

18 DOUGLAS DRIVE

TORONTO 5

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1958.

Dear Miss Grimmer  
The enclosed speaks  
for itself. I Renew you  
would be interested.

The Publishers sent a  
copy for review to S. G. O  
in Chicago - I hope it  
gets into the right hands  
as it gives ~~to~~ a short  
history of the American  
College.

Excuse haste but we  
are swamped with mail.

Our kindest regards  
Ampela Bruce

The Telegram's  
Review of Books  
Conducted by  
L. M. McKechnie

**Browsing . . .**

# 90 years of LIVING

I HAVE just read about ninety years of living which is a triumphant affirmation that life has purpose; that humans can be guided by reason and conscience; that high-mindedness is not impossible to men.

The simple facts of this life which has spanned all but one year of Canada's history since our Dominion was born, are set down in the memoirs of Dr. the Hon. Herbert A. Bruce, brilliant surgeon, distinguished lieutenant governor of this province, vigorous member of Parliament and, altogether, a most useful citizen.

His book which he calls **VARIED OPERATIONS** (despite the obvious play on words, an effectively descriptive title) is published today by Longmans, Green and Co. (\$6.00) on the eve of the author's 90th birthday.

The Telegram has made arrangements with Dr. Bruce and his publishers, to publish each day next week a substantial excerpt from these memoirs. Readers will be able, therefore, to discover for themselves the compelling force of Dr. Bruce's book.

But I cannot forbear sharing my enthusiasm for a book which not only relates facts and recalls events which are interesting enough in themselves, but which bears the stamp of character and personality the equal of which are seldom found in this world.

It is not as a work of artistic literature that this book has impact. Its prose style, explicit as a surgeon's instructions, bears an understandable resemblance to the Canadian Medical Journal—without the big, mystifying words. No attempt is made to inject drama or build human interest by the sophisticated techniques of the professional writer.

This record of a busy life gains its validity as a human document (and its power to engage the reader) through its splendidly unconscious simplicity.

Details of the controversies into which a rigidly uncompromising sense of duty frequently projected him, are presented with cool detachment. The arguments of his critics in these situations are reported with almost judicial impartiality.

His is the quiet tolerance of a man who looks back over 90 years and would change nothing if he had those years to live over again.

Once he was convinced of the proper course to follow in any set of circumstances, Dr. Bruce was serenely confident he was right. Usually the event proved him right but his assurance often aggravated critics so that they intemperately accused him of



**DR. HERBERT A. BRUCE**  
He would not change any of his 90 years.

being pompous, vain or selfish.

I shall never forget the dignity and quiet grandeur with which Dr. Bruce walked at an even pace through a hostile crowd jamming the corridor of the Ontario Legislature building after he had denounced a proposal to give drugless practitioners the title "doctor." He said he wanted only to protect the public against "quackery" but the crowd was unable to credit this man with altruistic concern for their welfare. They could see him only as a selfish physician fighting to preserve the medical profession's "monopoly."

They jostled him, jeered him, shouted threats and curses. He remained undisturbed. When the police had secured the names of those they thought led the demonstration, Dr. Bruce refused to sign the complaints without

which there could be no prosecution. More than that, he insisted that the Attorney General, who wanted to take action, should simply announce there was insufficient evidence.

Lesser men found it hard to concede a man capable of impersonal high-mindedness. Those who know Dr. Bruce—and those who read this book—will recognize that he could say, along with another famed physician, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes: "I am too much in earnest for either humility or vanity."

Do I seem to suggest that I am discussing the memoirs of a saint?

Hardly that; but I do suggest that to Dr. Herbert Bruce the rules for happiness and the law of duty all seem to be one and t' e same.

Read **VARIED OPERATIONS**. You'll see.

—L. M. McK.

# Dr. Herbert Bruce's Memoirs

By W. A. DEACON

**Varied Operations: An Autobiography.** By Hon. Herbert A. Bruce; Longmans, 366 pages, illustrated, \$6.

**T**OMORROW the man older Torontonians can only think of as Dr. Bruce will reach his 90th birthday, being a year younger than the Dominion of Canada. Yesterday he published his autobiography under title of *Varied Operations*. I have no more doubt of the popularity of this lively book than I have about its merits. It is beautifully organized, composed in an easy style and replete with matters of inherent interest. He is no tyro in the use of words for he has published three previous volumes — *Politics and the CAMC* (1919), *Our Heritage* (1934) and *Friendship the Key to Peace* (1937).

To mark the birthday, this paper publishes today in the magazine section a condensed story of his life, which alludes to many of the highlights of his several careers. This notice is to direct the attention of readers to that article. But the life was so rich and varied as to warrant supplementary statement here concerning the last Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario who lived at Chorley Park. The eminence of his circle of friends is utterly beyond the bounds of any newspaper article, but makes *Varied Operations* of continuing interest far into the future.

Young Bruce, who was to become the great surgeon, began the study of medicine in 1888 and graduated brilliantly from the University of Toronto in 1892. In England he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1896, and later founded Wellesley Hospital.

**O**NE FACTOR that makes *Varied Operations* stimulating reading is the succession of controversies that this highly articulate man involved himself in. In 1915 he was with the Canadian Medical Corps overseas; at the war's end Colonel Bruce wrote his Report which set off fireworks. Later there were disputes over the wisdom of the Provincial Government's appointing professors in the medical faculty of Toronto University, as well as staff appointments at Toronto General Hospital being under the control of the University. And so it went on all sorts of matters.

But Dr. Bruce was never small nor carping in such arguments. One of his finest acts in the interests of justice was to come to the aid of young Doctors Banting and

Best when Professor McLeod was accepting credit for the discovery of insulin.

Humor of anecdote gives the reader many a laugh. Dr. Bruce is old enough to have known Sir Joseph Lister and also to have seen early efforts to apply Lister's ideas to the operating room. As a senior student, the author saw an operation performed by Dr. W. T. Aikins, Professor of Surgery at the Medical School in Toronto. It began at 9:30 a.m. and continued till 1 p.m. when the anesthetist was left to keep the patient unconscious while the surgeon and his two assistants took an hour off for lunch. The operation was successfully completed at 4 p.m. Certain methods of antiseptics were observed but "whenever Dr. Aikins wanted to park his knife, he put it between his teeth."

