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SAN FRANCISCO 8, CALIFORNIA
August 7, 1939

Dear Miss Grimm:

Mrs. Mayo, Mrs. Balfour and the entire family appreciated so much the representatives being here for the last rites for Doctor Will and we are grateful too for the messages which came from you and the others in the College. Doctor Will loved the College and its ideals and purposes and he sincerely believed in its future.

Many thanks to all of you for your thoughtfulness in cabling me your congratulations and good wishes. It meant a great deal to me to receive such a cable from the College. The ceremony went off with all the dignity which characterizes the educational functions in Great Britain. There were many who asked about the affairs of the College and displayed not only a great interest, but expressed appreciation of its purposes and what it has done.

With every good wish to all of you, in which Mrs. Balfour joins me, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Frederic A. Besley
Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern
Dr. Bowman C. Crowell
Mr. A. D. Ballou
Mrs. M. T. Farrow
Miss Eleanor Grimm
October 11, 1939

Miss Eleanor Grimm,  
Mrs. Marian Farrow  
American College of Surgeons  
40 East Erie Street  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Miss Grimm and Mrs. Farrow:

As I wired you, I am greatly disappointed that it will be impossible for me to attend the College meeting in Philadelphia next week. It has been these repeated disappointments of not being able to participate as actively as I should like in the work of the College that has lead me to write Doctor Crile today asking the Board of Regents to accept my resignation. I need not tell you with what regret I reached this decision, but it is only because of the bouts with my health which come most often in the fall of the year that I am forced to do so. I would also have the satisfaction of knowing that a place was being created on the Board for someone who could assume full responsibility better than I am able to do.

I am sorry to put you to the trouble at this late date of asking someone to take my place on the cancer broadcast and also in the symposium on Friday afternoon.

The intimate contact I have had with the College through the Board has made me realize more than ever before the part you have had in the accomplishments of the College. The unobtrusive efficiency with which you have done all this has gained the admiration and respect of everyone for you both.

Needless to say, my resignation from the Board will not lessen, and may even increase, my interest in the College and I will continue to be of whatever help I can.

With every good wish to you both, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Dr. Donald C. Balfour

Rochester, Minnesota
January 3, 1947

Dear Miss Grimm:

The roses that you sent at Christmas were perfectly gorgeous and I wish you could have been here to enjoy them with us. We moved them from one room to another and they did add much to the joy of the Season which was the top Christmas Season for us for a long time because Mary and Fred were here. Mary is more wonderful than I can ever remember her and that is saying something.

From all sides, I hear what a splendid meeting the College had but I know how much they missed you there. However, I know also what a satisfaction it must be to you that the firm foundation upon which you have built the College over the past years is the reason that such great meetings can be continued.

I hope you are feeling better every day and look forward to seeing you when you come up for your recheck. Do make sure we are at home before you come and, of course, we want to have a good visit with you.

With my best wishes in every way for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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

Dear Miss Grimm:  

I appreciate so much your immediate response to my inquiry about a room for us in Boston and look forward very much to seeing you there. I wish we could be there for Saturday and Sunday but we can't possibly leave here before Sunday morning and will not arrive until Monday morning.  

It is grand that you can come to Danville on the 4th and as I told you over the telephone, it will, as far as we are concerned, make the event a success.  

It was nice to hear how well you are and if anyone deserves good health, you do.  

Sincerely yours,  

Donald C. Balfour, M. D.  

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

Dear Miss Grimm:

It was nice of you to write about the meeting, but it would have been better if you could have omitted the second paragraph which refers to your retirement. It doesn't seem possible, but I understand after our talk about it when I last saw you that it is inevitable. The College will never be quite the same as far as I am concerned if you are not there and it will be a sad day for me when you retire. My guess is that you will welcome the freedom that you will have for traveling to your hearts content and for carrying on your old interests and developing new ones, and that you will have in many ways a busier and happier life for the opportunities you will have. I do hope that you will include us in your travels after you get free of your responsibilities. There is nothing that Mrs. Balfour and I would enjoy more than to have a good visit with you here.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting, I am

Sincerely yours,

Donald C. Balfour, M. D.

DCB:ma
October 23, 1951

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

Dear Miss Grimm:

I met Dr. and Mrs. Allende yesterday and had a fine visit with them and will probably see them again before they leave for the West. In any event, I can renew our acquaintance at San Francisco.

We are now making our plans for being there and unless some untoward developments take place with Mrs. Mayo, I will be there, but my guess is that Mrs. Balfour will stay in Los Angeles since one of Donald's children had a mild attack of polio about two weeks ago, and although there is no real residual paralysis there is some weakness in his back muscles and there will be plenty for Mrs. Balfour to do to help out with these next three or four weeks.

I still can't believe that this will be your last official Congress and even though it is most unpleasant to contemplate, I do want to be there to join in the universal regret of your retirement and appreciation for what you have meant to the College.

