Alleged wishes for Eleanor, one of the most remarkable people I have known. She has meant everything to the College and particularly to the Regents who will be lost without her. 

With affection and admiration,

Alfred Blalock

To Eleanor of Aquitaine, 
Maker of kings and leaders. 
She is the patron saint of the College and has been largely responsible for its success. Many happy years to her.

Evaete A. Graham
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HAVE JUST RETURNED TODAY FROM SHORT VACATION AND HAVE FOUND YOUR LETTER ABOUT MISS GRIMM PLEASE GIVE HER MY MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS AND TELL HER THAT I REGARD HER WORK AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN BUILDING UP THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS SORRY I CANNOT BE THERE THIS AFTERNOON=
EVARTS AND GRAHAM.
August 9, 1950

Dear Miss Grimm:

When I came back to my office the other day following a brief vacation I found your letter congratulating me on receiving the Distinguished Service Award of the A.M.A. It was very nice indeed of you to write to me and I appreciate it immensely.

I am afraid that you have a very exaggerated idea of my accomplishments and probably the A.M.A. has also. I was really taken completely by surprise when I received news of the award. I have not always been one of the staunchest supporters of the A.M.A. and therefore the award came to me very unexpectedly.

I hope to see you at the Boston meeting of the American College of Surgeons. I believe that my term as a regent expires this year. I am going to write to Dr. Allen suggesting that somebody else be put in my place. I have been a very enthusiastic member of the Board of Regents for about twelve years and I am a wholehearted supporter of the College, yet I think that one of the worst things that can happen to an organization is to have the top of it frozen by a lot of old men who still retain control. I think it would be far better therefore to have a younger man appointed in my place.

You will notice that throughout the above paragraph I have used the word "men". None of my remarks refer to you. In fact, I hope that you will stay on as Secretary to the Board of Regents for the next fifty years or so. The Board needs you and I hope that you will not think it is necessary for you to retire. You have meant much to the College during all of its life. I do not think it would be possible to replace you. Your situation is totally different from mine.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Ewart A. Graham

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

EAG:LH
Dear Miss Grimm:

I am very sorry to hear that you have definitely decided to retire after the next Clinical Congress. Certainly you have earned a retirement after your long and faithful service to the College. All of the present Board of Regents realize what you have meant to the College and we shall all be very sorry to have you drop out of the active group.

Thanks for sending me the information about my job as the chairman of the committee to select the two orators and the candidates for Honorary Fellowship for the meeting next year. I have some suggestions to make which I shall present to the committee at the San Francisco meeting.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

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

EAG:AH
March 24, 1952

Dear Doctor Graham,

It seems a very long time since I said farewell to the great organization at 40 East Erie Street. I have been here in Clermont, with occasional trips about the state to visit friends, since January 1. The weather has been delightful, and I am happily situated in a modern apartment overlooking Lake Minneola to the South and a beautiful garden to the East. Clermont is just 25 miles west of Orlando. I am surrounded by friends, old and new, and altogether had been having a very fine time.

Now I am beginning to think of the trek northward and westward. You and Doctor Allen were good enough to suggest that I be present at the tribute party for Doctor Allen at White Sulphur Springs. I am planning to leave here about April 6 and motor to Washington, Philadelphia and New York, and expect to stop over at White Sulphur Springs en route. The latest word is that the party is to take place on Monday evening, April 14, and if you are sure it will be in order, I would like so much to be there and by my presence show my appreciation of what Doctor Allen has meant to the College during the years he served as a member of the Board of Regents.

From all reports, the winter in the midwest has not been one of the best. On the trip south, we had 60 miles of a solid sheet of ice just south of Kankakee. Fortunately we had a very efficient driver in the person of a Senior at the University of Michigan who was home on his Christmas holidays.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you at White Sulphur Springs and with my sincere appreciation to you for your everlasting kindnesses and courtesies to me at the College, believe me,

Always sincerely yours,
March 28, 1952

Dear Miss Grimm:

It was very nice to get your letter of March 24. I am happy that you are planning to go to the dinner for Arthur Allen. You are quite right in thinking that it is going to be on the evening of Monday, April 14. All of us will be glad to see you.

