Oct. 8th 1958

Dear Mr. Rawlinson,

The publisher sent me a sample copy for review. I hope I can do it justice.

Let's have a look at the revised text for a chapter on the background of the American College.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dr. Herbert Bruce's Memoirs

By W. A. Deacon


The Globe and Mail, Saturday, Sept. 27, 1958

Browsing...

90 years of LIVING

I have just read about ninety years of living which is a triumphant affirmation that life has pursued a course which 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 Honourable 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 decide for themselves the compelling force of Dr. Bruce's book.

But I cannot forebear sharing my enthusiasm for a book which not only relates fascinating 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 but as a work of artistic literature that this book has impact. Its prose style explicit as a surgeon's instruction, 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 unconnected 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 80 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 severely consistent. If he was wrong, the censure proved him right but his assurance often agitated critics so that they intertemporally accused him of 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 announced 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 jeered him, jeered him, shouted threats and curses. He remained undeterred. When the police had cleared 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.

Losers men found it hard to concede a man capable of impartial high-mindedness. Those who knew 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 is 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 the same.

Read VARIED OPERATIONS. You'll see.

—L. M. McK.
The Busy Years—
Dr. Bruce's 9 Decades

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 onetime 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

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.

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.

Dr. 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.

That 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 there was another back-bencher 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 convictions.

Mr. Hyman is a Globe Magazine staff writer.

Mr. 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 during 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."

FN 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,
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 E R B E R T B R U C E was born in Blackstone on Sept. 28, 1888. 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 accepted, when Premier Hepburn made good his threat to close it, on the grounds that it was a needless expense.

In 1911, 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 H E 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 theologians 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 promote more for human welfare.”

T H E 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 1916, 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 felt that a case like 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.”
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June 22 1957

Dear Mr. Freima,

I think I am right in my recollection that you are or were married. It was good to see you.

I was so pleased to hear from you after all these years. Glad to say that I have made an excellent recovery from my operation and am enjoying good health still active in duties as follows:

- Governor University of Toronto
- Chairman Carnegie Medical Research Foundation
- Director University Hospital
- Bank of Crown Life Insurance
- Crown Jewel Co.
- Member, Committee, Carnegie Medical Research Laboratories

The above duties are fewer 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 toforesee what her next move will be. p.t.o.
Dear [Name],

I hope this is not too much to ask, but I was wondering if you could provide some feedback on my writing. I have been working on a project related to [topic] and I think your expertise could be really valuable.

If it's not too much trouble, I would appreciate it if you could take a look at my work and provide some comments. I am open to any suggestions or feedback you might have.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
Dear Mr. Givens,

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 me same day at the Clearwater Beach Hotel, where we expect to arrive by air to Santa in mid Dec. and spend that month there. You might let me know then if you can come for lunch and what day would suit you. Would an interesting job for you have taken as it could not be in better hands. With kindest regards. Hope to see you next month.

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert

March 23 26
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,
Clearwater Beach Hotel and Cottages
ON THE GULF OF MEXICO
Clearwater, Florida

March 22
Monday

March 5, 1914

Dear Miss Simms,

Thank you for your letter

Monday March 25th would be
a good day for me. Unless
I hear from you by the carriage
will look for you a little before
the 8 o'clock on the 25th, when we
will expect you to lunch with
us. I presume you have a

A copy of the 1st book published
by the College (which I sent
you last fall) which gives
a full account of what the
Colleges was in

I was not

Pleasant at the meeting, my
name is given as one of
the founders at a meeting in Chicago
in the spring of 1913.

Yours True

Herbert A. Mead
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, co-education, hospital standardization, graduate training, economics, finances, etc., etc. Hope to finish by the end of the summer.

It shall 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,
June 27, 1954

Dear Mr. Jimmy,

I presume by this time you have returned to Chicago. I am enclosing a 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 undertakings. With kindest regards, in which my wife joins.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert Dunlop

SUMMER RESIDENCE
"ANNANDALE"
YORK MILLS, ONT.
18 Douglas Drive
TORONTO 5
September 5, 1954

Dear Doctor Bruce,

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 Brown's Lake, Burlington, Wisconsin. I have been 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.
advise on items checked below, or furnish missing reports to complete our file.