Sincerely yours,

Donald C. Balfour, M. D.

DCB:na
Miss Eleanor Grimm  
American College of Surgeons  
40 East Erie Street  
Chicago 11, Illinois  

My dear Miss Grimm:

Carrie and I are home safely and I must write and tell you that some guardian angel was watching over you when you decided to take a slower train home and were not involved in that terrible collision on the Union Pacific.  

It was certainly wonderful to see all the tributes that came to you at the meeting and I was very privileged to be there. Most of all, I am so happy about your philosophy of retirement. My guess is that you will have the best years of your life when you really begin your so-called retirement. You have friends everywhere in the world who would be delighted to see you and since you love to travel and enjoy people the way you do, I am sure you will have a long and happy life to look forward to.  

I hope we see you often and always with our affectionate regards.

Sincerely yours,

Donald C. Balfour, M. D.

DCBima
Miss Eleanor Grimm  
Route #1 Box 67  
Burlington  
Wisconsin  

My dear Miss Grimm:  

Carrie and I are so happy to know of the wonderful trip you are having, and we appreciated your letter and the post cards. How I wish we could be with you. The memories of our visits to Great Britain and Europe are very precious to us, and we are talking seriously of going over again next year. I hope everything goes well in every way on the trip and that we will see you soon after your return.

The College meeting was a great success except it will never be the same for us without you there. The big crowd and the programs are getting better each year. Many of the problems are the same ones that have been wrestled with through the whole history of the College. So many of your old friends asked about you, and you were really missed and always will be.

Carrie and I have no definite plans for the winter except to get to California sometime in March. All the children were here for the dedication of the monument. Everyone is enthusiastic about the statues which is going some for things of that kind. We had a great many visitors from abroad this fall, and it does help out to have them here as far as I am concerned because there is no bar to the Emeritus Staff in many activities that are arranged for these visitors.

It has been wonderful to hear from you, and to know how much you are enjoying your trip. We will sure be glad to see you when you return.

Highest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Donald C. Balfour, M.D.

DCB: hal
February 20, 1953

Dear Miss Grimm,-

What a wonderful letter you have written to us! First, I must thank you for what you have said about the Martin Memorial lecture. It was not what I wanted to do, but apparently they are trying to make that Monday night meeting more interesting to a general audience than perhaps it has been in the past: at least, most of the audience stayed, I think, through the lecture and I kept it within thirty minutes.

Carrie and I were entranced with your trip abroad and the unusually interesting things you seemed to encounter. Of course, I am not surprised, because I know you have friends in every part of the world through your long association with the College, and I know how eager they all are to show their appreciation for what you have done for surgery in this country. I am sorry you were not longer in Rome. To me, it is the eternal city and I would certainly like to go there again and give more time to the innumerable inspiring places there are there. I quite understand your enthusiasm for the Prado. So relatively few in this country are familiar with the magnificent works of art there, which will be just as wonderful thousands of years from now as they are today. I must tell you, when we see you, some of our experiences in Madrid and Barcelona and how wonderful some members of the profession were to us when we were all a bit under the weather. I know that you have memories, as you say, that will be imperishable, and you will be constantly running into people who have been over there and with whom you can compare notes.

I hope you are having a nice winter in Florida and when you get back to your home base again, do let us know; we shall use this as an excuse for getting down to Chicago! We are more or less back on a normal schedule again. Carrie and I were both under the weather during the Christmas vacation and we thought it wise to postpone for a while going out to see Donald and Jerry, though it is a terrible temptation to see the new grandchild. They are quite delirious over the fact that they have another girl.

Everyone here is well and I know all of your friends would join us in very best wishes, in every way, and in hoping that it will not be too long before we see you.

Sincerely yours,

Donald C. Balfour, M. D.

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To: Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
Box 382, Winter Park
Florida
May 7, 1957

Dear Miss Grimm -

It was indeed good to have your greetings at the Easter season, and to hear of your activities, particularly in portrait painting. We shall look forward to seeing what you have done, and perhaps we can pick up some commissions for you around here, including one of myself although I am getting into the age group in which I have no particular desire to have evidences of advancing years put on canvas.

However, Mrs. Balfour and I are both very well. Though we have not been away this winter, we are talking about some short trips for summer is apparently here, and do hope we will run across you somewhere before you return to Florida.

I envy you your trip to the College meeting, and know how much it will mean to you to see the wonderful progress the College is making and to see old friends who will always be so happy to see you again.

Our affectionate regards always and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
1630 Hyde Park Street
Sarasota, Florida
DONALD G. BALFOUR, M.D.
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

October 1, 1957

My dear Miss Grimm -

It was indeed good to hear from you but disappointing to know that you are not getting up our way this summer. I still hope that before you return to Florida you will have a chance to drive over and see us. We would love to have a good visit with you.