I am glad to read about how much you are enjoying your life in Florida.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Evarts A. Graham

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
Box 907
Clermont, Florida

EAG:AH
Dear Miss Grimm:

On December 6 there is going to be an official ceremony in the Murphy Memorial Auditorium of the College of Surgeons at which the program of hospital standardization will be turned over to the new Commission on Hospital Accreditation. Senator Lister Hill, of Alabama, the author of the Hill-Burton Bill, will make the principal address. In my capacity, however, as Chairman of the Board of Regents, I am supposed to make a brief speech myself. It has just occurred to me that I should like very much to have you tell me, if possible, whose idea it was originally to start the College program on the standardization of hospitals.

Was the idea Martin's or somebody else's. I remember, of course, that for a year or two before MacEachern came to Chicago the program was carried out by a nurse whose name I cannot remember. If I am correct I think also that Dr. MacEachern began his work with the program about 1921. I realize what an imposition it is to ask you to supply me with some of this information especially at this late date. Actually, however, it did not occur to me until yesterday that I should like to have some of this information which I have just requested. I am sure that the information is present in the carefully preserved files which you left at the College headquarters. Since, however, I need the information rather hurriedly I thought perhaps I could get it more quickly by asking you to tap your memory rather than to have someone dig it out of the files.

I hope you are enjoying life in Florida. I wish I could see you once in a while.

With best wishes,

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
Clermont
Florida

Cordially yours,

EVARTS A. GRAHAM
December 23, 1952

Dear Miss Grimm:

Thanks very much for your two good letters. The one which you wrote in answer to mine was especially helpful and in addition I got, at your suggestion, still more information about the beginnings of the College from "Fifty Years of Medicine and Surgery." The transferal ceremony was all right but there was a rather slim audience present, perhaps 200 or 250 people. Short speeches were made by Hawley, Crosby, the new Director of the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation; Gundersen, the Chairman of the Commission and myself. The main speech was by Senator Hill, of Alabama. The celebration would have been much better if you had been there. MacRachern was there but I did not get a chance to speak to him.

I have spoken to you several times about whether or not you would be willing to do something towards writing a history of the College. You have always seemed to want to beg off. I am wondering if you might be willing to reconsider if you could work with Mr. Greer Williams. I don't know whether or not you know him but he is now in charge of the public relations of the College. He is a professional writer and I think he could take from you the burden of the actual writing of the history if you could spend time with him giving him the information. Of course, if the plan goes through the College would pay you for your expenses in Chicago while getting the material together.

I am writing all this to you without any authority merely to sound you out as to the possibility of your being willing. If you think you would be willing then I shall take up the matter at the next meeting of the Board of Regents in April to get definite authority. I am very much afraid that unless you are willing to undertake some of this job no suitable history of the College will ever be written. You are the one above anybody else who knows the beginnings.

I hope you have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
1400 Highland Road
Winter Park, Florida
March 20, 1953

Dear Miss Grimm:

I was certainly very happy to get your letter of March 4 and to know that you may be interested in helping to prepare a history of the College. The Board of Regents are going to meet in Los Angeles in the early part of April in connection with the meeting of the American Surgical Association. I am going to take your letter with me when I go so that I can read it to them. After the meeting I shall write to you again to let you know what decision has been made.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Evarts A. Graham

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
Box 382
Winter Park, Florida

EAG:AH
April 30, 1953

Dear Miss Grimm:

I am writing to say that the Regents at the meeting at Los Angeles were delighted to hear that you were still interested in helping Mr. Greer Williams write a history of the College. I suppose that by this time you have heard from either him or Dr. Hawley and I suppose also that some more or less definite program has been arranged for you to come to Chicago. If you have not heard anything please write to me.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

Miss Eleanor Grimm
c/o W. L Robertson
Box 147
Osprey, Florida

cc. Dr. Paul R. Hawley
August 26, 1953

Miss Eleanor Grimm
Route 1, Box 67
Burlington, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Grimm:

I am sorry to have delayed so long in answering your very interesting and informative letter of last July. I hope you won't think that my delay has been due to any lack of interest in what you are doing.