Years later, Dr. Bruce saw a cancer operation in Vienna. "The Listerian emphasis was recognized by the surgeon and his assistants, all of whom wore high rubber boots and the floor was being constantly washed with buckets of water."

A very fine old Toronto physician, Dr. Robert J. Dwyer, reported that a patient had died and instructed the young house surgeon to take usual steps. But the dead man came to life and sat up. "Lie down—you're dead," said the house surgeon. "Indeed I'm not," replied the patient. "Yes you are, Dr. Dwyer said you were and he knows better than you."

# The Busy Years— Dr. Bruce's 9 Decades

*This eminent medical man  
and elder statesman  
today reveals an offer,  
made by the head  
of the party in power,  
of the leadership of  
a coalition government that  
would have run Ontario*

By RALPH HYMAN

ON AN August morning 16 years ago, a slim, elderly man with a mop of white hair topping a high forehead listened in astonishment to a proposal that he become leader of a coalition government in Ontario.

The man on whose features the astonishment was plainly written was Dr. Herbert Bruce, who had been elected to the House of Commons two years before as Conservative member for Toronto-Parkdale. And the offer came from restless, unpredictable Mitchell Hepburn, the Liberal premier of Ontario. The scene was the Hepburn suite in the King Edward Hotel.

The story of the offer—and Dr. Bruce's subsequent refusal—is told publicly for the first time in *Varied Operations*, an aptly named autobiography off the press today. The publication of his memoirs comes a day before the 90th birthday of the doctor, and in his book this one-time lieutenant-governor of Ontario, military figure, MP and crusader against social ills takes a long look at the past, though he is still very much in the present. It is the story of a lifetime that began on an Ontario farm and bridged two world wars and the social and economic upheavals that followed them.

IN the chapter dealing with the Hepburn offer, Dr. Bruce writes: "He said that he (Hepburn) had consulted his cabinet ministers and they had all agreed to this suggestion except Mr. Nixon (Provincial Secretary H. C. Nixon). But, he added, Nixon's refusal would make no difference and he could be left out. He even went so far as to suggest those who might fill the various positions and to say that if I had any difficulty in forming a cabinet that included him, he



—Photo by Harold Robinson

At 90, Dr. Herbert Bruce looks back over a varied life in medicine and public service and finds he has no regrets

## Dr. Bruce

would drop out! To this I replied that although I was not inclined to consider doing what he was asking, I would think the matter over in the next few days and give him my answer."

**D**R. BRUCE took the weekend to think it over; then he wrote to Hepburn, expressing his unwillingness to act "in the role you suggest". He went on to say that the important object both were concerned with—the more vigorous prosecution of the war—would not be aided by acceptance of the invitation.

It was for the purpose of helping the war effort, and in the hope of seeing a national wartime government formed in Ottawa, that Dr. Bruce consented in 1940 to stand for Parliament. He had never been a candidate for office before. And so, at 71, when most men have retired or are contemplating retirement, Dr. Bruce began a new career as member for Parkdale, an area where many of his old patients lived. Among those who did not know him well, or at all, there was considerable head-shaking at the thought of this frail-looking surgeon's entering the rough and tumble of party politics. It was one of the dark war years and Canada's wartime policies (MacKenzie King's "Conscription if necessary, but not necessarily conscription.") were coming under heavy Conservative fire. Into this atmosphere of bitterness and tension went the freshman MP, a Tory lamb ripe for the Grit slaughter.

**T**HAT WAS THE way the script read, but it wasn't played that way. The lamb turned out to be a sharp-clawed lion who did quite an effective job of mauling the Liberal policymakers over conscription and other issues. His maiden speech in the House dispelled any notion that here was another backbencher with nothing much to say. He quickly demonstrated that he was nobody's soft touch by delivering a fighting speech in which he told Mackenzie King that Canada and the war effort would do better if he were to retire.

"Mr. King was very angry and, I think, never forgave me," Dr. Bruce writes.

The 90th anniversary finds Dr. Bruce an excellent advertisement for his conviction

*Mr. Hyman is a Globe Magazine staff writer.*

tion that work never kills anyone, but worry may—and does. He likes to keep occupied, to read books and newspapers and periodicals so as to keep abreast of national and international affairs. He still attends meetings of the governors of the University of Toronto, and business sessions of companies of which he is a director. And he is a bridge player who can hold his own with better-than-average performers. The years have spared him the sort of retrogression that so often strips old age of dignity. A blunt friend once described him as a sort of skinny fellow who looked as though a good wind would blow him away.

Half a century later, he looks just about the same; the figure still lean, the features still finely chiselled, and the hair still pure white, though there is less of it.

**W**HEN Dr. Bruce entered Parliament, another freshman MP was John Diefenbaker. He and Dr. Bruce shared an office, and there developed between them warm friendship and mutual respect. Prime Minister Diefenbaker, in a preface to *Varied Operations*, salutes his wartime colleague in these words: "Herbert Bruce was a born controversialist, yet he has remained through all controversies a thoroughly warm personality. . . . If we ask ourselves how he managed to find so much sunshine among so many storms, I think we will find the answer in the apparently irrelevant fact that he was a great surgeon. He had the courage to cut deeply when he thought it necessary, but he also had the healing touch of the great physician, the skill and the understanding to leave little scar tissue."

The conscription issue was the all-important one in the war days. Dr. Bruce, old enough to be the father of many of his colleagues, shouldered the burden of an Opposition member with amazing vigor. He was there to do what he could to help galvanize what he felt was a sagging war effort, and to that end he spoke boldly and to considerable effect.

