one could guarantee that a part will appear each successive year. You may rest assured, and the Council may rest assured, that every effort will be made to finish the job as soon as possible and to do it as well as possible.

I am, as always,

Very sincerely yours,

February 3, 1936

Dear Lowe:

The enclosed came to the office and was opened by mistake. I shall, of course, hereafter forward to you unopened any correspondence that is addressed to you.

Everybody over here is delighted to know that you are to be associated with the Institute. I am congratulated upon all sides.

We have had two weeks of unbroken and severe cold, so that everybody is at the point of revolt. The family, however, continues to be well. I hope the same is true of yours.

Give my warmest greetings to your wife and children and to all my Oxford friends as you encounter them.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF/MCE

January 28, 1936

Dear Lowe:

The Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study met yesterday and formally elected you to a professorship in the School of Humanistic Studies of the Institute on the basis of the arrangement which you and I had made by correspondence. Everybody is happy and gratified. It will be a delight to welcome you and your family here. Let me know what your plans are in good time.

I am enclosing blanks of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America to be filled out in connection with your retiring allowance. These forms may be returned to me any time before July 1, 1936.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF:ESB

January 17, 1936

My dear Lowe:

I have your very charming letter of December 31 and I am very deeply touched by your enthusiasm. I hope that you are going to find yourself happy in Princeton. I may say that we have ourselves never found anywhere greater kindness and more complete absence of formality.

It will be understood that your term begins July 1, 1936. Salaries are paid monthly, towards the end of each month. Should you be abroad during the summer let me know in good time where your checks are to be forwarded.

I should suppose that the best way of handling your collection of books, photographs, etc. is simply to pack them well and send them to the Institute at 20 Nassau Street. We have within the last few weeks acquired a large tract of land - about 200 acres - adjoining the Princeton campus, so as to maintain the close interrelationship of the two institutions. On this land there are two excellent houses which can be temporarily utilized until, as I hope, in the near future the Institute constructs a fireproof building of its own on the same site.

I have told Miss Belle Greene in confidence of your appointment and she is delighted. Morey and Panofsky also know, but until its ratifica-

Dr. E. A. Lowe

January 17, 1936

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tion by the Board at its meeting on January 27, I shall make no public announcement.

Eleanor, of course, has been in my confidence from the beginning. If now I could only bring T. J. over here her happiness would be complete.

Many thanks for your good wishes for the New Year, which my wife and I reciprocate most heartily.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

AF/MCE

Since all the important factors
have ^{already} been considered by you,
and in a manner ^{most} calculated to
further my investigations & publica-
tions. I have as yet heard neither
from Pres. Merriam nor from Dr.
Beland. I am very grateful to
both. It is very generous of
the Carnegie Institution to keep
me on its books in order to
make ^{possible} the extra expenses caused
by the work on Codices Latini
Antiquiores.

As soon as may be I shall
take the necessary steps at Oxford.
A rumor got abroad a few months
ago that I was leaving, and I



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My dear Flexner.

Your letter of Dec. 7th and 9th
did not get to Oxford before the 23rd.
They reached me only yesterday,
when I at once cabled to you
my grateful acceptance of
your munificent offer. It will be
an honor & a privilege to join
your staff, and I am looking
forward to it more than I can say.

I accept the offer unconditionally,

Had the surprising & gratifying experience of a visit by a colleague who came to be assured that the rumor was false. I was able quite honestly to reassure him.

I shall be glad to assume the new office at the earliest possible date. My academic year at Oxford will end in June, 1936.

There are minor matters which I shall want to discuss with you later on, namely the moving of my ponderous 'Scriptorium' with its huge volumes & the thousands of mounted photographs and the more important question of finding proper quarters for it & my assistants at Princeton. In this I ^{merely} wish to expand the message conveyed in my cable, & to say how very glad I am of the new & glorious opportunity of continuing my work under such sovereign conditions. To say that I am deeply appreciative of what has happened is to put it mildly.

A Happy New Year to you & yours.

& believe me

Ever sincerely yours

E. A. Lowe

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Digest

December 9, 1935

My dear Lowe:

It occurred to me after I mailed my letter, dated December 7, that I had omitted to say that, as I understand it, you are now accumulating a pension in the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, towards which you contribute 5% of your salary monthly and towards which the Carnegie Institution contributes 5% monthly. The Institute would of course continue the same arrangement. The retirement age is set at sixty-five, but it can be prolonged by mutual consent year by year.