I am glad that you did not have to spend the summer in Chicago. From what I have heard about the weather there it has not been much better than what we have had in St. Louis. I don't know that central Wisconsin would be much of an improvement but perhaps if you are on a lake you get a little breeze.

Both Paul Hawley and Greer Williams have told me with enthusiasm about what you are doing and the interest which you are showing in the project. I am, of course, delighted to hear about it. You are the only person who can really reach back into the past and record the happenings of the early days of the College. I don't know that I have any special suggestions to make. Perhaps I might have if sometime I could see what you have written about the early days. Of course, I was not one of the Founders. I was only a cub at the time, but I do recall a good deal of discussion which I heard from my elders. If there is anything that I can do to help out your project, I would be very happy indeed to do it. Please don't hesitate to speak frankly to me.

All of the Regents would be most happy to have you turn up at the next meeting of the Board on Saturday, October 3, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. If you should happen to have anything definite and concrete to report about your work, we should certainly be very glad to hear it.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

Evarts A. Graham
Dear Doctor Graham,

At this date I have been at work for two months, assembling the data for the history of the College. It is proving most interesting. The one depressing feature is the fact that I am about the last survivor of the 1913 group. All of the early Regents and Officers, with the exception of Dr. Matas, who is eternal, and Dr. Herbert Bruce of Toronto, have passed on. But soon I will have passed that early group and enter into the land of the living.

The material I am assembling is coming from many sources. I am glad now that I kept those meticulous records at the College, for they are proving the most invaluable aid.

Some of the questions I am endeavoring to answer are:
Who were the Founders of the ACS, and what were their motives? (That is the Organization Committee.)

What was the status of surgery and of hospitals in 1912?
Who have guided the affairs of the College?

And as to the College itself:
its conception
its organization
its realization (By activities)
its achievements, (And its difficulties.)

I am consulting Dr. Hawley and Mr. Williams along the way, and they seem to be in accord with the plans I am endeavoring to carry out. I am suggesting to Mr. Williams individuals to contact, either in person or by letter, in order to get a real insight from varied sources as to the origin and conduct of the College in its earlier days. I hope you, too, will approve of my course, and any suggestions that you may have to offer will of course be deeply appreciated by me. I am still in the assembling stage. Soon I hope to start some recording on the wire recorder, which will be transcribed in the College office in Chicago. I go in to Chicago about every third week, assemble more data, and return here, at the shore of Brown Lake, to correlate the data. I am 75 miles northwest of Chicago, near Lake Geneva.

Coincident with my research, I am establishing a definite, brief, concise, chronology of events in the College.

Sincerely yours,
To Eleanor Grimm with the regards of

Everett A. Graham
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Greetings from Helen and Ernest Graham.

Glad to get the note on your card and to learn you are having fun with the history. I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing the finished work. We were all glad you were willing to undertake the job. Nobody could do it so well.

The College is booming. The young surgeons are ardent supporters more than ever before.

Ernest Graham
"Bamboo Grass," woodblock print, by Sheng Yuan, Chinese, Ming Dynasty (1368-1644)  
City Art Museum of St. Louis
Dear Doctor Graham,

Many thanks for the lovely holiday greeting. I had a nice holiday season with my friends here and close by. The weather has been good. We have had occasional rain, but each day there is a period of some sunshine. But you are not doing too badly in the mid-west.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just sent to Mr. Williams, which is self-explanatory. While I was accumulating data concerning 350 I found that with little extra work I could give the Journal something that may be helpful next year — the 50th Anniversary Year.

I am delighted with your report of the continuing progress of the American College of Surgeons, and especially glad to know of the enthusiastic support of the young surgeons. That is essential if the College is to continue to justify its existence. That it will advance into the infinite future is a foregone conclusion. Your own regime is rewarding to your credit for I hear many commendatory remarks through letters that come to me.

Yesterday I had a letter from Dr. Rankin in which he relates his most recent setback. However his unbounded courage will help him through. He seemed to be especially regretful that he was not strong enough to make the trip from Lexington to Louisville on the 16th for the "Rankin Day" which had been planned.