**H**E was a Conservative, but first he was a Canadian citizen with an independence of mind that brought him sometimes into disagreement with his own party. More than once he enunciated views that were his and not the party's. The Bruce vote was the only one recorded against what he calls in his book "the baby bonus bill". He described it as "essentially not a social welfare measure but a bribe to Quebec". He told the Commons that it was no



Dr. Bruce, as lieutenant-governor, with Mrs. Bruce and Premier Mitchell Hepburn

use giving bonuses to children before they were provided with good housing, which he viewed as basic to sound and healthful living.

"Reading this speech again, I believe that time has already justified the position I took on July 24, 1944, and will justify it even more," the doctor says in a chapter devoted to highlights of his political career. "Cash doles are no substitute for constructive policies, and only tend to create more and more inflation."

In his foreword, Prime Minister Diefenbaker wrote that when Dr. Bruce was most incisive it was on behalf of others rather than for himself. This tribute wraps up neatly and in few words the parts of the extraordinary Bruce career. When it was suggested to the doctor in an interview at his Douglas Drive home that he seemed to revel in controversy dur-

ing his active public life, he retorted: "I would not call having the courage to hold fast to one's principles and convictions a readiness to fight. In the various issues in which I have taken part it was never with a view to getting into a controversy, but in order to promote what I considered best for the public good."

**I**N promoting what he considered "best for the public good", Dr. Bruce spoke his mind without thought of consequences. His vigorous advocacy of sterilization of the mentally unfit brought him into conflict with some religious groups. Twenty years ago he came close to being mobbed by irate supporters of a Legislature bill that would have given osteopaths the right to use the prefix *Doctor*. He opposed it. One of his admirers said the words once applied to a

British statesman could well be applied to Dr. Bruce; he possessed "the guardian of all the virtues—courage".

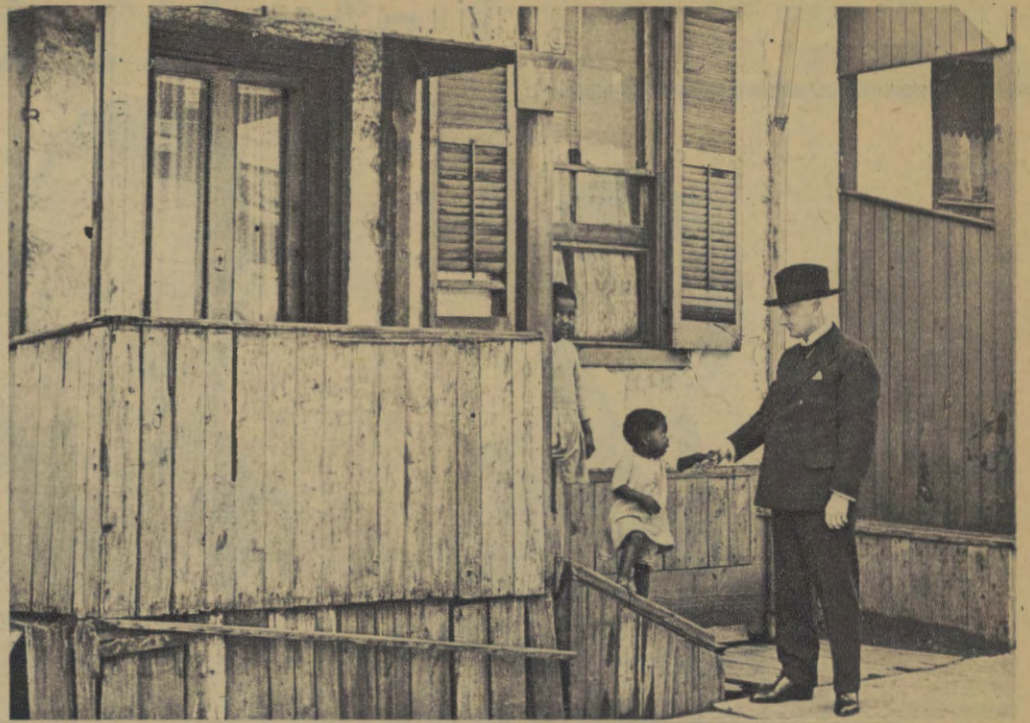
Today the doctor is a man of serene mind who has gone over his life's work and found it good. Though nearly all his contemporaries are gone, there is no loneliness besetting him. He remains a participant. "I enjoy life," he says, and those three words reveal something of his philosophy. His book took him a year to write, and he revelled in the research, the gathering of material and the setting down on paper of the story of his career.

"It was my wife who persuaded me to write my story, such as it is," he said the other day. "I was greatly helped by the records in diaries she kept."

The Bruce family came to Canada in 1837 from Northern Ireland. His father was six months old at the time,



The holder of many honors (at the left, Sir William Mulock)



He was an early advocate of slum clearance, and conducted a housing survey

and was one of five boys. Dr. Bruce's ancestors came originally from Scotland. "A few generations in Northern Ireland didn't change their characteristics," he observed.

In the First World War, as a member of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, he collided with entrenched authority when he spoke his mind on what he felt were serious shortcomings in the army medical services.

**H**ERBERT BRUCE was born in Blackstone on Sept. 28, 1868. He began life on a farm and at an early age conceived of becoming a doctor. An inkling of how brilliant his medical career was to be was given when he graduated from the University of Toronto medical school with gold and silver medals. He did postgraduate work in London, Vienna, Paris and Berlin. When he returned to Canada, he was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

When Dr. Bruce started his practice in Toronto in the middle of the 1890s, he made his rounds on a bicycle. Later he bought a horse and buggy. In 1908 he invested in a car—he was the first Toronto doctor to own one. Rapid growth of his practice led him to acquire property on Wellesley Street for a private hospital, which he named after the street on which it stood. It was opened in 1911. Today, greatly expanded, it is part of Toronto General Hospital.

Dr. Bruce performed thousands of operations in his career. Some of the early surgery was done in farmhouses, where the illumination was provided by a

kerosene lamp. Frequently he used the acetylene headlights of his car for the purpose.