You will also see, if you read the Bulletins of the Institute, that it is understood that, while professors of the Institute are free to accept remuneration and honoraria for strictly professional work, they are not to engage in activities simply for the sake of financial returns. I know that it is superfluous to mention this in writing to you, for you are one of the few people who have nothing to sell and would not be disposed to do so if you had. I call attention to it, however, merely in order that I may mention every point which affects the constitution of the faculty of the Institute.

I can think of nothing else that I have neglected to say.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

Professor E. A. Lowe
1 Oriol Street
Oxford, England

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

December 7, 1935

My dear Lowe:

I have just cabled you as follows:

"Am mailing you today invitation to professorship in
Institute. Confidential."

I have, as you know, wanted from the beginning to associate you with the School of Humanistic Studies of the Institute, but there were problems that had to be settled before I could do so, which I need not explain to you.

On Monday last I had a separate interview with Leland and Merriam, and they were immensely pleased with the idea that you should come here and that the Carnegie subvention would be continued. As I understand it, money for the publication of your monumental work is already in the hands of the Clarendon Press, which is contributing one-third to the cost of publication. The making of photographs, so Leland explained, is cared for by the sale of the same. Under these conditions, I am authorized to inquire whether you would accept a professorship in the Institute at a salary of \$10,000 a year plus the subvention of the Carnegie Foundation of Washington of \$4,500 a year, which will take care of secretary, travel, and other expenses. I hope very much that the situation is such that you can be added to our humanistic group which for the present consists only of Panofsky, formerly of Hamburg, and Meritt, whom I took before I intended in order that he might not accept another post in an environment which, in my judgment, would not have been stimulating to him. Doubtless you have met him in Oxford and formed your own opinion as to

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his abilities and promise. Your appointment can begin any time after July 1, 1936, when your present arrangement with Oxford can be decently and honorably brought to an end. No one knows of this except the members of the Executive Committee and Miss Belle Greene with whom I have talked in the strictest confidence from time to time. I am sure she will not mention it until the Board has acted, which in the case of an affirmative reply from you they will do at the meeting to be held on January 27, 1936.

I need not say that you will be most heartily welcomed. I shall do everything in my power to make you happy here and to promote the great work to which you are devoting your life. If there are any factors, however, with which I am unacquainted, please let me know about them in order that the Board may be fully acquainted with the responsibilities which it is undertaking.

We are having a very successful year, and the enthusiasm among the faculty and the workers at the Institute is at white heat.

Eleanor is busy at her job and in excellent health. She and her mother join me in warmest greetings to you and your wife and the girls.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

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6 Oriel Street
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Professor E. A. Lowe

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From Oxford University a stipend, as reader, probably 1,500
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*Budget
2600*

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\$300 from Corpus College
\$4,500 - honorarium from Carnegie Institution

1936

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3000*

1937 \$4500

LOWE
CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE
OXFORD

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My dear Flexner,

It was good to see
a letter once more signed with
the initials A. T. (how's this for
forgery?), and I am glad
to learn that all is well
in the House of Flexner.

By now, I doubt not my
wife has had the pleasure
of seeing you all; and
Pru wrote me she was
going to dine with Eleanor
I wish I were there too. If
there is any reward in Heaven
for saving the life of a palaeographer

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do so soon, or there will
be nothing left of me,
for I am fast going to
pieces in this home of lost
causes. The climate simply
saps me of all the energy I
possess. -

If I can go by what I
read or by what I hear when I
listen in to Raymond Swing's
excellent reports of current ev-
ents in America, the Roose-
velt administration is getting
into rough water, and the
figures of Huey Long & Pa.
Coughlin seem to grow bigger
& bigger as with a menacing
fate. Is America going to have
its own special brand of fascism?

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It (me) not surprise w
Nothing surprise me after Hit-
ler's accession to power. Profes-
Mendelsohn - Bartholdy dropped
in to see me yesterday & when
I looked on him I couldn't
believe it possible that any
nation that called itself civilized
could pass a law which made
such a man feel an undesirab
alien. I suppose you knew
that Barthol' elected him to
a regular Fellowship. - And
I have told you that Oxford
elected Eduard Fraenkel
to the Corpus Professorship
of Latin. You speak of him
in connection with the School
of Humanistic Studies, did you
really mean him or Panofsky?