I seem to miss more and more seeing old friends, and particularly meetings such as the College, to which you have added so much in the past, but my medical advisors tell me that I had better stay with the program that has kept me so fit in the last few months. However, I hope it will not be long before they will relent to some degree and it may be that we can get to Florida. If we do, I will surely let you know and hopeful that we may see you.

I can't tell you how much I look forward to seeing your manuscript for I know it will be a story which no one else could do and of great importance to the College, surgery and surgeons. I think the greatness of the College and its founders was in recognizing that the only approach to the elevation of surgery in this country was through such a program as they inaugurated. Any other would have been doomed. I hope in your book that this philosophy of the founders of the College will be emphasized.

Carrie and I are fine, and miss so much seeing you. With our affectionate regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Miss Eleanor E. Grimm
Route 1, Box 67
Burlington, Wisconsin
My dear Eleanor -

I'm so sorry you have to give up your trip around the world - We always wanted to do it, too, but have found too many things to see in this country! Phoebe and Waltman hope to start around in October - They are just back from a meeting in Russia.

You were nice to send us the pictures you took last summer. We hope you will chance up (you may!) to take some more this summer! And to see the paints you have such a thing in Florida.
I am enclosing a clipping to show the event we had in our family. It was a most happy and rewarding time, with all the children home.

With hopes of seeing you— we both send our love

Carrie Balfour
Mrs. Balfour, Mayo Family Member, Dies

Wife of Emeritus Foundation Director W.J. Mayos' Daughter

Mrs. Donald C. Balfour of Rochester, 73, wife of the emeritus director of the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, died early today at home here after an illness of about six months.

Mrs. Balfour was the former Carrie L. Mayo, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Mayo. She was born in Rochester March 21, 1887, and attended public schools of Rochester and Rochester High School. She was later a student at the Baldwin School in Pennsylvania and at Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

She was married to Dr. Balfour, May 28, 1910. Dr. Balfour, born in Toronto, Canada, in 1882, had been graduated as a physician from the University of Toronto in 1906, and had come to Rochester in 1907 as an assistant in pathology in the Mayo Clinic. In 1909 Dr. Balfour was appointed a junior surgeon and in 1912 he became head of a section of general surgery at the Clinic, a post he held until 1937, when he became director of the Mayo Foundation. He retired from that post in 1947.

KEEN MUSIC INTEREST

Like her husband, Mrs. Balfour was keenly interested in music, and on many occasions she presided at musical gatherings at the family home at 427 6th Ave. SW, where Dr. Balfour customarily played the pipe organ. Many notable musical figures, such as Marcel Dupre, celebrated organist of
Eugene Ormandy, conductor of the Philadelphia orchestra, and others, visited the Balfour home and sometimes participated in an evening devoted to music or talk about music.

The library of the Balfour home is where Mrs. Balfour's parents, Dr. Mayo and the former Miss Hat tie M. Damon were married in 1884. The home, later extensively rebuilt and enlarged, was originally the old Damon family home.

In November 1960, Dr. and Mrs. Balfour gave their home to the Mayo Association and it is now being leased by the Rochester YMCA. The Balfours resided at a former home of her parents, 322 8th Ave. SW, at the time of her death.

MANY VISITS TO EUROPE

Mrs. Balfour also had a special interest in geology and mineralogy, and enjoyed traveling with her husband. They made many visits to Europe together, and had spent many winters in Tucson, Ariz., where Dr. and Mrs. William J. Mayo had a winter home, as well as in other places in the southwest. Despite her extensive travels, however, Mrs. Balfour's prime interests were always in the community and in her family, and her contributions to the welfare of the community as a whole were impressive, even though many of them were not known.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. H. F. Helmholz Jr. of Rochester; three sons, Dr. William M. Balfour of Lawrence, Kan., Dr. Donald C. Balfour Jr. of San Marino, Calif., and Walter Balfour of Marysville, Calif.; 18 grandchildren: one great-grandchild, and a sister, Mrs. Waltman Walkers of Rochester.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Congregational Church, of which she was a member. The Rev. Don A. Bundy will officiate. Private graveside services will be conducted at Oakwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Vine Funeral Home after 7 p.m. today and until noon Wednesday. The family suggests memorials to St. Marys or Rochester Methodist hospitals.

Balfours Note
50th Wedding Anniversary

By JEAN HAGEN
Post-Bulletin Staff Writer

Dr. Donald C. Balfour and the former Miss Carrie Louise Mayo at their golden wedding anniversary observance Saturday evening, stood on the same spot before the fireplace in their home at 427 6th Ave, SW where they were married on May 28, 1910.

It was the same spot in the near-century-old house where Mrs. Balfour's parents, Dr. William J. Mayo and the former Miss Hattie May Damon, were wed on Nov. 20, 1884.