Varied Operations deals at considerable length with his tenure of office as lieutenant-governor. He was the last lieutenant-governor to occupy Chorley Park, Ontario's Government House. No sooner had he and Mrs. Bruce left the house than Premier Hepburn made good his threat to close it, on the grounds that it was a needless expense.

In 1931, Dr. Bruce had declined an offer of the lieutenant-governorship, his explanation being that he had just returned from abroad and his practice and Wellesley Hospital required all his time. But in 1932 he accepted, when an emissary from the prime minister, R. B. Bennett, asked him to accept the post.

**T**HE autobiography ranges over his 35 years as a practicing surgeon, his six years as an MP, and his efforts to create a favorable climate of opinion for birth control, slum clearance and sterilization of the mentally unfit. He feels that his views have been tested by time and have not been found wanting.

"Let me make it clear that I am not against the poor having children, but I am sure that they would, in many cases, not have these over-large families if they knew of some safe method of birth control," Dr. Bruce said in a pre-birthday interview. "However, the moral question is one thing; the medical question involved is another, and that is for the medical profession and not for the theo-

logians to decide." On the subject of sterilization, Dr. Bruce was even more blunt. He had always advocated sterilization of the mentally unfit.

"It is a known fact that defectives breed and multiply two to six times as fast as normal persons, and their defects are hereditary," Dr. Bruce said.

"Records were kept on one Canadian family and it was found it had supplied inmates for mental hospitals in New Westminster, London, Hamilton and Orillia. Ten Mongolian idiots appeared in this family, and 12 maniacs. Surely we are encouraging racial suicide by permitting degeneracy to increase at its present rate. Although science and surgery are making great advances, no operation can ever be devised to alter or improve a mindless brain. I am aware of the fact that my views are contrary to those of some religious beliefs. This I regret. But I speak as a medical man concerned only with the mental health of our people."

"Much more work is necessary in the problem of mental health," Dr. Bruce said. "It is in this region that one hopes more important progress will be made. I doubt whether the lifespan will be greatly increased during the next 50 years. One important reason for the fact that we seem to live longer today than people did 50 or 100 years ago is the reduction of infant mortality.

"I am inclined to believe," he continued, "that perhaps the greatest immediate strides in any further increase in the lifespan will be in preventive medicine, in educating people how to live

properly rather than in trying to mend the damage caused by those who have lived otherwise. Let us hope that we may yet see the day when the money saved by international reduction of armaments will be used to provide more for human welfare."

**T**HE doctor smiled when it was said that the 90 years did not seem to be pressing too heavily on him. He looked at his wife and remarked: "I owe it all to my wife. She looks after me."

In 1918, Dr. Bruce met dark-haired Angela Hall, who was serving in France with the British Red Cross as a voluntary aid worker. They were married in 1919. The wartime courtship was marked by Dr. Bruce's frequent visits to the hospital where Miss Hall was stationed. The matron was heard to remark one day that Col. Bruce's great interest in the hospital should be encouraged.

"Little did she know," says author Bruce, "what attracted me to the hospital."

The couple's only child, Maxwell, is a Toronto lawyer. During the Second World War, while serving with the Royal Canadian Artillery in England, he developed spinal meningitis. Rapid diagnosis and treatment by Dr. L. C. Dickson, who had just arrived from Toronto, saved his son's life. Dr. Bruce relates.

The sequel to the story came not long afterward in Ottawa. Dr. Dickson's mother called on Mrs. Bruce and told her that when her son was a young child, he developed a serious abdominal condition. She was advised against an operation because

the mortality rate was high, but she disregarded the advice and went to Dr. Bruce. He operated and the child's life was saved. He grew up to become the doctor who saved young Maxwell Bruce's life years later.

"A formula for happiness has a different meaning for different people," Dr. Bruce remarked. "To some it means accumulating a fortune, to others attaining positions of great power. My formula must be a purely personal one. First, to select for your life's work an occupation that one enjoys, one that will employ your entire interest if you are to make it a success. However, when I did marry I found that perfect happiness came in the companionship of a wife, assuming, of course, that one has been fortunate to find the right wife, which I did.

"The formula? Well, a contented home life with a continuing enjoyment in work, whatever its character. That is my formula."

**H**E might have added: "And don't worry." To be concerned, yes, but not to burden oneself with needless anxiety. Throughout his life as a surgeon and a public figure, Dr. Bruce did what he thought was right, and never lost a night's sleep. This ability to sleep at will served him well in his busy years, when a 16-hour work day was not unusual.

"One of the compensations of being old," Dr. Bruce said, "is that one has a chance of re-evaluation. I have no regrets for any part of my life. If I had to live it over again, I wouldn't change any of it." ●

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June 22 - '51

Dear Mrs. Finnan

I think I am right in my recollection that you are or were married. It was good of you to write & I was so pleased to hear from you after all these years. Glad to say I have made an excellent recovery from my operation and am enjoying good health & still active with duties as follows -  
Governor University of Toronto  
Chairman Caven Memorial Research Foundation, Director Dominion Bank, of Crown Life Insurance Co & Crown Trust Co.  
Member Committee Connaught Medical Research Laboratories. The above duties are easier than surgery, from which I retired seven years ago. What a mess the world is in at the moment! We know what Russia is up to but impossible to forecast what her next move will be. p.t.o.

I hope the U.S. & other democ-  
ratic countries will not  
ease up in their military  
preparedness until they  
have a preponderance of  
strength over the Soviets.

Trust you are well.  
With kindest personal regards  
& best wishes  
Yours very sincerely  
Herbert A. Smead



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YORK MILLS, ONT.

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Dear Miss Pierson  
Will be glad to get some facts about  
myself, & what I can remember  
of the early history of the A.C.S.  
and make them available for  
you soon after reaching Florida  
if you will have lunch  
with us some day at the  
Clearwater Beach Hotel,  
Clearwater, where we expect to  
arrive by air to Tampa  
on March 1st & will spend that  
month there. You might let  
me know here if you can  
come for lunch and what  
day would suit you.

What an interesting job you  
have taken on; it could not  
be in better hands. With  
kindest regards hoping to  
see you next month.