I am relieved to learn from you that Merriam is entirely agreeable to keeping up his appropriation for my work, if I should be so fortunate as to be invited to come to Princeton. That is an important point gained. I wonder if some interim arrangement might be made which made it possible for me to leave Oxford the end of this year. I do not require much. But I'd like to save my health. I mention this because Leland wrote me that he hoped to have further conferences with you & Merriam. Am I right in thinking that Princeton University is

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not interested? Pending developments in your Institute for Advanced Studies, I'd gladly accept some teaching at Princeton if the combined salaries were enough to live on in America for me & my family. But I'd prefer, who would, to go direct from here to you without any intermediate institutions.

Well, there is nothing to be done but to hope & carry on. I know that you are giving the whole question your most careful consideration.

Is there any hope of
seeing you on this side?
Give my very kindest regards
to your wife. When you
see Eleanor tell her
she owes me a letter.

Always sincerely yours

E. A. Lowe

P.S. Roosevelt is off fishing.
Let's hope he'll catch some
good ones + get some courage
to act wisely, especially
as regards stabilization.

May 2, 1936

My dear Lowe:

I had your letter of March 27th a few weeks ago and I was delighted to hear from you. Shortly thereafter your wife dined with me here in Princeton, Anne having been called to New York the same day to see Katharine Cornell, to whom she has sold her most recent play. Prue I hear of from time to time from Eleanor.

Don't worry about Huey Long or Father Coughlin. The latter has already fizzled out, and Huey cannot much longer stand the universal ridicule which is being heaped upon him. There is not the slightest danger in either of them.

We have had recently a short visit from Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, who had tea with us and gave a lecture, which, unfortunately, I could not hear, though Anne did.

As for Germany, I wonder just how completely Hitler controls the situation. A mad dog or a drunken man with a revolver could empty Regent Street, but it would not follow that he really is the governor of Regent Street. I cannot believe that Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and Liberals, who are at present terrorized by the well and shrewdly organized Hitler regime, will permanently remain in their present position. There will be an explosion sooner or

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May 2, 1935

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later, just as there was in France, though it took eighteen years to unseat Napoleon, III.

I got the Trustees at the last meeting to agree to the establishment of a School of Humanistic Studies, and there is some indication that additional means will be placed at our disposal from the outside. At the moment I cannot say exactly when this will be, but I may say that you are the next man on my list. There were circumstances beyond my control which forced the appointment of Panofsky and Meritt first of all nil desperando. The latter you will meet in Oxford next year. I have talked with Morey about you within a week, and nothing would please him better than to have you here as part of the Institute. Princeton, like other American universities, is making no additional appointments at present. I also talked with Belle Greene a few days ago, who said, "When are you going to bring over my dear Dr. Lowe?" The question has something more than my careful consideration, for my mind is made up and I believe I can count on the support of the Trustees when the funds are in sight.

With all good wishes to you and yours,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

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Lowe

March 5, 1935

My dear Lowe:

I have been outrageously long in answering your kind note, but then I have been extremely busy and have today before me a pile of mail six or eight inches high.

I was much amused by Fränkel's definition of the Oxford tutorial system, which reminds me that I have been hoping to be able to move more quickly in order that I might get both you and Fränkel into the School of Humanistic Studies, which I hope to be able to start before I quit.

I had an interview with Merriam on one^{of} my recent trips to Washington, and he is entirely agreeable to keeping up his appropriation for your work, should you come to Princeton. I have moved slowly because the economic and political situation over here is so uncertain that I wish to leave a large margin so as to avoid the possibility of any financial difficulty or worry. There has probably been some business improvement, but there is also a tremendous amount of social and economic suffering and unrest, and what with the Hearst newspapers and Huey Long and others of that ilk, it is really difficult to know precisely where we stand at the moment. Business recovery would of course put^{out} all these fires promptly and completely, but nobody seems to know when a general business recovery is to be expected, and we are now in the sixth year of the depression. Roosevelt

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is active enough, God knows, but how much real thinking he does is questionable, for somehow I distrust his everlasting activity on the ground that it interferes with careful investigation and thought.

I am sorry that Mrs. Lowe has had such a hard time. I wish she would let me know where she is, and we should be very glad to have her visit us at Princeton sometime when it is convenient.