With the Balfours as they relived the moment when their wedding vows were spoken and at their golden wedding dinner were their children and their spouses: Dr. and Mrs. Fred H. Helmholz of Rochester, Dr. and Mrs. William Balfour of Lawrence, Kan., Dr. Donald C. Balfour Jr. of San Marino, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Balfour of Yuba City, Calif. All of their 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild could not be present because DR. AND MRS. DONALD C. BALFOUR

House built in 1866

The scene of the quiet family party was the house built in 1866 by Mrs. Balfour's grandfather, Eleazer Damon. It became the home of the young Mayo Clinic physician from Canada and his bride after their marriage and they have lived there since, making certain additions because of their growing family.

The living room, originally on the north so that Mrs. Damon "could see the lights of the distant village of Rochester," was shifted to the south. A large music room was built on behind the living room, to accommodate the grand piano and the big pipe organ with 1,400 pipes which the music-loving doctor had installed.

The added space was needed too for entertaining the many world-famous persons who came to the Clinic in the early days when Dr. Balfour was one of only about 10 men on the staff and there was only one hotel in Rochester, the Cook House.

The high-ceilinged music room (for acoustics), with sun flooding in the tall windows that fill two walls to the south and west and a great fireplace for winter evenings, has been the gathering place since of many distinguished medical and musical groups, such as the St. Olaf Choir.

F. M. Christiansen, famed director of the choir, on one such occasion admonished his singer-students to look around in the Balfour home and see the importance of the love of beauty. "Beauty is in every corner. There are art treasures the Balfours have brought home from their world travels, rare books lining the walls of the living room, family heirlooms of Mayos and the Scotch Balfours, precious china, silver and pewter pieces Mrs. Balfour has collected.

"Carrie's a collector," Dr. Balfour says fondly. More seriously he said, "But her real hobby is her family, her home and gardening. And travel! She loves to travel."

Mrs. Balfour says she enjoys reliving their past life in the memories in their home. "But my husband is a future-looking man!"

MOST INTERESTING LIFE

They agree that they have had a wonderful life and have met a most interesting lot of people.

"We hope we can carry on for a long time together," Dr. Balfour said. He added that what older people want most is companionship.

Dr. Balfour, director emeritus and emeritus professor of surgery in the Mayo Foundation, was on the Mayo Clinic staff from 1909 until his retirement in 1947. The world-famous surgeon is one of Rochester's most beloved men of medicine, because of his warm interest not only in fellows in medicine, but also in his fellowmen in all walks of life and because of his contributions to the civic and cultural life of Rochester.

DR. AND MRS. DONALD C. BALFOUR
February 23, 1961

My dear Eleanor Grimm:

You have no idea how much your wonderful and understanding letter means to me. Those who knew Carrie as you did will appreciate how blessed I am with the memory of our life together. You may not know that last May we had our 50th wedding anniversary and even though I knew (Carrie did not know) that her illness had an inevitable end, we filled our days and hours by repeating the happy experiences which we had in the past, visiting with lifelong friends like yourself, traveling in this area and living just by ourselves at the farm through the summer and fall added to the wonderful memories that I have. You will understand that the loss of her companionship is lessened by the thought that she was spared further suffering from a condition which gave rise to pain which was very difficult to control.

Carrie spoke so often of how much she enjoyed seeing you not only through the years but particularly when you came to see us here this summer and I do hope that when you return from your trip around the world, you will stop by and tell me all about it.

Thanks so much for your letter and I hope that you will have a wonderful trip and be well and active for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Donald C. Balfour

Miss Eleanor Grimm
1630 Hyde Park Street
Sarasota, Florida
January 8, 1962

My dear Miss Grimm:

Thank you so much for your Christmas greeting and the extraordinary account of your 'round the world tour. I have never read one that was more interesting in its compactness and you may be in serious trouble with travel agencies for making it easier for the people contemplating such a trip to stay home and read the record of your experiences! It will be wonderful to see you and hear more about it all, but in the meantime, I hope you will have a pleasant winter and that some time next summer you will be this way again. Mrs. Balfour and I have always had treasured memories of our friendship with you.

Sincerely yours,

DR. DONALD C. BALFOUR
322 EIGHTH AVENUE SOUTHWEST
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

To: Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
1630 Hyde Park Street
Sarasota
Florida
April 5, 1962

My dear Miss Grimm:

You are certainly becoming a world traveler and I wish that I could take a trip such as the one you will soon begin. I do hope that it will be as wonderful as you anticipate and most important of all, that you will remain well. I trust that when you return, you will let me know something about your experiences over there.

Am sure you have had a pleasant winter and hope it will not be long before I see you again.

Sincerely yours,

DCB/dk

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

I appreciated so much your lovely cards from abroad, and I envy you for the wonderful experiences you have had. I look forward so much to seeing you sometime this winter, but although I am very fit I still am curtailed in my traveling.