Yours very sincerely

Herbert A. Jones

March 23<sup>rd</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>

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1630 Hyde Park Street  
Sarasota, Florida

March 5, 1954

Dear Doctor Bruce, -

What a pleasant surprise - the fact that you are now in Florida. Because of obligations which I have here, it will not be possible for me to make the trip to Clearwater until the 22nd or 23rd to the 26th. If it will be convenient for you, I would like to leave here on the morning of the 23rd, and arrive at the Clearwater Beach Hotel not later than one o'clock, and leave there not later than four or four thirty that afternoon, to return to Sarasota. If any of the other days - the 22nd, 24th, 25th, or 26th would better suit your plans, I can make the trip on any of those days. So I shall await your pleasure.

When I see you I shall tell you how I am going about this history recording of the ACS, history which I lived from 1913 to 1951. All will be factual, with source of information indicated. My own impressions and elaborations of facts will be clearly indicated. The story which is to be told will be a revelation to all but those who, like yourself, had a part in the founding of the College.

With kindest regards and my best wishes to you, believe me

Sincerely yours,

March 22

Monday

Clearwater Beach Hotel and Cottages  
ON THE GULF OF MEXICO

Clearwater, Florida

March 5, 1914

Dear Miss Finney

Thanks for your letter.

Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> would be  
a good day for me. Unless

I hear from you to the contrary  
will look for you a little before  
one o'clock on that day, when we  
will expect you to lunch with  
us.

I presume you have a  
copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> book published  
by the College (which is part  
of our Medical Library) which gives  
a full account of the reception  
of the College <sup>at Washington in May</sup> although I was not  
present at that meeting, my  
name is given as one of the  
founders at a meeting in Chicago  
in the autumn of 1913

Yours sincerely

Herbert Adams

1630 Hyde Park Street  
Sarasota, Florida

March 30, 1954

Dear Doctor Bruce, -

It was indeed a real pleasure to see you and Mrs. Bruce at Clearwater Beach. You should have remained longer. Summer is now here, and I am enjoying it to the full. Expect I shall remain here now until the end of May, and then return to Chicago via Washington and New York.

May I extend my grateful thanks to you for all of your helpful information. I shall await with interest the biographical material, and also any other thoughts which you may have concerning the earliest days of the College. I have just completed the chronological story through 1934 -- have 20 years more to cover. Then I shall go into the separate activities of the College as they concerned membership, fee-splitting, hospital standardization, graduate training, economics, finances, etc., etc. Hope to finish by the end of the summer.

It should prove to be a fascinating story, and I hope you will read it when it is published. As to the date of publication, it has not yet been set. Perhaps there will be some determination on that score when I reach Chicago in mid-June. My address for the summer will be in care of the College - 40 E. Erie Street, Chicago. Whether or not I shall be in this same little house next winter is a question not yet decided by my landlord. He is trying to sell all his property here.

In the hope that our paths may cross again in the not distant future, and with kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Bruce and to you, believe me

Sincerely yours,

SUMMER RESIDENCE  
"ANNANDALE"  
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TORONTO 5

June 2/54

Dear Miss Finnis  
Presume by this time  
you have returned to  
Chicago. An enclosing  
copy of a short account  
of my activities which  
someone had prepared for  
a local publication.  
Hope it is sufficient for  
your purposes. It was a  
real pleasure for me to  
see and have a visit with  
you after so many years.  
Wish you every success  
in your undertaking. With  
kindest regards in which  
my wife joins.

I remain  
Yours very sincerely  
Herbert A. Finnis

Company  
SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT  
Inter-Office Correspondence

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Date

September 5, 1954

Dear Doctor Bruce, -- S.S. No.

It has been a long time since I received your lovely note of June 2, with which you enclosed a very short account of your activities. What a full, interesting, and worthwhile life you have had and are having. And I did so much enjoy the visit with Mrs. Bruce and with you at Clearwater.

I have been having a very busy summer up here at Browns Lake, Burlington, Wisconsin. I make my home with my sister in the summertime, and we have had some illnesses in the family this year which have caused us some anxiety, but this is all past history for us now. I am thinking of my return to Sarasota, where I shall be in my same little house from October 15 - 1630 Hyde Park Street. On December 29 I sail on the SS Mauretania, which the ACS has chartered, to Lima, and continue from there, with an old friend, to Chile, across the continent to Argentina, Brazil, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, and back to Sarasota at the very end of February. It will be my third trip to South America - but I have not been there for thirty years. We are anticipating a thrilling trip. Then I shall remain in Sarasota almost all of the balance of 1955.

In the hope that the paths of Mrs. Bruce, yourself, and myself may cross again in the not too distant future, and with my best wishes to you always, believe me

Sincerely yours,

P.S.-- I am still working on the history material, but hope to have it completed by the end of this year. Thanks for your help.

Company \_\_\_\_\_  
**SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT**  
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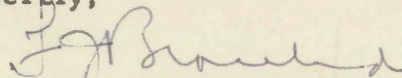
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My dear Miss Grimm:

It was certainly grand to get a note from you from Spain and I enjoyed the trip vicariously from the picture. It is fine to know that you are travelling about and that all is apparently going well with you.

This brings my best wishes for your health and my thanks for the thought which prompted you to send me a card.

Sincerely,



Francis J. Braceland, M.D.

Miss Eleanor Grimm  
Route 1, Box 67  
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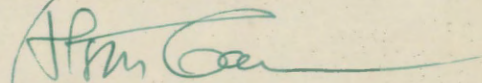
Miss Eleanor K. Grimm  
American College of Surgeons  
40 East Erie Street  
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Miss Grimm:

I know that you are receiving many tributes from men of great importance in medicine from all over the world, so that you will hardly notice a little note from me.

However, I am unwilling to let the occasion of your retirement pass by without a note to say hello again, and to tell you how much pleasure the all too brief contact with you in the work of the College has been. My only regret is that we did not have more occasion to work together.

Sincerely yours,



Alston Callahan, M.D.

