



To Eleanor Grimm  
with best wishes and  
sincere appreciation  
Arthur Lehman  
Oct 1948

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Alton Dehner  
age about 5 -

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Merry Christmas  
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Happy New Year  
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Do you know this  
chap? He is an  
old admirer of yours

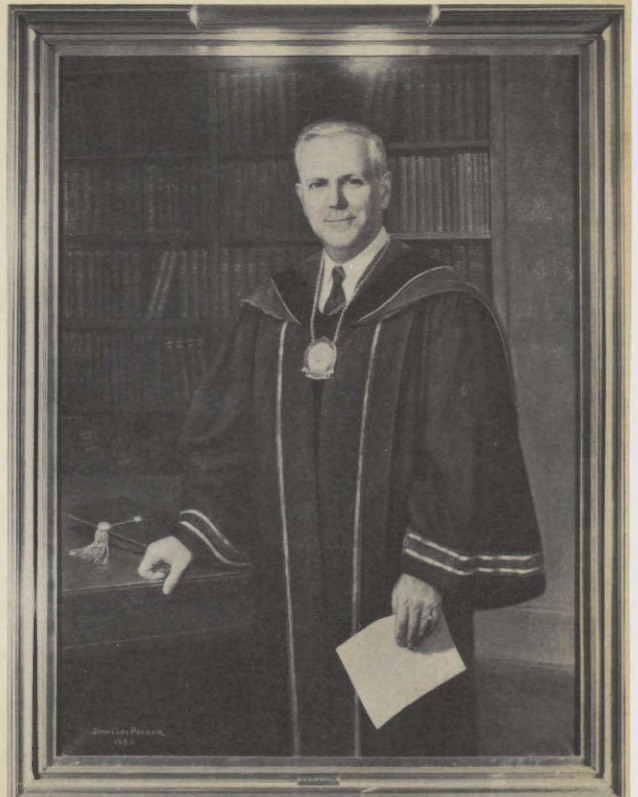


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*The Ochsners*



*Isabel*



*Alton*



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As President A.C.S.  
Christmas 1951

To a real love of mine,  
Eleanor -

PLEASE GIVE CREDIT TO  
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Alton Lehner

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*SEASON'S GREETINGS*



THE OCHSNERS AND DAVISES

For one, Jane, seventeen are new -  
For the other, Alton, they just grew!  
To our friends, both far and near,  
All of whom we hold so dear,  
To you on our first Yuletide we send  
All the affection we can extend.

The Dehsners

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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA  
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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY  
1430 TULANE AVENUE

September 4, 1948

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

Dear Miss Eleanor:

How I wish I could be with you on September 8 to celebrate your 35th anniversary of affiliation with the American College of Surgeons. There is no one who has meant more to the College than you have and it would give me a great deal of pleasure to be there in person to take part in the celebration that is to be given in your honor. Dr. Franklin Martin did many great things. One of the greatest accomplishments that he did was to secure you and make you a part of the American College of Surgeons family.

With many felicitations on this 35th anniversary and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

*Alton Ochsner*

Alton Ochsner, M.D.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND FELICITATIONS ON THIS ANNIVERSARY.

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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA  
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October 2, 1948

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

Dear Miss Eleanor:

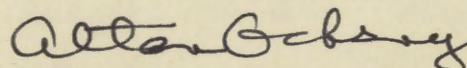
Thank you for your letter of September 28th.

I am sending, under separate cover, an autographed photograph which I am very happy to send. As a matter of fact, I feel greatly flattered that you would want one. I presume that you have been troubled with termites or roaches in your apartment and for this reason want to have something to keep them away. It is guaranteed to do so because I have had a great deal of experience with it.

I know that you will be distressed to know that Zeke Dumke has had a heart attack. Fortunately it is not severe and he is getting along all right. As a matter of fact, Dr. Burch, who is our Professor of Medicine and who is a real cardiologist, after talking with the internist who is taking care of him, is of the opinion that he did not have a thrombosis but that it was simply a premonitory manifestation and that if he will stay in bed for a month he will be perfectly all right. I naturally was very much upset when I heard it, but I am so relieved to know that he is all right and apparently going to be all right. Than

Thanking you again for your letter and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,



Alton Ochsner, M.D.

THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA  
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DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY  
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October 15, 1951

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
American College of Surgeons  
40 East Erie Street  
Chicago, 11, Ill.

Dear Miss Eleanor:

Thank you for your letters of October 5.

It makes me real sad to think that the Congress in San Francisco will be the last one that you will attend officially. I am more than pleased, however, that it is at this meeting that I will assume the presidency. I can't tell you how much we are going to miss you in the College, because it won't seem the same without you, and regardless of what can and will happen, it never will be the same.

I appreciate your sending me the communications concerning the W. K. Kellogg International Fellowship Program and agree with you that we ought to get the Committee on International Relations some time before the matter is presented to the Regents. I am writing to Drs. Miller, Blalock, Naffziger, and Corrigan and hope the Committee can get together in San Francisco.

I am also appreciative of your sending me instructions about what I am to do and I will try to carry them out just as you want them done.

Thanks again and looking forward to seeing you in San Francisco, I am

Sincerely,

*Alton Ochsner*

Alton Ochsner, M.D.

P.S.: I am enclosing the glossy prints which you requested.

THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA  
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1430 TULANE AVENUE

March 24, 1952

Miss Eleanor Grimm  
Box 907  
Clermont, Florida

Dear Eleanor:

Thank you for your letter of March 10, which I certainly enjoyed.


I know you were pleased to hear from Dr. Matas, because he is a remarkable individual. He was operated upon a week or so ago for his eye. I think I told you that he has gone almost completely blind, and it was thought that an operation on his good eye might help him. It is a little early to know what the outlook will be, but we are all in hopes it will be of some benefit. Dr. Matas has never learned to dictate anything. He always wrote everything out in long hand and, of course, his blindness means a real burden to him.

I am so glad that you are going to be in White Sulphur. Unfortunately, Isabel is not going with me because she is planning on going out to Tucson because the Dumkes are going to be there. I know she will be disappointed not to see you, because she always enjoys seeing you.