Your confidence that I will do a creditable job on the History is inspiring. Only hope the result will prove up to your expectations.

With kindest regards and all good wishes to you, believe me

Sincerely yours,
Sarasota, Florida
February 24, 1934

Dear Doctor Graham, —

I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter which I sent to Mr. Williams on February 9. It is self-explanatory. I am now proceeding with the organization and conduct of ACS.

Mr. Williams asked if I desired to be present at the meeting of the Board of Regents in Cleveland May 1 and 2. It is my plan to return to Chicago, leaving here after May 1, and visiting Washington, Philadelphia (after Baltimore), New York, and Cleveland to pick up loose ends and gather some essential data for the College. Mr. Bowman has also asked me to stop off in Bedford Springs, Pa., for a few days. This will bring me to Chicago toward the end of May. You and Mr. Williams are fully informed of my activities to date, and I feel that my presence at the meeting would merely take time that the Regents need for other portions of their always busy schedule.

So, unless you specifically want me to be there, I shall plan not to be in Cleveland May 1 and 2.

Dr. Herbert A. Bruce of Toronto, the only living founder-regent of the ACS, has just written me that he is to be in Clearwater, Florida, after March 1, and he wishes me to see him there. So I shall see him at a time that will be mutually convenient. Also I tried to see Vernon David in Chicago last summer, but without success. Mutual friends tell me he is to be in Winter Park after March 1, and I shall endeavor to see him there. There are some points which he can clarify for me, for he knows the facts.

With kindest regards and good wishes to you always,

believe me

Sincerely yours,
March 10, 1954

Dear Miss Grimm:

I have just discovered that I never acknowledged your letter of January 26 with more information about what you have been doing concerning the history of the College. I am glad to see that you are making good progress. I am sure when the work is finished we shall have a very fine history of the American College of Surgeons.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Evarts A. Graham

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
1630 Hyde Park Street
Sarasota
Florida

EAG:AH
Dear Miss Grimm:

I have just discovered that I have never acknowledged your note of February 24. Please forgive me.

Of course, we should be very glad to see you on the occasion of the Regent's Meeting in Cleveland but certainly it is not necessary for you to be there and I can understand very well why you do not expect to come.

It seems to me that you are doing a swell job on the history of the College. I am eagerly looking forward to seeing the finished product.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Evarts A. Graham

Miss Eleanor Grimm
1630 Hyde Park Street
Sarasota
Florida

EAG:AH
Dear Doctor Graham,

The enclosed copy of letter to Mr. Williams is self-explanatory.

I do hope everyone is becoming impatient of progress in the recording of the history. I am going on the premise that it is a "one time" job, and I have always operated on the theory that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well and thoroughly. If I were writing the story (which as you know I could not and would not do because of my cleanness to the situation and my lack of qualifications for a job which warrants the best talents), I would not have to record so much, but I realize that I must create a background for the history. And since accuracy is one of the leading factors, I have authenticated everything I have recorded with the direct reference to the source.

To me, each activity of the College has been a thrilling adventure. I have completed the chronological history of the ACS, and I am now recording the details of the various activities, which were great activities of far reaching importance. Of the detailed material I have completed the requirements for Fellowship, with variations from 1913 to 1954: Committees on Credentials; Fellowship by Examination; Jr. and Sr. Candidate Groups; Chapters of the ACS; and Latin-American Activities of the ACS, which started away back in 1915, were active until 1925, dormant until the 1940s, and now a gain very active. It is a thrilling tale, with an understanding away back in 1915 of the significance of a closer relationship between the North and South American continents and the many and very important activities of the Inter-American College. We are now the Inter-American College, the ACS; Australia and New Zealand; International Activities; Fee Splitting, with the History back to 1900; Hospital Standardization; The American Board of Surgery and the Surg. Specialties; Grantee Training; Sectional Meetings; Kentucky and Nebraska; of 1920-30; A.C.S. - 1913 - 1955; Publications - 1915 - 1955; Conference to deserve an early trip to L.A. (or other) September 1956. The Carter Inn, a hotel of the old Colony. Have a good vacation. I will see you in September.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
In my research last summer I assembled all of the material necessary for the above. All of it is now in chronological sequence. It must be correlated and combined with my notes, and recorded.