AC/jn

THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF ALABAMA  
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June 6, 1952

Miss Eleanor Grimm  
American College of Surgeons  
40 East Erie Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Grimm:

I enjoyed your letter of March 11th and it certainly sounds like you have had a delightful time in Florida.

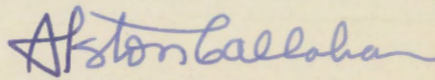
I recently returned from South America where I lectured in Sao Paulo, Caracas, Lima and Rio. It was very interesting to see what our South American ophthalmologists colleagues are doing.

I read the moving tribute by Dr. Matas in regard to the life you have given for the American College of Surgeons and enjoyed it very much.

If you are ever in Alabama, let us know for we would like very much to see you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Alston Callahan, M.D.

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October 21, 1957

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm  
1630 Hyde Park Street  
Sarasota, Florida

Dear Miss Grimm:

I was very much pleased with your personal letter, for I do not believe there is anyone more familiar with the situation that led to the injustice of the treatment of Dr. Lahey by The College. There was only one incident that could have been interpreted as an unsatisfactory relationship and that was when he chose to give a lecture for the other body.

Your work and hobby is most interesting. I was not aware of your interest and talents in that direction.

We frequently get to Sarasota for a brief visit in the winter and if we do so, I will ring you up.

Mrs. Cattell would wish to join me in best wishes and desire for a very happy life.

Sincerely,

*Richard B. Cattell*  
Richard B. Cattell, M. D.

RBC:LMP



### Her Last Congress



Miss Eleanor K. Grimm, secretary of the Board of Regents and editor of publications, among other things, will retire in December after 38 years with the American College of Surgeons. Above, Miss Grimm poses with an old friend, Dr. Henry W. Cave, retiring president.

To the most charming lady and ablest woman I ever knew.

*Henry Cave*





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DR HENRY W CAVE=

HENRY W. CAVE, M. D.  
107 EAST 67<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

December 13, 1949

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm  
The American College of Surgeons  
40 East Erie Street  
Chicago, Ill.,

Dear Miss Grimm:

I have gone over the proof of the appreciation which I wrote of the late Dr. Eugene Poole, all is in order and I have okayed it.

I thought it was a very successful meeting we had of the Board of Regents at the Hot Springs. I think that all will turn out well for the College and for all of us. It is always a joy to see you at these meetings and I feel that you are the real dynamo of the entire American College of Surgeons.

With all good wishes and kindest regards, believe me

Faithfully yours,

*Henry Cave*

HWC/ead

HENRY W. CAVE, M. D.  
107 EAST 67<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.



September 14, 1950

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm,  
Executive Secretary  
American College of Surgeons,  
40 East Erie Street,  
Chicago,  
Illinois.

Dear Miss Grimm:

Thank you so much for the copy of the letter sent to General Johnson.

I called his office upon my return on Monday morning and learned he is in London. I wrote him a nice personal note about the matter of his having been selected by the Regents to receive an Honorary Fellowship. He is staying at the Claridge Hotel in London.

In regard to the North Carolina College celebration I have answered that myself.

I cannot tell you what a great stimulus you are at those meetings of the College. Your advice and judgment is always so sound and reliable. Besides you are a charming person and I hope you never grow old.

With heartiest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry Cave*

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P.S. I am sending those photographs under separate cover.

3/24/52

HENRY W. CAVE, M. D.  
107 EAST 67TH STREET  
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

October 10, 1951

Dear Miss Grimm:

This letter that I am writing to you now is one that I write in great sorrow, knowing that for sure you are going to leave us. It just doesn't seem possible. You have meant American College of Surgeons to me and to many other people who have been a part of that organization and who know the organization.

I do honestly hate to see you go. I do not know of any woman whom I have more admiration for than you and I hope that there will be times when our paths will cross. As you know, my term of office as a Regent expires when you leave, so we leave together.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th of October and I am enclosing to you a report on my visit to the Royal College of Surgeons of England under 23 A1 of Agenda for San Francisco meeting. You have mentioned that I should have a report for 23B. I hardly think it warrants a report, because we do not know anything about it yet. I will simply make a few ver-

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm - Page 2.

bal announcements about the enthusiasm they receive from the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons.

My paper is shaping up nicely and I am sure that I will have it in your hands by Monday, October 29th, so that it can be published in the December Bulletin of the College.

Again, let me tell you, Miss Grimm, how much we will miss you. Everything that you have done has been done in a superb manner, so ably and with such charming grace.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Affectionately yours,

*Henry Oane*

HWC/mh

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm  
American College of Surgeons  
40 East Erie Street  
Chicago, Illinois

March 24, 1952

Dear Doctor Cave, -

Well, the life of a loafer seems to agree with me thoroughly. I have been having a delightful winter in Clermont, Florida, which is just 25 miles west of Orlando. The weather has been just about perfect, and I am surrounded with friends, old and new. Altogether I consider it just about ideal. I have a lovely apartment, in a newly built house, owned by a retired woman physician who lives on the second floor. It overlooks a large lake, Minnehaha to the South, and a beautiful garden to the East. I have an efficiency kitchen, and have put my hand to a bit of cooking, now and then. It has been fun.

Now I am beginning to think about the trek toward the middle west. Doctor Allen and Doctor Graham, at the December meeting, at Hot Springs, insisted that I must come to The Greenbriar for Doctor Allen's tribute party. I have not had any recent details, and would appreciate it if you would tell me just when it is to be. I believe it will be Monday evening, April 14. I expect to leave here about April 8, motor up to White Sulphur Springs for several days, including April 14, then to Philadelphia, New York, Danville, Pa., Bedford, Pa., where John Bowman, the former Director of the College and more recently Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh is living in semi-retirement, then to the Criles in Cleveland, then Chicago, and Browns Lake, Burlington, Wisconsin, where I shall spend the Summer with my sister; then abroad the end of August, returning here November 1 for next winter. A full schedule, but it will be fun all of the way.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Cave and you at White Sulphur Springs, and with my everlasting thanks to you for all of your great kindnesses and courtesies to the Secretary to the Board of Regents during the many years, believe me

Always sincerely yours,



HENRY W. CAVE, M. D.  
107 EAST 67<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

March 31, 1952

Dear Miss Grimm:

I can't tell you how overjoyed I am to have word from you and to know that you have had such a glorious winter there in Florida. I envy you every second of it. You are lucky to have found such nice living quarters and I know that you will become expert as a cook in your efficiency kitchen. I hope someday to come by and have a meal with you.