I know you must be having a great time in Clermont. Florida is a marvelous state and a great place to get some rest.

Thank you again for your letter. I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

  
Alton Ochsner, M.D.



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December 26, 1963

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

Dear Eleanor:

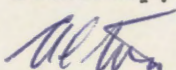
Isabel and I certainly enjoyed your Mediterranean Island travelogue and what a trip you had. We were in Greece in September following the meeting of the International Society of Surgery in Rome. I was President this year. We love Greece, and I know you must have enjoyed it also.

I am so glad you are going to attend the 1964 Congress. The one in San Francisco this year was excellent; as a matter of fact, I think it was one of the best we have ever had. Following this meeting, we went to Hawaii for the meeting of the Pan Pacific Surgical Association, of which I was also president this year. After being there for ten days, 200 of us, including 108 surgeons, went on a Mobile Educational Seminar to Sydney and Melbourne, Australia, Auckland, New Zealand, Manila, Bangkok, Hong Kong, and four cities in Japan. In each of these places, we held meetings with the local surgeons, and we were quite busy, as you might easily imagine. It was very worth while, however.

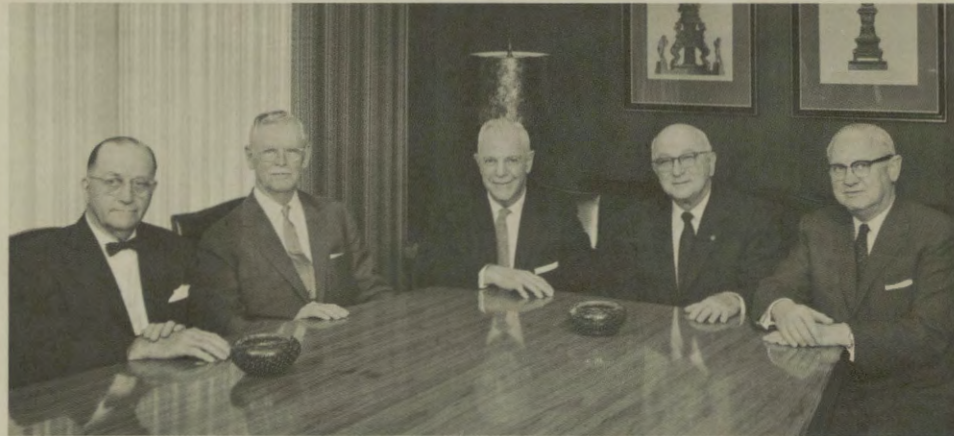
Two of our sons are Fellows of the College. The third one, Mims, who is named for Mims Gage, is coming up. Mims is a urologist. All three of the boys are here in the Clinic, and it is so nice having them. As a matter of fact, our daughter and her family also live in New Orleans, so that you can easily imagine what fun we all have on Christmas with them, their spouses, and the 17 grandchildren.

It is always a pleasure hearing from you. With affectionate regards from all the Ochsners and best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,



Alton Ochsner, M.D.



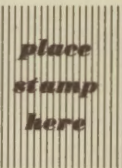
Pictured above are the Founders of Ochsner Clinic: (left to right) Dr. Edgar Burns, Dr. Guy A. Caldwell, Dr. Alton Ochsner, Sr., Dr. Francis E. LeJeune, Sr., and Dr. Curtis Tyrone.

The Ochsner Clinic is a partnership of specialist physicians for the group practice of medicine and surgery. It was founded in 1941, and subsequently in 1944, its partners, in association with two distinguished New Orleans laymen, founded the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the purposes of research and medical education. Governed by a Board of Trustees, the Foundation owns all properties and facilities used by the Ochsner institutions, including this new Clinic building. Ochsner Foundation Hospital, which the new Clinic adjoins, is Foundation owned and operated through a Board of Governors, composed of civic leaders from New Orleans and throughout the South. As in the past, the Ochsner Clinic partnership, a separate organization, leases its building and all equipment from the Foundation, paying annual rentals which are utilized in support of the Foundation's programs in scientific research, graduate medical education and indigent patient care.

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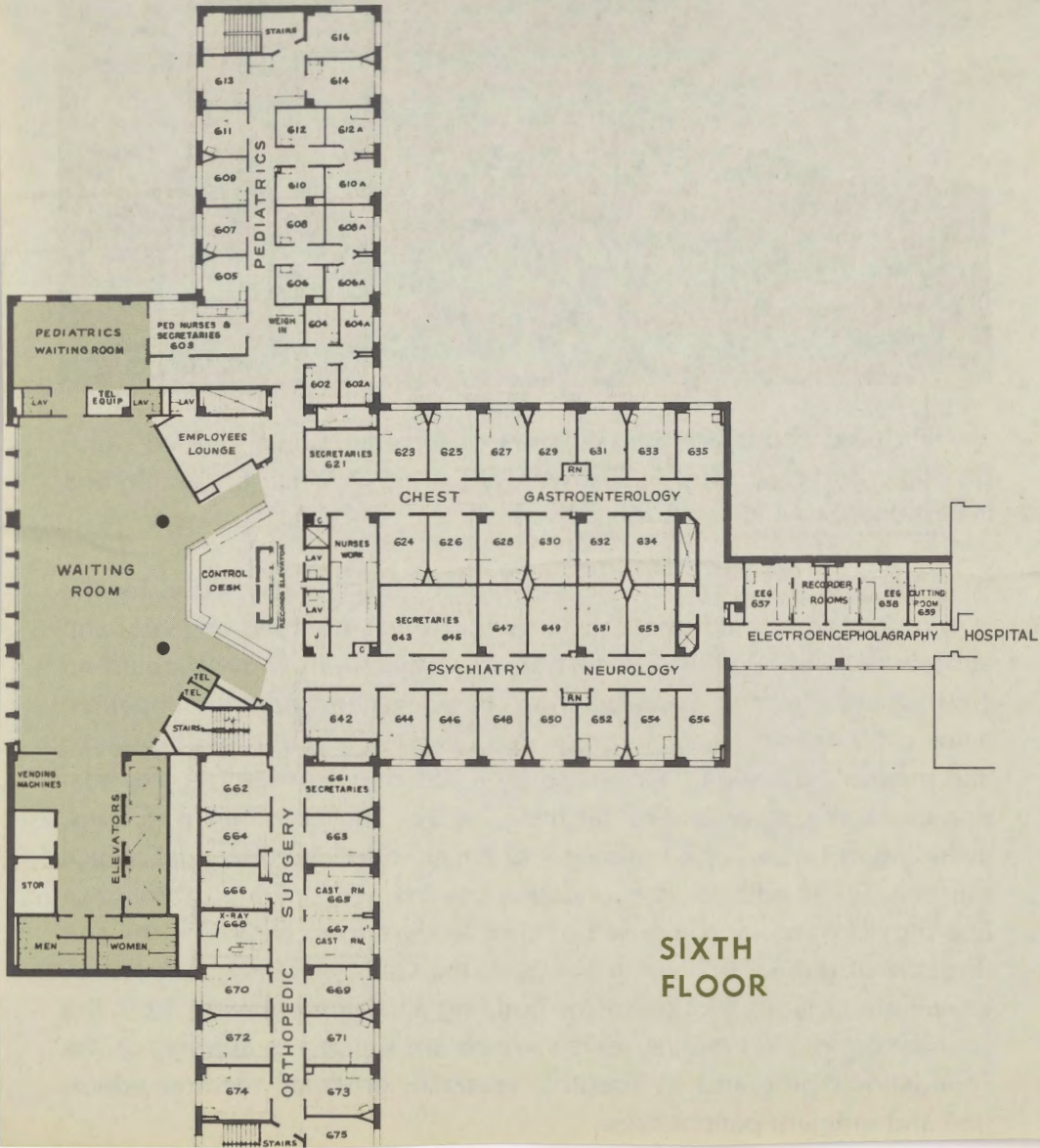
OCHSNER CLINIC and OCHSNER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL, located in northwest New Orleans, overlooking the Mississippi River. A highly specialized modern center for medical and surgical care, it also includes the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation's programs in scientific research and graduate medical education.