We have had a delightful summer here, and it was particularly joyful for me since all of the family and many of the grandchildren were here at various times; they all got together to celebrate my 80th birthday.

You were most thoughtful in remembering how I enjoy hearing from you and I do hope to see you before too long.

With my affectionate regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

DCB

Miss Eleanor Grimm
1630 Hyde Park Street
Sarasota, Florida
My dear Miss Grimm:

I am so glad you let me know about the wonderful trip that you are starting on, and only regret that I have to do my traveling by hearing from others, and of reading about these fascinating places you are going to visit! I do hope that you will be well; it is unnecessary for me to say I hope you will enjoy the trip because I knew that you are in a class by yourself in making the most of such an interesting opportunity.

Best wishes for your safe return and I hope you will let me know, as you did with your previous trips, some of your experiences. In the meantime, my affectionate regards, always.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

February 16, 1963
322 Eighth Avenue S.W.
Rochester, Minnesota

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
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W. Barber Ltd.
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AEROGRA?ME • PAR AVION
Dear Donald Balfour,

Upon my return to Sarasota, I have learned of the death of your Father. I had heard from him before I sailed for a Mediterranean Cruise in the Spring, and also during the Cruise, for I had sent him my itinerary. He and your Mother always expressed an interest in my travels, so through the years I had kept them informed of my goings and comings, and each Christmas sent them an account of my travels during the given year. I had a wonderful four days at the Balfour Farm in 1959. Drive up there from Browns Lake in Wisconsin (near Lake Geneva) where I was spending the summer with my Sister. We had such delightful visits. Then your beloved Mother passed away. And now your wonderful Father has joined her.

I had spent a week in Chicago, and then some time in the Ozarks. On the afternoon of July 24, which I was in Chicago, I put through a call to your Father in Rochester. The housekeeper answered. I identified myself to her, and she said your Father was not at home, but was expected later in the day, as I understood her. She asked if there were any way he could reach me. Unfortunately there was not, for my Niece and Nephew were waiting to take me to dinner, and to the train in the early evening. I am so very sorry that I did not have this last opportunity to talk with your Father, for I believe he passed away the following day. We had always had such interesting talks about the men in the surgical profession whom we both knew, and had known.
While in Chicago I spent a Sunday with the Kochs. Dr. Koch had great admiration and affection for your Father, and we spoke of him during my visit. We also spoke of you and your family. Alice Mason, Mike's widow, was there, and she is wonderful.

It is a long time since our paths have crossed, but I still recall with pleasure my visits with you and Jerry before, during, and since the War, in Chicago, in Boston, in Rochester, and most recently in Los Angeles. Your Mother and Father were there at that time - in 1953 - when I had a trip through the West. Your Father was in the hospital; your Mother, Jerry, and I went to the Paramount Studios, at the invitation of Dr. Strandhen, and met up with Bing Crosby who was making a picture - one of the "On the Road to" series. Then I had dinner with all of you, including your Brother, Walter, who was then visiting Los Angeles. These are all such pleasurable and vivid memories.

I hear at least once or twice a year from Mary Lou and Christ Putman. His Father passed away this Spring.

I am making my home in Sarasota since I retired from the American College of Surgeons in 1952. This is the 50th Anniversary of the organization of the ACS. I joined the staff, as Dr. Franklin Martin's Secretary, on September 8, 1913 - just about 50 years ago. I shall be everlastingly grateful for the experience that was mine - in being a part of at the very beginning of what was and has continued to be so great a force in the surgical world. I have recollections of the privilege of meeting the great men through the 40 years of my association with the College - outstandingly the Mayos.

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and your Father who was greatly beloved by the men of the profession.

My heartfelt sympathy to you, and to your Sister Mary, to your Brothers, William and Walter, and to all of you and their children in the great loss that you have all sustained. And my grateful thanks to all of you for the lasting memory I have of my association with you.

Perhaps our paths may cross once again. Until that time my affection and all good wishes.

Always sincerely yours,

(Signed) Eleanor Grimm
Best wishes for Christmas & the New Year
Carrie & Donald Balfour
Thanks so much for your message. We need such evidence of friendship in such a tragedy.

We send our love.

Carrie
Merry Christmas
A Happy New Year
Carrie & Donald Balfour

With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year. Carrie & Donald Balfour
We were so glad to get your postal and wish we could have been there for a visit. However, Donald is feeling quite well, and we are leading a happy life here at Rome. I hope you can come up next summer.

Don Jr. was very sick again but is safely better now. Bill is coming home for Xmas - so we are very thankful to you for your help. Love, Carini & Joel.

Your postal rounded off two years ago at two trips as much as we did. It was enjoyable, and we thought of you many times and hoped you were nice to take time to remember us. We were nice to take time and hope you were wonderful trip - your trip was wonderful, and yours was nice to take time.