I only hope the finished product will prove worthy of the effort.

The work is now proceeding slowly, and I expect to have it completed within the next several months.

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

Always sincerely yours,
Dear Doctor Graham,

It has been a long time since I have sent you a progress report. The enclosure hereunder is self-explanatory.

Since I started the assembling of the material for the history, I have found that the material could serve a double purpose - the other purpose being perhaps more important even than the contemplated history. From time to time I have received inquiries from officials at the headquarters' office concerning the why, the how, and the result of various activities. I therefore realized that with a little extra work on my part I could record accurate data concerning all of the past work of the ACS, and this record will serve to obviate anyone who comes to the College in an official capacity. I have discussed this subject with Doctor Hawley and with Mr. Williams, and both of them have been in hearty agreement with me. I sincerely hope that you, too, will approve, and that I have not, in your opinion, wandered too far afield from the plan which was originally discussed by you and me.

I am planning to remain in the mid-west until mid-October, when I shall return to Sarasota. I have been going in to the Chicago office of the College every few weeks for material which I required, but I am doing my recording and correlating here. After October 15 I shall continue my work in Sarasota, and I expect to complete the work not too long after I return to Florida.

I am planning to go to South America in December - as far as Lima, Peru, on the Mauretanica which the ACS has chartered. A friend of mine and her husband - my neighbors in Sarasota - are going on the trip with me. The husband returns from Lima on the ship; his wife, Jessie, and I will continue around South America. I am enclosing a tentative itinerary which is being perfected by the McGuire organization. I have many friends in South America, many of them in the surgical profession, and we are anticipating a glorious trip.

I have heard all about your European trip. What a success it proved to be. It was a long time since the first meeting of the ACS in London - end of July 1914 when the fifth Clinical Congress met there. At the close of the week, the first World War started, and the surgeons from the continent scurried to their respective homelands - Germany, France, Italy, Austria, etc. And the Americans in attendance came home as fast they could, after long delays caused by cancellation of ships, etc.

On my South American trip I shall renew acquaintances and friendships made in 1921 when I accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Martin and Dr. and Mrs. Watkins around South America, and in 1922 when the ACS took a boatload of Fellows and their families to South America - the Wandys' cruise. I know I shall find a changed land, with all of the modernization that has taken place since 1923. I have not used my Spanish very much since 1923, and between now and December I hope to recoup at least a part of the knowledge of the language that I formerly possessed. So you see I have a very full few months ahead of me. I do hope that you and Mrs. Graham are planning to go at least as far as Lima, if not all through South America. It would be another conquest for a man whom I, in my humble estimate, consider to be the greatest surgeon of his generation. And this is not flattery for this occasion, but my firm opinion.
Miss Eleanor Grimm  
Route 1, Box 67  
Burlington, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Grimm:

I was very glad to get your letter the other day and to hear about the splendid progress which you are making on the history of the College. It all sounds very fine to me.

I notice you have something to say about the barber surgeons. Of course, as you probably know, in the United States we had no barber surgeons probably because there was no specialization in surgery here until practically this century. The original members of the American Surgical Association, which was founded in 1882, were all general practitioners with only a special interest in surgery. Even as late as 1908, when I was serving an internship at the Presbyterian Hospital and Murphy was on the staff there, he was doing a general practice in the sense that he took care of patients with pneumonia, typhoid fever and chronic arthritis.

I think the reason why there was no surgical specialization in this country until so late was that the doctors moved out to the frontier with the settlers in a gigantic expanding movement which necessitated a general practice among the doctors. Probably you know all this anyway.

I am glad you are going to take the trip to Lima. I can't possibly think of it for myself. I was in Europe, as you know, during the month of May and I have to go over there again next summer because I am the President of the Congress of the International Society of Surgery which will meet in Copenhagen in July.
Anyway, I am not a very good traveler. I hope you will have a wonderful trip. I am sure it will be lots of fun for you to renew your many acquaintances with the South Americans whom you have met over the years.