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*Mina Williams  
(ms)  
Miss Gertrude Farshag*

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**SIXTH FLOOR**



March 8 \* '35

Dear Miss Grimm -

Just a little  
token of love,  
Miss Grimm!

I have appreciated  
your friendship so  
much and only  
wish I could have  
had many more





happy hours  
with you -

Loving Mr. and  
Mrs. Martin as  
we have, and  
you, being so close  
to them, has  
made your friend-  
ship doubly dear  
to us.

I hope you  
and Mrs. Martin  
will have a safe  
journey back to  
Chicago -

Remember me  
to your dear Mother  
and remember,  
also, that a warm  
welcome will al-

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Paul Palmer

Bertha Palmer

On occasion of  
A.C.S. award to Dr.  
E. Payne Palmer, Sr.

Oct. 1958.

Died 1960

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ways await you  
at 1229 N. Central  
Ave -

With fondest  
love -

Bertie F. Palmer



•Patsy•Paul•Victoria•Abigail•Butch•

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Palmer  
send  
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

1953



E. Payne Palmer, M. D.  
Professional Building  
Phoenix, Arizona

March 12, 1935

Miss Eleanor Grimm  
40 East Erie St.  
Chicago, Ill.

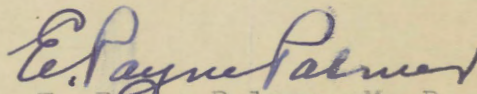
Dear Miss Grimm:

I am enclosing newspaper clipping and editorial from the Arizona Republic on the tenth, also autopsy report. I thought that these would be desirable for records.

At a staff meeting at St. Joseph's Hospital last evening the members stood in silence for two minutes in respect to Dr. Martin's demise. A committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions.

It is now time for the services and we are there in spirit and with prayer.

Sincerely,

  
E. Payne Palmer, M. D.

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Sarasota, Florida  
19 September, 1960

Dr. Willard H. Parsons  
1600 Monroe Street  
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Doctor Parsons, -

There are enclosed letters directed to Doctor Ravdin and Doctor Hawley. I sincerely hope you will consider them appropriate to include in the volumes which you have in preparation.

I arrived here five days ago, following the onslaught of "DONNA" which did considerable damage in Sarasota through high winds. My own wee house did not suffer too much -- the house not at all, although there were many large branches blown off the trees. We were very fortunate, and are grateful.

It is with regret that I cannot be in San Francisco during the Congress. I was flattered to be asked to pay tribute to the two fine men who are to be honored, with their wives.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Parsons, and the hope that the letters will reach you in time to be of service, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor K. Grimm  
1630 Hyde Park Street  
Sarasota, Florida

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WILLARD H. PARSONS, M. D.  
Vicksburg Clinic  
1600 Monroe Street  
Vicksburg, Mississippi

11 September 1960

Dr. Edward G. Sandrok  
American College of Surgeons  
40 East Erie Street  
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dr. Sandrok:

As you know, Dr. Ravdin will shortly retire as Chairman of the Board of Regents and Dr. Paul Hawley will shortly retire as Director of the American College of Surgeons.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if you will, in the very immediate future, send to me a one page letter addressed to Dr. Ravdin in token of your appreciation of that which he has done for the College and of your personal friendship, and a second letter for Dr. Hawley.

Each member of the Board of Regents, each living past Regent, the Officers and the Officers-Elect of the College, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, and all past Chairmen of the Board of Governors, the members of the Advisory Council to the Board of Regents, the Administrative Staff, and a few other individuals are being requested by this mail to send similar letters. These letters will be handsomely bound and the volume addressed to Dr. Ravdin will be presented to him by Dr. Loyal Davis at a luncheon which will be given by the Board of Regents during the next Clinical Congress in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Ravdin. The bound volume of letters for Dr. Hawley will be presented to him by Dr. I. S. Ravdin at a dinner which will be given by the Regents during the next Clinical Congress in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Hawley.