As a family, we have nothing to complain of. I don't know whether I wrote you that Anne had completed and sold a new play to Miss Katharine Cornell, the leading American actress. Eleanor, as you doubtless have been informed, has a job which takes her "off the dole". Jean is working in Washington under very great pressure and under conditions not altogether conducive to the careful thinking and thorough work which she prefers. On the whole, I have been better this winter than last, but the consequences of my infernal tonsillectomy have not yet entirely left me, and I have hours from time to time of great discomfort, but they are less frequent and less protracted than they were a year ago.

We are all sad over what seems to be the approaching end of Justice Holmes. To be sure, he has reached the age of ninety-four, but up to this illness his intellect has shown no sign of having suffered from the ravages of time. Physically he has been a good deal weakened, but he has borne his lot heroically. He has been one of the great figures in American life during the last generation and a liberalizing influence, the effect of which will endure forever.

Remember me to my friends at Oxford whom I always think of with affection, and believe me, with all good wishes to you and yours,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriol Street
Oxford, England

CRUEL STREET,
OXFORD.

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My dear Flexner,

I know you relish a
witty remark:

On Sunday evening while
dining in Hall (dear white
haired Cassirer was my
guest & he sat next to the
President, by request of the
latter) I was asked by my
vis-a-vis, the newly elected
Corpus Professor of Latin
E. Fränkel, whether I knew
the latest definition of
the Oxford Tutorial System?

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OXFORD.

It is this: "Casting sham
pearls to Real swine."

It is so outrageously
preposterous as to be found

England, including Oxford,
is extraordinarily serene & sure
of itself. Even Soviet ministers
admit that Capitalist Britain
has made a remarkable
recovery. "Its steady as does it."
Chi va piano, va sano e lon-
tano. That is the lesson
the folks at home have
to learn.

My poor wife, in America,
has ^{had} a hard time of it so far. When
she ^{wasn't} ill herself, she was tending

How is she now. She hopes to see you & Mrs. Stora at Princeton
before 1938 has begun papers for you, or do you mind 6/12/37
& 12/12/37 news? My kindest to both of you, E.A. Lowe

May 7, 1934

My dear Lowe:

Let me in the first place thank you, even if somewhat belatedly, for your superb volume, Codices Latini Antiquiores. I can guess, even if inaccurately, something of the devotion and scholarship which have gone into its production, and I do hope that you may be spared for many, many years to complete not only this but other valuable contributions to your chosen subject.

Since receiving yours of April 23, I have been turning over in my mind the advisability of my approaching Merriam. I know that he is a somewhat difficult person to deal with; inasmuch, therefore, as you have written both to Putnam and to him, it seems to me that for the present I had better leave the matter in their hands. If a time comes when, in your judgment, I should get in touch with Merriam, let me know, but I should hope that Merriam would see the point as you see it. Inasmuch as I am sincerely interested in the future of your work and in your family, can you give me some idea - it need not be complete - of the financial basis on which you, Merriam, and Corpus arrange your affairs. That too might be of help to me in the event that a possibility develops here at Princeton. I have had a good many conferences with Morey, and I know how high an opinion he attaches to the work which you are doing and how deeply he desires to have you here.

Professor Lowe

May 7, 1934

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Should you find out anything further about Panofsky, let me know. As far as I have been able to learn, he would seem to be a first-rate scholar.

How seriously are we to take Sir Oswald Mosley? From what I know of England and of Mosley I am disposed to treat him lightly, but then I thought the same of Hitler a few years ago.

I had the other day a kind note from Knopf, telling me that he was bringing Mr. and Mrs. Mann to this country, and this morning comes an advance copy of your wife's translation of his latest book, Joseph and his Brothers, which I shall read with the very keenest pleasure. I feel sure that we owe this courtesy and interest to you and your wife.

Give our love to your wife and all the children, and believe me

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriol Street
Oxford, England

AF:ESB

E. A. Lowe

6, ORIEL STREET,
OXFORD.

April twentythird
Nineteen thirtyfour.