I am elated that you are going to be at the dinner for Doctor Allen. This secret dinner is going to be given on Monday night, April 14th at the Greenbrier Hotel. I have had great fun in getting together some pictures of Doctor Allen from the time he was sixteen up to the present time. I think they will be fun to see. I have had them blown up into lantern slides and I hope you will enjoy them. I have had lots of fun getting them together. I am so delighted that you are coming. It would not seem right without you. We are

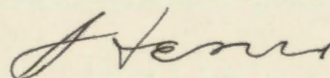
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inviting the Regents and their wives, Dr. Hawley, Dr. Stephenson and Prather Saunders and their wives, if they come to the meeting.

I still don't know what the College is going to do without you. The most complimentary thing I have ever heard about any woman, I have heard about you through so many various sources. You were greatly beloved, respected and admired and I have an especially warm spot in my heart for you.

With kindest regards, believe me

Affectionately yours,



HWC/mh

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm  
Box 907  
Clermont, Florida

HENRY W. CAVE, M. D.  
107 EAST 67TH STREET  
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

January 12, 1953

Dear Miss Grimm:

Thank you so much for your kindness in sending to me that lovely card at Christmastime with your Christmas greetings.

I do wish for you all the happiness in the world this winter. I would like to be down there with you because we would have fun fishing and swimming. I am getting awfully tired of this city life. I want to go back to the farm.

With all good wishes and affectionate regards,  
believe me

As ever yours,

*Henry Cave*

HWC/mh  
Miss Eleanor Grimm  
1400 Highland Road  
Winter Park, Florida

Address until May 24 -

1630 Hyde Park Street  
Sarasota, Florida

May 9, 1954

Dear Doctor Cave, -

You and your wonderful work on behalf of the ACS have been much on my mind during the past few days, for I have been recording the relation to the ACS of colored surgeons, and what a dramatic tale it is. I need several copies of "The Henry Wisdom Cave Testimonial Dinner, given by The Harlem Surgical Society" reprinted from the "Journal of the National Medical Association," May 1951. Could you have them sent to me, please?

Also, I expect to motor from here to Washington and New York. I shall be in New York from June 2 to 7, at the Holly Hotel, c/o Mrs. Bettie Lou White Fisher, 33 Washington Square, New York (she is the sister of Goodrich White, President of Emory University in Atlanta, and she has been a very long time friend of mine. You gave her and me tickets to "Kiss Me Kate" a bout four years ago, remember?). While I am in New York I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you and securing from you an account of what you did in the way of interviewing the colored surgeons who were eligible for FACS and setting them along the course they were to pursue in taking Fellowship in the ACS in their stride, etc. I shall have a wire recorder with me, and it wouldn't take too long for you to record the material, which can then be transcribed in Chicago and be added to the basic material for the history. I know this is asking a lot, but your part in that particular situation, and in many other important phases of the conduct of the ACS is so important, that it should be secured from you at first-hand.

Will you be good enough to have your secretary drop me a line at your early convenience, so that my plans may be completed. It is really fundrecording this history which I have lived. And I shall tell you all about it when I see you.

Please give my affectionate greetings to Mrs. Cave, and believe me

Always sincerely yours,

W.W.C.  
9/6/54

HENRY W. CAVE, M. D.  
107 EAST 67TH STREET  
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

May 25, 1954

Dear Miss Grimm:

Two hours ago, I disembarked from the Queen

HENRY W. CAVE, M. D.  
107 EAST 67TH STREET  
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

*W. Maynard  
See A t City*

September 10, 1954

Miss Eleanor Grimm  
Route #1, Box 67  
Burlington, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Grimm:

Your very nice newsy letter came to us yesterday, and I hasten to tell you what a real joy it was to have seen you on your recent visit to New York City.

I am so glad that you had an opportunity of seeing Dr. Maynard. He is a very able and scholarly Negro surgeon.

When you come this way, be sure and let us know.

With warmest regards, I am,

Affectionately yours,

*Henry Cave*

HWC:ESK

Henry W. Cave, M.D.

MRS. HENRY WISDOM CAVE

Dear Miss Corwin.

My warmest thanks for  
your kind message of sympathy.  
Mr. Cave was devoted to you  
and he would be glad to  
know of your thought of  
him and for me.

Most sincerely,  
Wm. T. Cave



Norman Gray

Honorable K. Crimin. Secretary Board of Regents.  
With pleasant memories  
Walter Chapman.



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Miss Eleanor K. Grimm.  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
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My dear Miss Grimm. Three Canadian Cheers for your  
memorable anniversary!  
Yours has been, indeed, a large and signal  
contribution to our College — to its efficiency  
and its very cordial relationships. This is a true

3490, DRUMMOND STREET,  
MONTREAL.

My dear Miss Grimm. Thank you for your note of remembrance  
I do hope that you are keeping better and that the  
New Management will lighten your load  
Very pleased to hear of Philpott. He & his wife are a  
great comfort. If Fraser had only married the  
right woman. There are so many loving  
women in the world — hanging is too good

paying and a testimony to the wisdom and tact  
ever exemplified by yourself.

I add a more personal word of esteem & affection.

Yours sincerely

Walter Cupman.

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> - 48

for them.

Of course I remember Bellow. I never met his wife

and so the old order changeth.