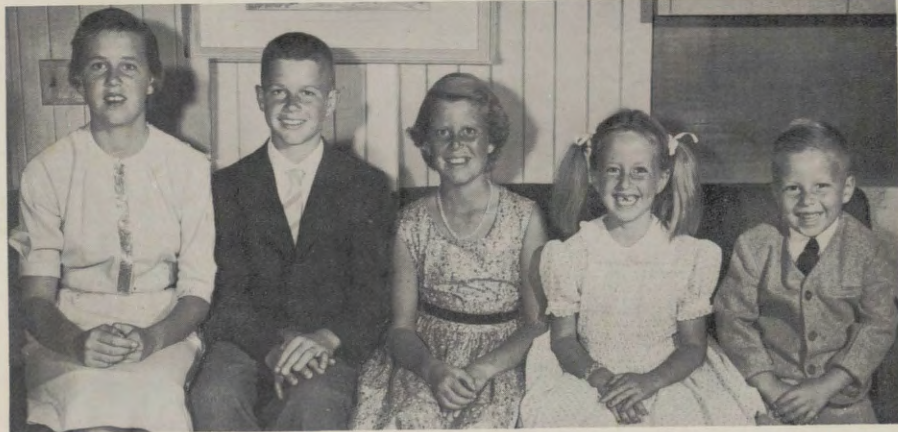
Please, if at all possible, have the stationery 8-1/2 X 11 inches. Please have these two letters placed separately between cardboard and sent to the writer by air mail. Unless these letters are received very promptly, there will not be sufficient time to have the letters bound before the meeting of the Congress in October. It is the hope of those arranging for these volumes that replies may be received by each person invited to participate.

Neither Dr. Ravdin nor Dr. Hawley know of this venture. Please, therefore, for the moment, consider it in confidence.

Sincerely yours,

WHP:mc

s/Willard H. Parsons, M. D.



Patsy Paul Victoria Abigail Butch

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Palmer  
send CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



FEB 1961

Print this  
Bertha Palmer's  
House.

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Phoenix  
August '60

Dear Miss Grimm:

Your letter was forwarded and you have my approval to recommend Mr. James R. Learmonth for the Martin Memorial Lecture for 1949.

Our Mission to the German Universities has spent one week in Frankfurt and one in Berlin and we have found medicine badly hit without many of them being as aware of it as would be for their own good. They have been surprised with the things that have been presented by our party and most of them very thankful. However some in Berlin were rather indifferent.

The Center of Berlin is something you have to see to realize how terrible has been the destruction. There are stretches many blocks long in the very heart where there is today neither stores nor dwelling places. These regions may never be rebuilt or if so only after one or more generations. Business is springing up on the streets located about the periphery of the city.

We left Berlin at noon today and I am glad to be away as the tension there is high and some feel that more serious trouble might break out any time. The poor German people are desperate. They all say the only way the Russians will be gotten out is if we drive them out.

I can't help but remember that around the first of August is the time when wars are apt to start over here.

We still have 5 Universities to visit and then, the Lord willing we shall get out.

You should hear our speeches in German!

With best regards to all the members of the Staff.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Dallas B. Phemister

July 20 - 48  
Frankfurt  
Germany

Dr. Phe  
Dr. Phemister called by telephone about 2:30 today and left the following message.

I am very sorry that an agreement to speak here at the University at 4:30 on Wednesday will make it impossible for me to be present. There is no one in connection with the organization who has done more for the College and who is more deserving of a testimonial party than Eleanor Grimm. I do not know what the institution would have amounted to without her. Please extend to her my heartiest congratulations.

Dallas P. Phemister, M. D.

September 7, 1948

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY  
950 EAST 59TH STREET

October 10, 1951

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm,  
American College of Surgeons,  
40 East Erie St.,  
Chicago 11, Ill.

Dear Eleanor:

Although you told me previously of your retirement, I have only felt the seriousness of it since receiving your letter of October 5th. It marks the end-point of the original regime during which the College was created and carried to its maximum point of efficiency, and you have played a great ~~and~~ *role* ~~modest~~ *with* ~~role~~ in what has been accomplished. Unfortunately I shall not be at the meeting in San Francisco to witness your performance in the last act but you will have my sympathy and very best wishes for the occasion.

I shall prepare a report on the inauguration of the Chancellor of the University of Chicago and send it to you soon after October 18th.

Katharine joins in sending love and very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Dallas*

Dallas B. Plemister, M.D.

DBP RS



Naturally I feel very sad that you are going to leave our organization in the near future. You have been one of the mainstays in quiet and troublesome times. I only hope that all the various people involved appreciate your services in some small way which could never be comparative to the effort spent.

July 24, 1951

Dear Doctor Philpott, -

Many thanks for your very helpful letter.

There is enclosed a copy of the type of communication which has been directed to each of the officials whose names you supplied. I sincerely hope the result will be as you and I would have it.

I am not sure that your complimentary remarks were entirely deserved. My sojourn at the College has been such a happy one from every standpoint that I have always felt fully repaid for whatever effort may have gone into the organization. Mine has been a rare privilege -- to have started with the College before its first meeting in 1913, and to have remained to see it expand to the greatest surgical organization in the entire world. I count as not the least of the privileges I have had association with the greatest surgeons of the world. They have all been such outstanding men that my respect for the profession has risen as time has gone on. But now I am happy to have time to care for unfinished business that has been on the docket for a long time.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing all of you again in San Francisco, and after the first of the year I shall trek southward at least for the Winters, and probably spend the summers in Wisconsin.

With personal good wishes to you always, believe me

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Max Ginn,

Doctor Martin has  
announced to me your ar-  
rival in Bologna for tomorrow  
or the day after -

I am delighted to give  
you my best welcome to  
my city. Please call me  
at the phone as soon as  
you get this letter