College meeting well and wonderful times as much as we did.
Best wishes for Xmas and the New Year.

Donald Balfour.

So anxious to hear about your world tour.

DDB.
Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year
Carrie & Ronald Balfour
I hope you have had a happy trip to Nassau and that we will surely see you again next summer.

You must admit that this scene at the farm is pretty (on a card) even if you don't see it from outdoors too often. - Love Carrie & Tom
Merry Christmas
A Happy New Year
Carrie & Donald Balfour

Best wishes for Christmas & the New Year
Carrie & Donald Balfour
My dear [Name],

The thought of your family being away makes me feel so sad. I wish we could be together to share this time. We are all thinking of you very much.

Love,
[Your Name]
Best wishes for Christmas & The New Year
Carrie & Donald Balfour
We were sorry not to see you when you were North this summer.

We have a pretty good year to report, and I hope you can say the same - it must be wonderful to live in Florida! These Minnesota winters seem to be getting colder & colder.

Don't pass us by next year.

Love - Carma.

Wednesday

My dear Eleanor Grimm:

I just had an inquiry about those gorgeous red roses you sent us - which must mean I never wrote you - which is hard to conceive as I nursed them for two weeks, and loved it, they went from vace to vace, and finally I'm terrally glad.

But trust you will do it again next year. It was such fun - so be sure to do it again that happy often to drive - you can come often.
We loved seeing your pictures—and how smart you were to join such a congenial group. Bring some more pictures with you next year—I know you and your friends will have a wonderful time in Nassau.

Cactus Blossoms

Best wishes with love,

Carrie Balfour
Our greetings from California and best wishes for the Holiday Season
The Balfours

Season's Greetings from the Balfours
We hope one of your trips will bring you out our way - Be sure to let us know if you come. The Rabsours will be here in January for a month and we can hardly wait.

Merry Christmas and our best wishes for the coming year.

Jerry and Don

160 South June St
FA 4, CA

Thank you so much for your postcard from H. Lauderdale and now your Christmas card and lovely note. I'm happy to report Don is feeling better every day. We are most grateful he is still with us.

Your traveling sounds marvelous but why not include California? So pleased to hear you are taking art lessons - I aspire to that someday.

The children are all well & busy. David built his "car" with a HP engine & he really travels. He's in 7th grade; Darrel in 10th more conscientious than ever; the twins in 4th & Cub Scouts still (my 5th straight yr. as Den Mother); Carolyn is in 2nd & Mary in nursery school. I got a late start on Christmas but I think Santa's ready. Our warmest greetings & love to you - Jerry.
a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

The Balfours

Holiday Greetings from the Balfours
Dear Miss Grimm,

It was wonderful to see you and our only regret was that we didn't have more time with you. It is good you went to Florida though for the past two weeks have been cold! It has been such fun remembering our exciting morning at Paramount and I'm most grateful to you and Dr. Strathburn.

We had a busy time here last week with the AMA - Don gave a paper and took an exhibit and we had house guests and other friends dropping in all week. It was good fun - I hope you are really relaxing now - but don't forget California & come back soon. Thank you again and our very best to you - Jury

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Dear Miss Grimm,

The Belfours were so pleased to see you and reported that you looked wonderful. Sorry our trip there in October couldn't have coincided with yours.

So happy you had such a marvelous trip to South America - but not so happy that you're content in America!

All well here and looking forward to Christmas. Hope you have a happy Christmas and good 1956 - Tenderly, Jury
Season's Greetings from The Balfours

Holiday Greetings from the Balfours
I had to address another envelope when your card & note came. Thought you were to be with your sister for Christmas. How nice that you found such a delightful spot to spend the winter.

Don gave a page at the Western Surgical, & how we missed seeing you! Dr. Koch took us to lunch, & we had a few brief chats with the Masons. Altogether it was a wonderful trip - a few days in Albuquerque with my family, then Chicago where we saw lots of old friends, & on to Rochester for 10 grand days with the Balfours.

Hope you have a happy Christmas and pleasant winter - Come back soon! Love, Jerry

Character, strength, and deeper understanding can always come with God's will.

Dad and the children
David  Donald
Mary   Alan  John Carolyn

join us in Holiday Greetings
Jerry and Dan Balfour
We're wondering where your travels have taken you this year and where you will be for Christmas.

We are all well and thriving -
David is in Boy Scouts this year;
Donald is in his last year of Cub Scout (so, den mother again) and both busy with church choir, dancing, tennis, & piano lessons. The twins are in 2nd grade - reading & writing very well this year. They're taking piano, too but playing more football than piano!
Carolyn is 5, loves kindergarten, & rides her tricycle everywhere. Mary is into mischief constantly but completely adorable! Dan is working much too hard.