Every Good wish Always Yours  
Walter Cupman.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup>  
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DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

October 12, 1951

Dear Miss Grimm:

I really did receive a shock when I read your letter about your retirement, because I had not seen the note about it in the September Bulletin. You have been such an important cog in the machine over there, that I can scarcely believe that you will not be a permanent part of the College. Certainly, we have all looked to you as one of the important pillars, who not only knew all details of the College and activities, but knew how to advise all of us associated with the College. I assure you that all of us will miss you very much indeed, and it will be very difficult to find a replacement for you. From Dr. Hawley's note, I realized that no one person could take your place, insofar as he was assigning your duties to different people. At any rate, I wanted you to know that we have appreciated your presence there in the College very much, and hope that we will be seeing you from time to time after you retire.

Mrs. Cole joins me in these comments, and is very sorry indeed that she will not be seeing you at the meeting in San Francisco. However, I will give her your message of yesterday and maybe she will change her mind.

Thanks for your note giving me the information about my part in the Annual Meeting.

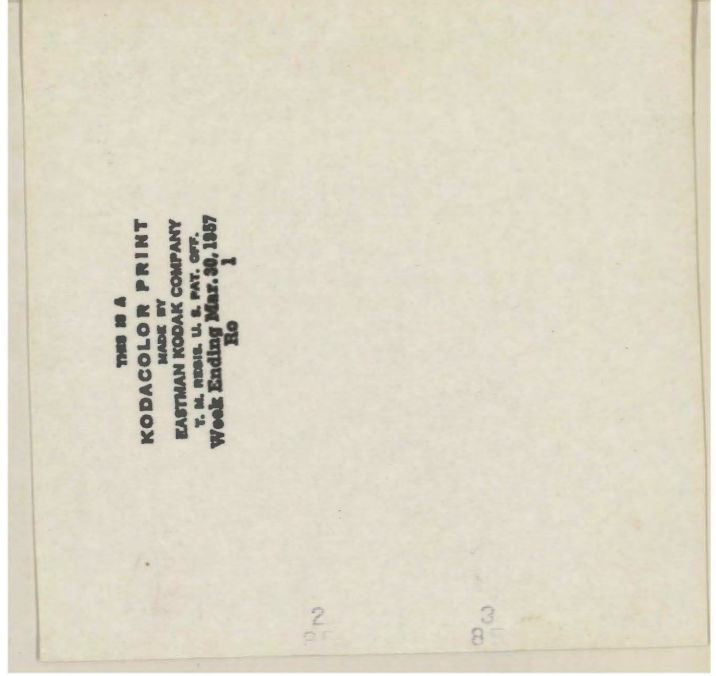
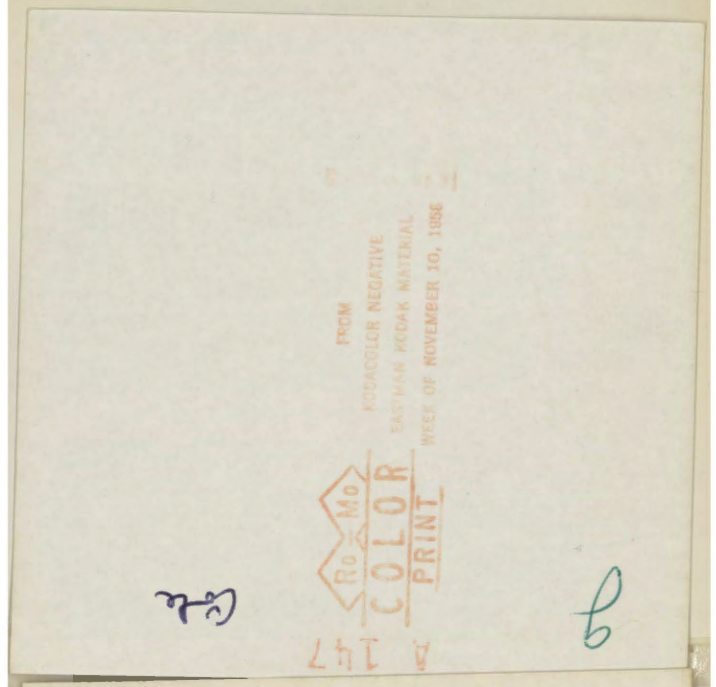
With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Warren H. Cole*  
Warren H. Cole, M. D.

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm, Secretary  
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The American College of Surgeons  
40 E. Erie Street  
Chicago, Illinois





ERNEST AMORY CODMAN, M.D.  
227 BEACON STREET  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

March 9<sup>th</sup> 38

My dear Miss Green,  
I have just heard from  
Dr. Crowell of Dr. Martin's  
death and while I had  
of course expected to hear of it  
some day, it comes, nevertheless  
with a shock.

Although I have not known  
him intimately, I have been  
a staunch admirer of his abil-  
ity and a believer in his  
dedication to his ideals. Many  
a time I have defended his

deeds when his thoughtless  
crimes pointed on some defar-  
ficial trail. I doubt if  
any thoughtful person could  
truly believe that his crimes  
were not high and atrocious.

The reason I am writing  
to you rather than to his  
widow whom I do not know,  
is that I wish to send my  
sympathy to the staff of the  
A.C.O.S. who have worked  
so hard and faithfully for,  
and with, Dr. Martin.

The very fact that there



ERNEST AMORY CODMAN, M.D.  
227 BEACON STREET  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

has been such an unchanging  
character in your work shows  
its belief in your great leader.  
You all have been intimately  
and widely believed in  
him loyally. I am sure  
you will feel that a great  
change has come in your lives,  
even if you keep on in your pre-  
sent work and habits. With  
kindest regards to Dr Crowell  
Mrs Farrell and the others  
Sincerely  
Ernest Codman



KAREN KAZANIAN

To Eleanor Grim who has done so much for Surgery  
with the appreciation and friendship of Theodore Koller



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their patients. To whom I am deeply  
indebted for a million kindnesses. With  
great appreciation and deep respect Fred Allen



Collier  
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Jan 1959

Dear Miss Elina:-

Mr Callen and  
Allan send you  
greetings - Marvelous  
to be here with these  
lonely children

Our best love to  
you for a happy  
New Year -

A.W.A. F.A.C.