Sincerely yours,  
Rizzoli

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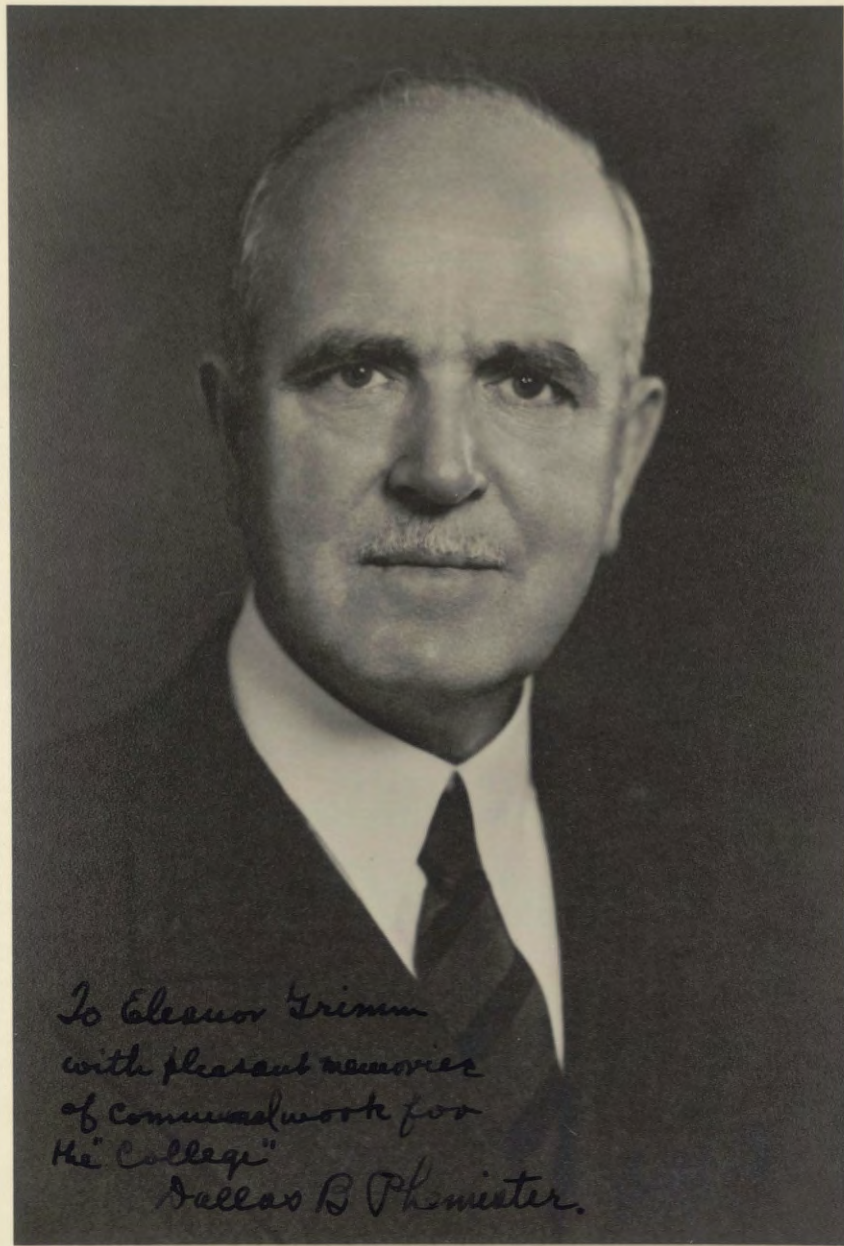
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~~as~~  
Dr. Willard Parsons  
Vicksburg Miss.

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To Eleanor Trimun  
with pleasant memories  
of communal work for  
the "College"  
Dallas B. Phinister.



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Wishing you a  
Blessed and Joyful  
Christmas

The HARRISON PUTMAN Family

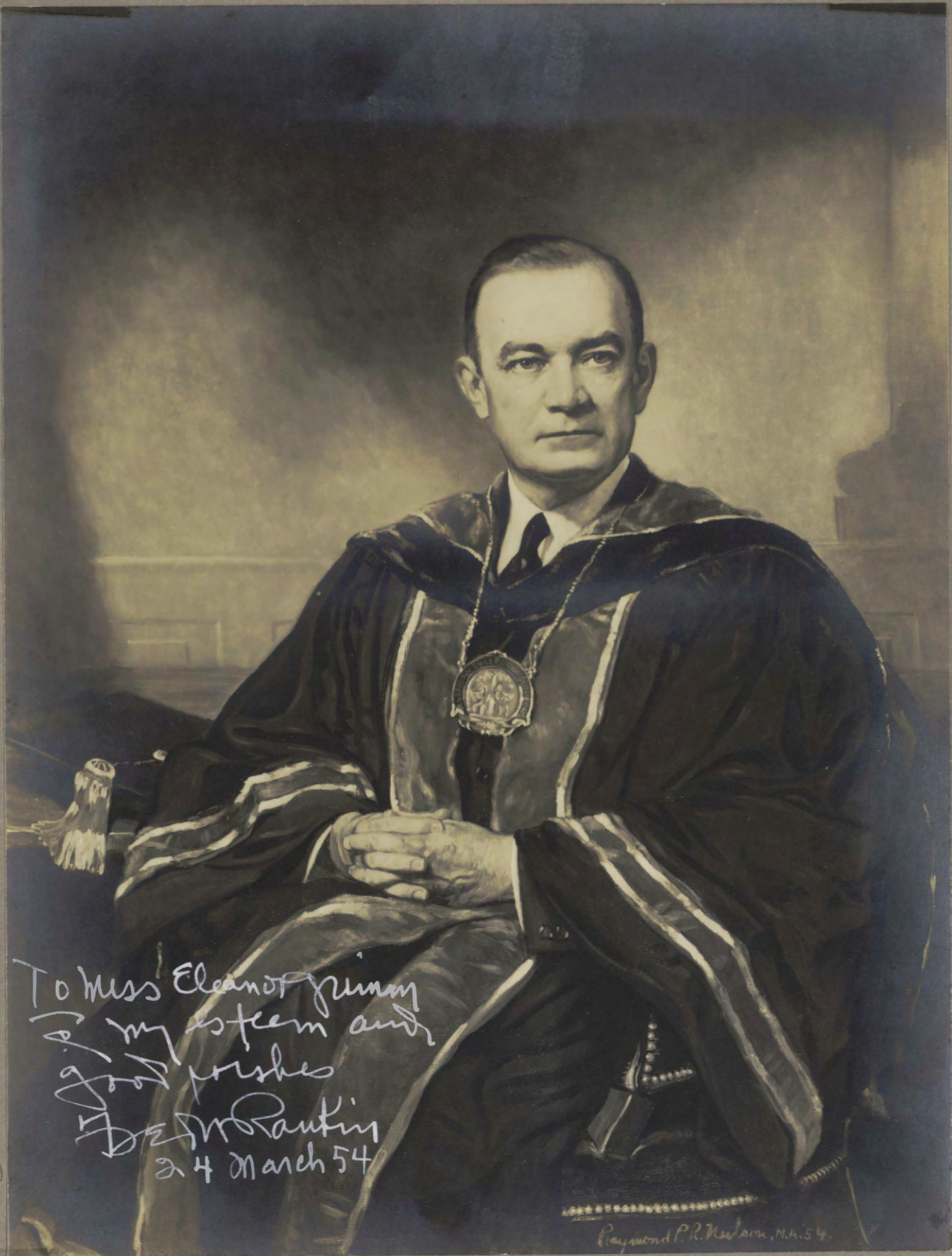
all fine here, but the holiday  
tinged with sadness, as we buried  
Mother Putman this week, & Sr. T. Sr.  
in July. Flew to the Bahamas in  
Feb. & hope to get back to Florida  
this winter. Will call if we do! Love,  
M.