Of course, I was much pleased to read the splendid, although undeserved, opinion which you have of me. I always enjoyed immensely my associations with you when you were an important part of the College before your retirement. I wish there would be some chance of seeing you at the next Clinical Congress of the College at Atlantic City in November.

With best wishes.

Cordially yours,

EVARTS A. GRAHAM, M.D.
Miss Eleanor Grimm  
1630 Hyde Park Street  
Sarasota  
Florida  

Dear Miss Grimm:

I don't know how to thank you enough for the very generous remarks which you made about me and my administration of the College in your letter of October 23. Anyway I do appreciate them very much particularly coming from you who know so much about the past history of the College and the great men associated with it.

I am delighted that you are going to be at the Atlantic City meeting. Could you arrange to come to the Regents meeting on the afternoon of Sunday, November 14, to tell us something about what you have been doing on the history of the College.

If you wish to reach me in any way at Atlantic City I shall be at the Traymore from Saturday, November 13, through the week until the next Saturday afternoon.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

EAG:AH

EVARTS A. GRAHAM
Glad to get your card and nice letter the other day. I was much interested in what you said about your progress with the history of the A.C.S. I am wondering if Green Williams is still going to help with it. Doubtless you know he has left the College.

I appreciate more than I can tell you your kind remarks about my chairmanship of the Board of Regents. I will say in return the College was lucky to have you for so many years.

Last summer we were 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Norway and saw some of these Lapps.
Season’s Greetings

Bonne Année

С НОВЫМ ГОДОМ

Feliz Año Nuevo

From Helen and Everett Behan
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Frank Helen and Evans Whitman.

I suppose you know I am no longer on the Board of Regents. My term really expired last year but at the insistence of the Regents I continued for another year. However, at Atlantic City I told them they must let me get off. Rawdin has taken my place as Chairman—an excellent choice I think. It was nice to see you there.

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Best wishes for a happy holiday season from Helen and Enid E. Hahn. I’m going to reply to your nice letter a little later from my office.

Christmas 1956.
Feliz Año Nuevo
Season's Greetings
Meilleurs Vœux
С Новым Годом
I WAS CURED OF CANCER—

Physician Was First Person To Have Whole Lung Removed Because Of Cancer

By DR. JAMES L. GILMORE
Distributed by International News Service

Although I am a physician and have practiced medicine for 46 years, my inclusion in this series for the American Cancer Society is the result of an experience I had as a patient in 1933.

On April 5, 1933, Dr. Evarts Ambrose Graham operated on me for cancer of the lung. That was 25 years ago today.

When I went from Pittsburgh to St. Louis to see Dr. Graham, I had what I thought was a lung abscess. X-rays revealed a shadow on the left lung — possibly cancer! A bronchoscopy and biopsy confirmed that it was cancer. The standard treatment at that time was removal of the lobe of the lung affected—an extremely dangerous operation.

I RETURNED to Pittsburgh to make my decision, but actually there was little to decide. The operation was dangerous, but my only chance. Without it there was no chance of survival.

When I returned to St. Louis I told Dr. Graham that I'd had some teeth filled. While he was still congratulating me on my optimism I told him I'd also bought a cemetery lot.

IT WASN'T until the operation was under way that Dr. Graham could see that the cancer wasn't confined to one lobe of the left lung, as he had expected. It had its origin in the bronchus (one of the two major branches of the windpipe) which supplies air to the entire lung.

Consulting with a friend of mine in the gallery of the operating room, Dr. Sydney Chalfant, Dr. Graham told him that the only chance for a cure was the removal of the entire lung.

Although this had never before been done on a human being in one stage, Dr. Graham had done it experimentally on animals. Dr. Chalfant left the decision to the surgeon, who performed medical history's first human pneumonectomy for cancer, on me.

I HAVE LIVED 25 years without a lung—and without cancer.

Lung cancer is now the leading cause of cancer death in men; in 20 years the death rate has multiplied eight times. It kills almost six times as many men as women.