My dear Flexner,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of April third. I have put my hand to the plough and there is no turning back. I have just written to President Merriam asking him the direct question whether there would be any objection on the part of the Carnegie Institution to my accepting a post in America similar to the one which I hold here. I say similar because my conditions here are extraordinarily favourable to research, for I teach only eighty hours a year and have no administrative duties. But, since my health suffers here, it is too big a price to pay even for ideal conditions. My work in European libraries is by no means finished, and never will be; on the other hand, proximity to the Clarendon Press is no longer essential, since the main lines on which CLA is being published have been definitely laid down.

By the same post I have written to Dr. Putnam (I had not written to him before because I was expecting a letter from him on other matters). I have told him that I am available; also that I fully realize that these are not exactly the times for founding new chairs, and receiving appropriations from Congress, especially for such inutilitarian lore as palaeography. I also let him know that I had written to Dr. Merriam. It is quite possible that your kind and tactful intercession might in due course of time prove the very means of finding the *modus operandi* between Dr. Putnam and Dr. Merriam. The latter is at times very difficult, the former will at all times meet you more than halfway. It took a good deal of diplomacy to win ^{DK}him over to give me leave to assume the editorship of CLA.

While in Paris during the Easter vacation I saw E. K. Rand, with whom, as you know, I am on intimate terms. We had a confidential talk about my plans for the future and we dismissed Harvard, first because Rand himself teaches palaeography there, and secondly for financial reasons, Harvard having just offered Köhler a twelve-thousand dollar professorship and an extra two thousand for déménagement (but for lack of funds Harvard would take Köhler's brother, the Gestaltpsycholog as well). The other possibility which occurred to you - Princeton - also occurred at once to Rand, who said that there had always been a friendly rivalry between the two universities as well as close cooperation, and now that Harvard had made such an acquisition in Köhler, Princeton might be moved to streng-

then its medieval and art departments by calling "a man of European standing" (I am quoting Rand). He had the feeling that if Princeton wanted me they would give me nothing less than a full professorship and would consider it infra dig. to share me with the Carnegie Institution. Be all this as it may, the way is now open for you to use any kind offices you may find it in your heart to employ in my poor behalf - and you know I shall be everlastingly grateful. I ought to add that the ideal conditions for me are those under which I should have the minimum of teaching and no administrative duties, with the greatest possible opportunity for research. *I'm not asking much!!!*

Oxford term is on, the spring is lovely, Sir Oswald Mosley filled the Albert Hall day before yesterday, and God's in His heaven. But when are you coming over to our side? It will be a joy to see you and any member of your family. My wife joins me in affectionate greetings (I wrote this myself, HTPL) to you and all the family.

As ever cordially yours

E. A. Lowe

P.S. Panovsky I do not know personally. He certainly is a scholar of very high standing. I shall know more about him before very long and will write to you what opinions I gather. I may even meet him. The Cassirers are coming to lunch with us next week. He doubtless knows P very well.

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16, ORIEL STREET,

London

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8. IX-34.

My dear Flexner,

I want to thank you
for your very kind letter
from Paris. Now I know
perfectly how matters stand.
I can only hope that con-
ditions in America will im-
prove, and that you will
be able to extend the
Institute's activities so as
to include the Humanities.
I could think of no greater

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been than to be allowed
to round off my career
by another ten years of
research undisturbed by
teaching or administrative
duties & freed from financial
cares. It is a lot
that falls to few men,
& if I do not say more
do not think me lacking
in appreciation.

I am happy to know
that you also have Panofsky
in mind. He is sure to prove
a help & a stimulus.

As far as Merriam, per-
haps it might be advisable
to see him this autumn
if you happen to be
in Washington or both
of you ^{happen to be} in New York.

If he is given to under-
stand that (assuming
conditions permit it) you
are ready to take the place
of Oxford as far as I am
concerned, I can't see how
he can withdraw his sup-
port, considering that he has

explicitly told me that
he had no obligation to
my returning to America.
You know the man &
you do not have to be
told that he must be
handled with tact.

We are all going off
for a week on the World
coast. We shall be the
only guests in the tiny
village & we shall
pay 35/- a week per
person for food & lodging.
Britain is the cheapest
place on earth at present.
Our kindest regards to Mrs
Flexner. Eleanor is still in

our side. It was a pleasure
to see you again.
Prof. Flexner
E. A. Lowe

Confidential

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE
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My dear Flexner,

Your letter has but just reached me, as I have been away from Oxford.