The Belfours will be out in January and we can hardly wait.

Our best to you always - Jerry
May 20, 1936

Miss Eleanor Grimm
40 East Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Grimm:

Last night as you read the revised minutes of the Sunday meeting, I was again impressed with your great value to the College and to the promotion of harmony.

The report of the meeting and of the discussion was accurate and yet there was nothing injected that would lead a reader to believe that there had been any dissension or friction. That is as it should be. All credit to your unusual intelligence and understanding.

I confess that I was very much surprised to learn of the plans that you and Mac spoke of and knowing you both as I do, I am sure that you never indulge in speculative gossip or in anticipation of trouble. This makes the situation seem more serious to me, although I doubt very much, if such a plan could receive the support of the Fellows of the Board. I feel there is no need of undue apprehension, although reasonable steps must be taken to combat any such plan which I feel certain would not be in the best interest of the College.

It is difficult for me to express to you in words how much I appreciate what your constructive work means to the College. This is said honestly and sincerely.

You are working a bit too hard, so please plan for a vacation this summer and I shall try and arrange for you to get it.

With my very kindest and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Frederic A. Besley

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Frederic A. Besley
Miss Eleanor Grimm
c/o Franklin H. Martin
54 East Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Miss Grimm:

Again I am impressed with the efficiency and effectiveness of the whole administrative organization who made that great meeting at Boston run so smoothly.

On every hand one could observe the results of careful consistent preparation, and every detail connected with the meeting went with the smoothness that is almost unbelievable.

It is not necessary to say what a large part your efforts played in this very efficient machine, and I want to extend my personal thanks and appreciation of what you have done, and that which I know you will continue to do.

Will you please send me a list of the names who took part in the conference on Traumatic Surgery with their addresses so that I may send them a personal note of thanks to supplement the one that I know Dr. Martin will send to them?

May I suggest that you take a week off and do nothing, for I know you must be very tired and exhausted.

With my very sincere good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Frederic A. Besley

FAB:GM
My dear Miss Grim:

Your most interesting letter came as a delightful surprise, and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate it. What you said of Mrs. Besley is most pleasing, and I can assure you that I enjoyed the association as much as you did. She often wrote to me about your kindesses to her, and I want to tell you how much I appreciate all you did for her to make life more pleasant. It was very nice to get such direct news about the doings in Washington.

It will always be a sincere regret to me that I did not insist on the Council of National Defense dispensing with your services, so that you might have been allowed to come with us. I have often thought how valuable you would have been to us. As you probably know, I have been relieved from duty at the hospital; this is permanent, and I shall, no doubt, have no occasion to return for duration. I think it is quite possible, if not probable, that we may soon be in a position where your services would be invaluable, and, if so, I shall make every effort to secure them, provided it meets with your approval. Naturally, I should take no action about this until I have first communicated with you, and secured your consent. In many ways it's better for you to be where you are and, perhaps, you have fulfilled the larger mission there, but I think I know you well enough to appreciate your feelings and your desire to be a little closer to the more intense activities. I wish you would write to me frequently and keep me in touch with your movements and your desires.

Letters from Major Martin and Mrs. Donnelly are always a delight.

Thank you very much for that invitation to pay you a visit, and I think it needs no comment of mine to assure you that I should be delighted to accept. Please give my very kindest regards to the other girls in the office, whom I know, and tell them that I shall never forget their kindness. With my very best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Harlery G. Besley

Miss Eleanor K. Grim,
% Major Franklin H. Martin,
Council of National Defense,
Washington.

Dear Miss Grim:

Only yesterday they came to light a quit large box of Hughesandy,
containing a beautiful Christmas card and the
FABEL's names, Eleanor K. Grinyer, Jessi E. Sorgimans and Young.
It seems it arrived when I was detailed from the Hospital last
winter and I saw it; it was packed away and not designing
would we want. It will interest you to know there is an
condition and most welcome for all except at any severe and
hard to secct. It is difficult. You must have thoughts it would have
you when you had thought it. I did not know how at least could delay, but kept cutting thanks.
Miss Eleanor K. Grimm,
C/o Council of National Defense,
Munsey Building,
Washington, D.C.

September 29th, 1917

My dear Miss Grimm:

Your very nice letter of September 5th has just been received and I hasten to tell you how delighted we were to hear from you. The day before your letter came I had received a letter from Capt. Blau telling me that he had been to Washington and stating what a nice girl Miss Grimm was. He was very much elated over his appointment to a position in the Navy and I am sure he will make good, for he was a very efficient officer and we had an opportunity of observing him under the stress and strain of excitement.

He was very much pleased with the reception Dr. Martin tendered him and was sure that his letter was a great help.

I understand that Mrs. Besley is coming to Washington next month and I wish that you would tell Mrs. Donnelly that you girls are to chaperon her and see that she behaves. From the way she has been working I do not think you will find she is a drone and I am sure that her industry will be effective.