May Lou Niemeyer  
Putman

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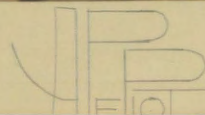


To Miss Eleanor Ginn  
of my esteem and  
good wishes  
Dr. Rautin  
24 March 54

Raymond P. R. Nelson, M.A. 54.



TO Miss Eleanor Grinnard  
my sincere regards  
F. W. Canting  
25 April 50



DR. FRED W. RANKIN  
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APRIL 25  
1950

MISS ELEANOR K. GRIMM  
SECRETARY, BOARD OF REGENTS  
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS  
40 EAST ERIE STREET  
CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

DEAR MISS GRIMM:

TODAY I AM SENDING YOU THE PHOTOGRAPH WHICH YOU WANT TO ADD TO YOUR COLLECTION. I AM CERTAINLY HAPPY TO BE AMONG YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS SURGICAL GROUP WHETHER I MERIT IT OR NOT.

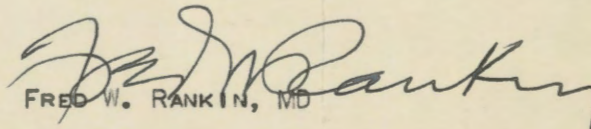
I THOUGHT WE HAD A SPLENDID MEETING AT COLORADO SPRINGS; AND ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME UNPLEASANT EPISODES, I HOPE THEY ARE SHORTLY GOING TO BE IRONED OUT TO THE SATISFACTION OF EVERYONE.

I AM SURE I VOICE THE SENTIMENT OF THE ENTIRE BOARD WHEN I SAY THAT YOUR RETIREMENT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALL REGARD AS A MAJOR CATASTROPHE, AND I PERSONALLY EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND IT CONVENIENT TO TAKE A LONG TIME IN TRAINING YOUR SUCCESSOR.

I WONDER IF YOU WOULD DO TWO THINGS FOR ME. (1) LET ME KNOW THE DATES I WAS ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE COLLEGE, AND (2) ARRANGE FOR THE COLLERS AND ME TO HAVE A SUITE TOGETHER AT THE MEETING OF THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN BOSTON. I THINK SOMEBODY TOLD ME THAT HEADQUARTERS OFFICE WOULD DO THIS FOR THE REGENTS, AND I SHALL APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES, I AM

YOURS MOST SINCERELY,

  
FRED W. RANKIN, MD

FWR:EF

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**FRED WHARTON RANKIN**

19 January  
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My dear Miss Grimm:

Your very nice letter of 20 December 51 came to me sometime ago and I should have answered it immediately, but as you know I have been in the hands of surgeons and am only returning to part-time duty now.

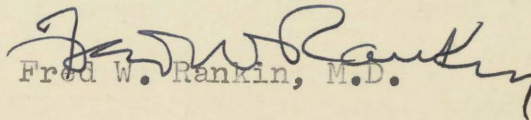
One of my chief regrets at missing the San Francisco Meeting was not being able to participate in the dinner honoring you for your long service and faithful work for the American College of Surgeons. Truly, I do not see how they can get along without you and I feel a bit more resigned to having you retire by the knowledge that you are near for consultation and that your hand can still guide some other person in the duties which you have so long carried out. It would be too much to hope to find someone who could take your place, but I do trust that we may find an adequate substitute who will carry on. Throughout all my association with the College my pleasant friendship with you has been one of the things that made the meetings more enjoyable. I only wish that I had been associated with the College for a longer period of time, but as you know circumstances, geography and other considerations made this impossible.

My illness turned out more fortunately than one could expect and since there was no question of malignancy involved I hope that it is just a matter of time until an operation and some treatment can rid me of all evidences of this congenital anomaly which I did not know existed.

Whether we will go to Florida this year seems uncertain. I have no very definite plans and I am just waiting for something to come up.

Let nothing interfere with attending the White Sulphur Springs Meeting, where I shall look forward to seeing you. Mrs. Rankin joins me in affectionate greetings and very best wishes for a happy holiday and prosperous New Year.

Most sincerely,

  
Fred W. Rankin, M.D.

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Miss Eleanor Grimm  
Clermont, Florida

DR. FRED W. RANKIN  
DR. LAWRENCE E. HURT

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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

March 16  
1953

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm  
Box 382  
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Miss Grimm:

When your letter of late January came to me I was in the midst of a series of episodes which have been recurring over the last fifteen months, and it found me in a hospital. I have had a real workout on various and sundry operative procedures for the elimination of prostatic carcinoma, and I must say that I have, in the language of the Biblical characters, suffered much at the hands of many physicians. They have all been generous, kind, and thoughtful, and have all assured me that I am now in good condition. Actually, I am back at my office and have been at intervals during this time. Today, I feel very much encouraged and healthful. I do not feel well enough to get too far away from my doctors, but think I will gradually work out of that.

It was a joy to me to be made President-Elect of the American College of Surgeons! That completes the triad for me, and as we say in Kentucky, it makes me the third triple crown winner, W. J. and C. H. being the other two. I am hopeful that I can be inaugurated in the Fall, and I seem to have a fair prospect of it at the present time.