Lipson I know only slightly. He has always impressed me as a serious & conscientious worker, & his reputation as Tutor is acknowledged by all to be very high. The fact that New College gave him a tutorial Fellowship is clear proof of his value as a tutor. Of his standing as a scholar I can only speak with reservation. Reviews of his work seen by me invariably emphasize

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his accuracy + mastery in ac-
cumulating facts. A criterion
which I apply ^{to an investigator} is this: has he
gained "contemporary posterity,"
i.e. has his work importance for
investigators across the Channel
& the high seas? I am not sure
that Lipson can pass that test.
I have applied in strict con-
fidence (without mentioning you)
to a friend who is in a position
to have an opinion - one not in
Oxford. His view is that Lipson
is "a popularizer of very high
quality, but not an original
mind. His work is of very high
utility, & of its kind essential,
but he has not a mind like
Tawney's which definitely adds new
ideas to his material." My friend
adds a fact ~~which~~ which may
be of interest to you, even

though it does not affect
Lipsen's standing as
a scholar. "all my in-
formation goes to show
that he is a very difficult
colleague - a rasping
and aggressive person-
ality."

Have you ever met the
man? If you have, & if
you knew his recent un-
fortunate experience
in Oxford, you will un-
derstand why I feel
a certain regret in
having to send out a
report like the above.
One can't but feel sorry
for Lipsen.

(Sunday)
Term begins today &
Oxford dons will be eating
in state at 21 High Table,
& the claret & port will
circulate in the traditional
manner, and vacation-ex-
periences will be exchanged
in Hall, & conversation of a
lighter nature will flow in
the Common Room, but hardly
the sort from which a sudden
visitor from Mass would infer
that one quarter of the world's
foilers are out of jobs and
that want & hunger are driving
millions to desperation.

Give our kindest greetings
to Mrs. Flexner & Eleanor.
It was such a delight to see
you all. Cordially,
E. A. Lowe

The **Brittany** 55 East 10th Street, NEW YORK CITY
A ROGER SMITH HOTEL ON BROADWAY

25. IX. 33

My dear Flexner,

I have received a letter from the officials of the Publicthean Warburg with the contents of which I'd like to make you acquainted. Also my friend Prof. W. K. Kihler, of whom I spoke to you (last week), has just arrived to begin his course as exchange professor at Harvard. He will

gladly come to see you at Princeton when I do. As he is free on week-ends, + my stay in U.S.A. is drawing to a close, I am



writing to find out if
^{Sat. Eve. or} next ^{or Monday} Sunday would be
convenient for you. I know
from Mrs. Turner with whom
I had a conversation this
morning that you are to be
very busy the first days of
the coming week.

Here's wishing you a
prosperous and academic year.
Eleanor, Rue & I are dining
together next Friday evening.

Very sincerely yours,
E. A. Lowe

P.S. I should greatly appreciate a
reply by wire or phone as I have
to apprise Prof. Kibler of your decision.

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Dr. E. A. Lowe
The Brittany
55 East 10th Street
New York City

Free Saturday evening Glad to have you both for dinner that night

Unfortunately already engaged both Sunday and Monday all day

Abraham Flexner

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Lowe

August fourteenth
nineteen thirtyfour

My dear Flexner,

At the end of the talk we had in Oxford on June twentyfourth, about transferring my activities from Oxford to some American centre, you were good enough to suggest that I should send you a statement of what would be involved in such a transfer. I have been slow about it, not because I could not have written it long ago, but because I hated to put more burdens on your shoulders, at a time when you seemed to me in need of a good rest. But by the time this reaches you I trust you will have gotten at least some of that rest.

As you know, palaeographical research which succeeds in extending the boundaries of that science, requires two conditions: the investigator must have the time and the means to travel to all the libraries where his manu-

scripts are preserved; and he must have the necessary means for obtaining facsimiles of the manuscripts he has investigated. Moreover, to be able to put his results in shape for publication - that is in order to make them accessible to others, which is the aim of research - the palaeographer needs to begin with a good Handbibliothek, and easy access to a really first-rate library, such as we have at Bodley's or the British Museum or at Harvard, Columbia, Princeton, Chicago, which have all the important printed sources he is likely to use. It is also to be supposed that he has a publisher.