We are still "carrying on" as the British say, doing all sorts of hard work. Our Convoys of late have been frequent and large, which means that every member of the organization has been kept busy from early morning until late at night and some of them all night.

The health of the entire organization is good and the spirit is so splendid that it passes understanding.

I need not say that I have regretted many times that I allowed any one to interfere with your coming. Be of good heart, however, for I am convinced that this great conflict is anything but over and I am sure that there
will be an opportunity for you to come over later, and perhaps in a larger capacity than the one we had to offer, for I am sure you are capable of filling such a place.

Please give my love to all the girls and my very kindest regards to all my friends in Washington.

Believe me, Most cordially yours,

Major Frederic A. Besley

[Signature]

Major Frederic A. Besley

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September 8, 1954

Miss Eleanor Grimm  
Route 1, Box 67  
Browns Lake  
Burlington, Wisconsin

Dear Eleanor:

Ruby and I were delighted to get your letter of the 5th. I am specially interested in your new job as I am one of the few living, active surgeons who attended the original organization meeting of the College in 1913. One historical fact I can give you is the motion regarding the secret divisions of fees was proposed by Doctor Miles Porter, of Southbend, Indiana, and seconded by Doctor William F. Metcalf, and Doctor Blain, of Detroit.

I still think that the success of the College is a monument to your personal efforts. We hope to take a trip to the West Coast of South America someday in the not too distant future. I doubt whether we will attend with the surgeons group this year.

You would hardly know the family now. Doctor Alex has four children, Shirley, who is married to Doctor Robert Berry of Ann Arbor, has three, Don is still single and in a surgical residency in Baltimore.

Should you come to Detroit at anytime in the future, be sure to let us know in advance.

Sincerely yours,

Alex W. Blain M.D.
April 25, 1952

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
Clermont, Florida

Dear Eleanor:

It was nice hearing from you at Easter time. I was awfully sorry to see you leave your job with the College. Next to the death of Doctor Martin, I think that it is the greatest blow that the College has had since its conception.

Some time in the near future, I would like to see you and discuss the College affairs with you.

With kindest personal wishes from Ruby as well as myself, I am

Sincerely yours,

A.W.B. sk

Alexander W. Blain, M.D.
R.M.S. MAURETANIA
West Indies and South America Cruise, 1934-35.

[Handwritten notes:]
- Signed by Eleana
- Remarks by Alphonse Y. Rioux
WISH SO MUCH THAT I COULD BE THERE TO JOIN OTHERS IN HONORING MISS ELEANOR GRIMM SHE DESERVES THIS AND EVERY OTHER HONOR THAT MAY COME TO HER PLEASE CONGRATULATE HER ON HER EXCELLENT PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EXTEND MY BEST WISHES FOR MANY HAPPY AND USEFUL YEARS TO COME.

ALFRED BLALOCK
October 8, 1951

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

Dear Miss Grimm:

I am so sorry to learn that you have decided to retire following the meeting in San Francisco. One of the nicest things about serving on the Board of Regents has been that of working with you. You will certainly be missed greatly and I wish that you would continue in your work as long as your health permits.

Regarding item 19 mentioned on the agenda of the meeting, I shall have no report to make since unfortunately I was unable to attend the meeting of the International Society of Surgery in Paris. After I have talked to some of the people who attended the meeting, I may make a short verbal report. If you wish a written report, possibly Dr. Charles Puestow, who is Vice-Chairman of the American delegation, would be willing to supply it.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred Blalock, M.D.
December 29, 1953

Miss Eleanor Grimm  
1630 Hyde Park Street  
Sarasota, Florida

Dear Miss Grimm:

Thank you ever so much for your nice note at Christmastime. The meeting in Chicago was made much more enjoyable by your presence. I doubt if you realize the affection which the Regents and others have for you.

I am delighted that you are continuing your work on the history of the College. If I get any ideas that I think might be usable, I will send them along.

Best wishes for a delightful 1954.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Alfred Blalock, M.D.
Miss Eleanor Grimm  
1630 Hyde Park Street  
Sarasota, Florida  

Dear Miss Eleanor:  

The enclosed is copied from the autobiography of Dr. J. M. T. Finney entitled "A Surgeon's Life", published by G. P. Putnam in 1940. I imagine you have seen it but I send it along in case you have not.  

Hope everything is going well with you.  

Sincerely yours,  

[Signature]  

Alfred Blalock, M.D.
December 28, 1957

Miss Eleanor Grimm
1630 Hyde Park Street
Sarasota, Florida

Dear Eleanor:

Thank you ever so much for your Christmas card together with the picture of Dan Elkin, Frank Berry, and myself. I am delighted to have this.

Wish our paths crossed more often. All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred Bialock, M.D.
Joel T. Bones
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