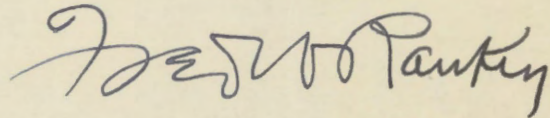
Thanks for your congratulations. However, the College of Surgeons will never be the same to me since you left it. I admit that you were smart to retire when you did, but the great work which you did and the place which you made for yourself cannot be filled as long as we old-timers are in the saddle. We all miss you and everyone frequently speaks of you at the Regents meeting and elsewhere.

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I am glad that you had such a nice trip to Europe and I only wish that I could make such a trip with one of the medical organizations which travels over there occasionally. However, I do not feel that I should go at this time. I do think that I may go down to South America sometime during this year or next, and visit that part of the country, although I am not bilingual and of course that will militate against my having one hundred per cent enjoyment on the trip. Florida was on my itinerary this Fall, but I didn't get to enjoy it because I was in the hospital most of the time during January and February. However, when I get down there, I shall make it my business to look you up and we will have a reunion.

My very best regards, and best wishes to you always.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph W. Pantley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

FWR/em

FRED WHARTON RANKIN

*Ans  
2/10/54*

DEAR MISS GRIMM:

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR NOTE OF SOME DAYS AGO CHEERED ME UP, OR HOW HAPPY I WAS TO HEAR FROM YOU AND GET YOUR FLORIDA ADDRESS. IT WAS WONDERFUL THAT YOU COULD BE AT MY INAUGURATION; IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU. WHEN I THINK OF WHAT YOU HAVE MEANT TO THE COLLEGE OVER THESE LAST FORTY YEARS, HOW YOU HAVE SEEN 19,000 MEN TAKEN INTO THE COLLEGE FROM A MEAGER BEGINNING OF A FEW HUNDRED, AND HOW YOU HAVE WITNESSED THE ELEVATION OF STANDARDS OF SURGICAL PRACTICE, I REJOICE THAT YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS WRITING THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE FROM ITS INFANCY. YOU ARE THE ONE WHO SHOULD DO IT AND YOU WILL DO THE BEST JOB, I KNOW. IT IS NICE TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A JOB WHICH YOU ARE ENJOYING AND WHICH YOU ARE SO COMPETENT TO CARRY OUT.

NOW REPORTING ON ME - I MUST TELL YOU THAT I HAVE HAD A SET-BACK HERE WITHIN THE LAST MONTH. I CAME INTO THE HOSPITAL AND HAD A CYSTOSTOMY DONE, WITH GREAT RELIEF FROM THE TENESMUS WHICH FOLLOWED THE X-RAY. THEN TO MAKE THINGS PERFECTLY EVEN, I DEVELOPED A PULMONARY EMBOLUS, WHICH WAS WELL NIGH FATAL. HOWEVER, I HAVE RECOVERED FROM THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A PROFOUND WEAKNESS, WHICH IS SLOWLY RIGHTING ITSELF AND WHICH I EXPECT TO OVERCOME IN TIME. IT IS A BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME THAT IT SHOULD COME AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT BECAUSE I WAS BEING GIVEN A "RANKIN DAY" AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE WITH A DAY OF CLINICS AND A DINNER MEETING, ETC. WHICH WAS TO BE IN MY HONOR. I SHALL HAVE TO CALL THIS OFF BECAUSE I AM TOO WEAK TO GO TO LOUISVILLE EVEN FROM LEXINGTON. HOWEVER, I DO NOT GIVE UP. I HAVE TWO DEGREES WHICH WILL BE CONFERRED ON ME IN ENGLAND IN MAY IF I CAN GET THERE, AND IT IS NOT AT ALL UNCERTAIN THAT I MAY DO THIS.

YOU WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE A SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT WITH MR. NEILSON ABOUT THE PORTRAIT AND HE IS GOING AHEAD WITH IT. I EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM



FRED WHARTON RANKIN

SHORTLY ABOUT HIS PROGRESS, BUT AM CONFIDENT THAT HE IS GOING TO DO A GOOD JOB. THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT HIS PORTRAIT IN THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS HALL IS FAR SUPERIOR TO THAT OF ANY OTHER I SAW. I AM SO GLAD YOU LIKED IT AND AM SO GLAD WE CAN GET IT WORKED OUT PROPERLY.

I DON'T SUPPOSE I WILL GET TO FLORIDA THIS WINTER, BUT AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE SO HAPPILY SITUATED AND ARE ENJOYING YOURSELF SO SPLENDIDLY. KEEP IT UP! YOU DESERVE A LOT OF FUN AND PLEASURE FROM HERE ON OUT. MEANWHILE, DON'T FAIL TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ME AND REMEMBER THAT I AM ALWAYS INTERESTED IN YOUR COMINGS AND GOINGS.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A PROSPEROUS, HEALTHFUL, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, I AM

MOST SINCERELY YOURS

*Fred W Rankin*

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MISS ELEANOR K. GRIMM  
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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

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MISS ELEANOR GRIMM  
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DEAR MISS GRIMM:

TODAY I AM SENDING YOU A PHOTOGRAPH OF MY PORTRAIT WHICH WAS DONE BY NEILSON AND WHICH HAS BEEN SHIPPED ON TO THE COLLEGE TO BE HUNG IN THE HALL WITH SOME OF THE PROMINENT SURGEONS OF OUR COUNTRY. I FEEL BADLY IF I AM GOING TO HAVE MY PORTRAIT THERE AND EVARTS GRAHAM'S IS NOT HUNG. I HOPE THERE IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THAT AND I AM TRYING TO DO IT. I BELIEVE THIS PORTRAIT AS NEILSON PAINTED IT, IS ALL RIGHT. HE DID IT FROM PHOTOGRAPHS; SOME TAKEN WHEN I WENT INTO THE ARMY AND SOME TAKEN JUST A MONTH OR SO AGO AFTER I HAD BEEN SICK. I AM HEAVIER THAN I HAVE EVER BEEN BUT THEY KNOCKED OFF A COUPLE OF DOUBLE CHINS AND I THINK MADE IT INTO SOMETHING THAT MY FRIENDS MAY RECOGNIZE AS BEING ME.