My present situation is this: thanks to the very generous subvention from the Rockefeller Foundation I have had for the past five years all the necessary funds for travel and photography, plus the increase in salary which eased me of financial worry. The terms of my Oxford appointment made it possible for me to arrange so that I taught for only half the year (two terms instead of three). I fortunately possess an excellent Handbibliothek of my own, and as you know I live near the Bodleian. Finally, the Clarendon Press publishes all my results now and is likely to continue to publish anything I may give them.

Now to answer your specific question as briefly as possible.

To transfer my palaeographical activities from Oxford to a suitable American research institution would involve as follows:

- 1) moving my palaeographical library - roughly twelve hundred volumes, many of folio size - and the shelves that hold it; also the several thousand large mounted photographs with the steel cabinets that contain them.
- 2) housing space for all the above library - that is, a large, light room, with the necessary desks and tables. My kind of work requires, in fact, particularly large tables. Some of the necessary furnishings, of course, I already have. It would be well if there were an adjoining small room where secretarial work and typing could be done without disturbing study in the "scriptorium".
- 3) The services of an ordinary secretarial assistant (salary about \$1200).
- 4) The services of a trained research assistant, salary about \$1800).
- 5) Travelling expenses for one or two for about six months (about \$1000).
- 6) Photography and books, about \$500.

Items three to six, calling for a budget of \$4500, are indispensable expenses if the work on Codices Latini Antiquiores, so auspiciously begun, is to continue uninterrupted. This sum, which will be required annually for the next several years, is precisely what I received from the Carnegie Institution as Associate in Palaeography. Since President Merriam apparently has no objection to my returning to America to continue my researches while attached to a suitable American institution, it might be that he would be willing to keep on allocating for palaeographical research the sum heretofore granted, which just covers the extra expenses needed to see CLA to a successful finish. Of the value of CLA to scholarship it is not for me to speak. I must refer you to such men as Professor Rand, Professor Sigerist, Professor Karl Young, Professor Wilhelm Köhler; as well as to scholars on this side of the water who are competent to judge.

In short, should the Carnegie Institution or any other, see its way to make the sum of \$4500 available for the next several years, then all that would be needed is a living for myself and my family. As I told you in my letter of May eighteenth last, I have had for the past

x) Dr. Merriam is not interested in C. L. A. as such. In fact it would be wise not to mention C. L. A. to him, but leave it at research in palaeography.

five years from all sources about \$10,000 a year; that amount I found sufficient to live in Oxford in modest dignity and go on with the education of my three children

I hope this answers adequately the question you raised. If there is any other point on which you want light please let me know.

I hope that Austrian events have not disturbed your comfort. It is too much to hope that they should not upset the mind. We expect to see Eleanor again before very long. I know she will have lots to tell us. My wife and I went to Stratford the other day and saw Romeo and Juliet. Contrary to expectation we had a most enjoyable evening. The theatre seemed beautiful, the seats comfortable, the audience distinguished and the players just suited to their parts.

With cordial greetings to you and your wife from both of us

very sincerely yours

E. A. Lowe

E. A. Lowe

January 26, 1933

My dear Lowe:

Thank you very much for your extraordinarily kind and helpful note which of course will be held in strictest confidence. I met Lipson at luncheon with Professor Wesley Mitchell and could form no opinion as to his merits, nor do I know anything at all of what you call his "recent unfortunate experience at Oxford". I should suppose from what you say that he is certainly not the person with whom I wish to begin in the field of economics, for that post requires a rational mind and a person able to get on with other people.

Eleanor and I were talking the other night of Oxford as we dined together down town. She is anxious not to let her English connections lapse and, if her health holds up, may go abroad for a few weeks this summer just to see her friends, the Lowe Family, the Jones Family, the Swintons, etc., etc. She continues in excellent health, and her enthusiasm over her work is unbounded. Since I saw you, the dramatization of "Alice in Wonderland" has been very successfully produced. It really makes a charming play. Eleanor has been made assistant stage manager and is in high heaven. She and Mrs. Flexner both join me in affectionate greetings to you and Mrs. Lowe and the children.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor E. A. Lowe
6 Oriel Street
Oxford, England

December 17, 1932

Dear Lowe:

Do you know Lipsom, a fellow of New College? I should like a confidential report upon his standing as a scholar and investigator, using a very high standard.

With the approach of the Christmas season, our respective families will be once more united. I hope that you and Mrs. Lowe, and the children, may have a jolly time of it.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. E. A. Lowe
Corpus Christi College
Oxford, England

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