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☐ Is he drawing U. I. benefits
☐ Is he drawing W. A. C. benefits
☐ Is he drawing other benefits
☐ Present status of case
☐ Other items:

Very truly yours,
November 28, 1952

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.

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January 9, 1952

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.
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.
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, M.D.
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 my friend Eleanor Jinn
with admiration and affection
Henry Cade.
Dr. Malcolm T. Maceachern:

American College of Surgeons, 40 East Erie St, Chicago

I am pleased beyond words that you were kind enough to let me know that on Wednesday September 8th Miss Eleanor K. Grimm will have completed 35 years of service with the American College of Surgeons. I consider Miss Grimm one of the ablest women of her generation. She possesses a rare combination of high grade efficiency, graciousness, wit and a sweetness of character that is beyond description. My heartiest congratulations and genuine affection for this charming lady=

Dr. Henry W. Cave
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,

HWC/ead
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 W. CAVE, M.D.
107 EAST 67th STREET
NEW YORK 21, N.Y.

P.S. I am sending those photographs under separate cover.
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 Al 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-
plan 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,

[Signature]

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 Greenbrier 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 9, 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 aboard the end of August, returning here November 1 for next winter. A full schedule, but it will be fun all 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,
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
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
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,

HWC/mh
Miss Eleanor Grimm
1400 Highland Road
Winter Park, Florida
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 Helly 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" about 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 fun recording 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,

Address until May 24 -
1630 Hyde Park Street
Sarasota, Florida
May 9, 1954
May 25, 1954

Dear Miss Grimm:

Two hours ago, I disembarked from the Queen
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 W. Cave

Henry W. Cave, M.D.
MRS. HENRY WISDOM CAVE

Dear Miss Norman,

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

Yours sincerely,
Mary T. Cave
To: R. K. Grimm. Secretary Board of Regents.

With pleasant memories

Walter Chipman.
My dear Miss Grimm. Thank you for your note of remembrance. I truly hope that you are keeping better and that the new management will lighten your load.

Very pleased to hear of Philpot. It is a joy to have only married the right woman. There are so many loving women in the world—hanging on too long.
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 Gropius.

Dec 6th 49

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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,

[Signature]

Warren H. Cole, M. D.

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm, Secretary
Board of Regents
The American College of Surgeons
40 E. Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois
March 9, '36

My dear Miss Cream,

I have just heard from Dr. Carnegie, D. Dr. Martin's death and while I had no personal interest in it, I was deeply affected to hear of it. Some day, I suppose, nevertheless I shall call on you.

Although I have not known him intimately, I have been a Friend admirer of his abilities and a believer in his ideals. Many a time I have defended him.
deeds when his thoughtless
orders ruined his once far
fiscal trail. I doubt if
two thoughtful persons could
truly believe that his views
were not true and altruistic.
The reason I am writing
to you rather than to his
widow whom I do not know.
If that I wish to extend my
sympathy to the staff of the
Adams who have worked
so hard and faithfully for
and well. Dr. Martin
The very fact that there
ERNEST AMORY CODMAN, M.D.
227 BEACON STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

has been seek an unchanged
character in our group from
its belief in your great leader.
You will have been intimately
and evidentially believed in
him loyally. I am sure
you will feel that a great
derangement has come into your life,
even if you keep one in your pre-
certed words and habits. With
kindest regards to Dr. Croswell,
Mrs. Tompkins and the others.

Ernest Amory Codman
To Eleanor Prim who has done so much for Surgery
With the appreciation and friendship of
Frederick Pellew
To my dear friend Eleanor Prince,
a great and lovely lady, a benefactor
good to mankind especially to surgeons and
their patients. To whom I am deeply
indebted for a million kindnesses. With
great appreciation and deep affection
Fred Allen
June 1959

Dear Dr. Elwin:

The Collens and
Allens send you
their greetings. Marvelous
To be here with these
lovely children.
Our best love to
you for a happy
New Year.

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