I DID NOT GET TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING LAST SUNDAY BUT AM HOPING TO GO TO ENGLAND JUST THE SAME. I CAN'T GO TO EDINBURGH BECAUSE IT MAKES TOO MUCH OF A TRIP OF IT BUT I DO WANT TO GO TO LONDON AND LEEDS, IT IS PURELY A MATTER OF MY HEALTH AND I DO NOT KNOW OF COURSE, WHAT THAT IS GOING TO BE. I LOOK WELL, WEIGH MORE THAN I HAVE EVER WEIGHED, HAVE NO EVIDENCES OF METASTASES, AND AM GETTING MY STRENGTH BACK, ALBEIT SLOWLY. THE THING THAT BOTHERS ME IS PAIN AROUND THE BLADDER NECK AND OF ENOUGH SEVERITY THAT I HAVE TO TAKE SOMETHING FOR IT OCCASIONALLY. IF THIS INCREASES, OF COURSE I WON'T BE ABLE TO GO, BUT IF IT DECREASES I WILL MAKE IT ALL RIGHT. I AM SO ANXIOUS TO GET OVER THERE, AND AM MAKING EVERY EFFORT, SO DON'T BE SURPRISED IF I DO SUCCEED IN MAKING THE TRIP.

I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE PROGRESSING WELL IN ASSEMBLING THE MATERIAL FOR THE A.C.S. RECORD. YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THE COLLEGE THAN ANYONE LIVING. ACTUALLY, YOU HAVE HAD AS MUCH TO DO, OR PROBABLY MORE, THAN ANYONE ELSE, IN FORMULATING ITS EARLIER COURSE. THE COMMITTEE OF TWELVE WHICH YOU HAVE JUST FINISHED RECORDING THE FACTS ABOUT AS FOUNDERS CERTAINLY REFLECTS THE UPPER ECHELON OF SURGERY AND DEMONSTRATES HOW IMPOSSIBLE IT WOULD BE FOR A GROUP LIKE THIS TO FAIL. I REMEMBER THE CURRENT CRITICISMS OF THE EARLIER DAYS, UNJUSTIFIED THOUGH THEY WERE, BUT I REMEMBER NOW-DAYS EVERY TIME I PICK UP THE PAPER HOW MUCH GENERAL EISENHOWER IS BEING CRITICIZED FOR NOT HURRYING THINGS, AND I THINK THAT IS REALLY WHY THESE MEN RECEIVED SOMETHING BESIDES PRAISE.

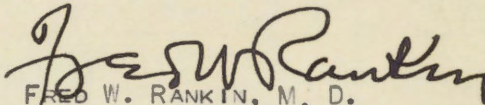
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I AM GOING TO WRITE YOU MORE ABOUT THE GROUP SOMETIME WHEN I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY. MEANWHILE, LET ME BE THINKING ABOUT IT SOME.

I AM SORRY WE DIDN'T GET DOWN TO KEY WEST THIS YEAR BUT MY HEALTH WOULD NOT PERMIT IT. I HOPE YOU HAVE HAD A NICE WINTER. REMEMBER, WHEN YOU COME BACK THIS WAY TO COME BY AND SEE US IF YOU CAN.

ALL GOOD WISHES, IN WHICH EDITH JOINS ME.

SINCERELY YOURS

  
FRED W. RANKIN, M. D.

FWR/EM

1630 Hyde Park Street  
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April 2, 1954

Dear Doctor Rankin, -

Your lovely letter, and the fine photograph of a great portrait have arrived. I am highly complimented by the tribute you paid me on the photograph. The words are especially gratifying since they have come from you.

I am making headway with the history, trying to record what I witnessed as dispassionately as possible. Of course I had great loyalties, and if I had not had I would not have been of any value to the ACS. Where personalities are involved I am letting the record speak for itself.

And I won't be surprised if you succeed in making the trip to London and Leeds, for I know you are going to do it. And my prayers and best thoughts will follow you all of the way. And why don't you plan to make the trip to Lima in December of 1954? I am planning to go as far as Lima on the Mauretania, and then continue on with a friend to Valparaiso, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and some of the islands, back to Havana, and Miami; then back here. I expect to have my same little house here in Sarasota next winter, and shall plan to come down about October 10, 1954, be here until I sail for Lima, and return from Miami after the trip has ended. It has been thirty-one years since I went to South America the second time with the Vandyck cruise of the College which took about 250 surgeons and their wives to all of the important cities. It will be interesting to see what has happened in that area since then. The Latin-American activities of the College will make a real and an interesting story - for the co-operation began in 1915! Way back then Dr. Martin, the Mayos, and some others realized the far-reaching importance - beyond the medical profession - of interchange of ideas and visits. The war interfered for a few years, but active programs were begun in 1920 when

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Dr. Will and Dr. Martin made their first trip to the southern continent. And at that time it was interpreted by the critics as a "pleasure jaunt" even by some of the then Regents, and Dr. Martin had difficulty in getting support to carry on. It is all in the record! You'll have fun reading the story when it is published. As I am writing about Dr. Martin's difficulties, I am hearing over the radio about Sir Winston Churchill, and the situation in which he finds himself. There is a great deal of similarity. And you have spoken of General Eisenhower. History ever repeats itself.

I shall await with interest anything you may wish to send to me concerning your recollection of the earlier days of the College, and also the later days. I wouldn't trade my experiences for those of any one else in the world. The privilege of having been with the ACS since before its first meeting is something that came only to a select few. The great heights it has and is attaining prove that the founders builded better even than they knew.

It is always a real pleasure to hear from you. And I do hope our paths may cross once again in the not distant future. I shall not be returning to Chicago until the end of May. And then you will be in England. Have fun, you and Mrs. Hankin, and know that I shall be wishing that I were there too.

Always sincerely yours,

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WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR the Holidays  
AND FOR HAPPINESS IN THE COMING YEAR

EDITH RANKIN

I find I have a good friend of long ago living in Sarasota. You  
might have something in common. Her name is Marjorie E. Waldbry.  
I don't know her address. If you ever meet her please give her my best.  
Edith R.

(She knows me as E. Mayo)

Merry  
Christmas