Diagnosed and properly treated in time, one-half of all cancers can be cured. Lungs are not one of the most hopeful sites for cancer, but the fatality rate is much higher than it should be. Only 4 percent of all lung cancer victims are saved. Yet when the cancer is detected early enough the survival rate rises to 34 percent.

Detecting lung cancer on X-ray films, before actual symptoms occur, gives the patient the best chance for a cure. This is just one of the reasons why the American Cancer Society recommends regular health checkups.

The tragic irony of this story is the fact that Dr. Graham himself died of lung cancer last year. While at Barnes Hospital, Washington University, recovering from the after-effects of the flu, X-ray studies revealed cancer in both lungs. His own brilliant operation could not save him.
St. Louis—Extraordinary tribute was paid here to an extraordinary American physician: the late Dr. Evarts A. Graham, until 1951 Bixby Professor of Surgery and head of the Department of Surgery at Washington University Medical School. Dr. Graham died on March 4 from the disease with which his name will be forever associated—cancer of the lung.

But the friends and students who gathered here on March 31, some 1,100 strong, did not dwell on this tragic irony. Rather, they recalled his integrity, his forcefulness, and his devotion to the profession of medicine.

"He was a doctor of medicine for all mankind," said Dr. Frank Berry, Assistant Secretary of Defense in charge of the medical services of the Armed Forces.

"The rebel passion of pity possessed him," said a lifelong friend, the Right Reverend Bishop William Scarlett, retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri.

"He was the most prominent figure in surgery in the first half of this century," said Sir Russell C. Brock, thoracic surgeon to Guy's Hospital, London, and a former student of Dr. Graham.

"I have never known a more courageous and fearless man," said Dr. Alfred C. Blalock, Professor of Surgery at Johns Hopkins University.

"His ethical ideas have influenced his students throughout their lives," said Dr. Joseph C. Hinsey, director of New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

The recollection that perhaps evoked

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AMONG THOSE paying homage was Dr. Willard M. Allen, head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Washington University School of Medicine.

Dr. Evarts Graham's Contributions to Medical Progress Memorialized

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Dr. Graham was warmly welcomed by Washington University Chancellor Ethan A. H. Shepley. At Dr. Graham's retirement dinner in 1951, Chancellor Shepley said, the surgeon, himself recalling how Tom Sawyer listened with amazement to his own eulogy, called for "time for rebuttal" after the tributes addressed to him.

Dr. Graham, versatile as he was, is doubtless best known as the first surgeon successfully to perform a pneumonectomy for lung cancer in a human being. The patient was Dr. James Gilmore, a Pittsburgh obstetrician and old friend of Dr. Graham.

It is significant that Dr. Graham was well prepared by animal experiments for so far-reaching a step. A profound interest in research—in the basic sciences as well as in more "practical" kinds of research—characterized his career.

The pneumonectomy—it has since become a standard procedure throughout the world—was performed in 1923. But Dr. Graham long before that had demonstrated he was both daring and sound in matters demanding a careful balance of theoretical and practical considerations. During World War I, as a major in the Army Medical Corps, he was named by the Surgeon General to be a member of a commission studying the mortality in empyemas following influenza—a mortality that reached as high as 90 per cent. The standard surgical approach at that time was immediate intervention.

Dr. Graham reinforced his clinical observations with some months of research and experiment and concluded that the cause of the high mortality was premature surgery. He demonstrated the correctness of his conclusion by bringing the mortality rate in his own group of patients down to 4 per cent.

Shortly afterward, Dr. Graham, working with Dr. Warren H. Cole, developed the technique of cholecystography. Several of the speakers at this service acclaimed this as being as significant as the pneumonectomy.

In reviving Dr. Graham's contributions to medical education, Dr. Hinsey said that the great surgeon was "an example of the best of the full-time surgeon." He not only helped perfect the hospital-residency system, Dr. Hinsey said, but inspired his residents with his own devotion to the "proper balance between teaching, research, and service" in a department of surgery.

Dr. Hinsey ranked Dr. Graham with Dr. William Halstead and Dr. Harvey Cushing as "the three most influential surgeons of this generation."

Dr. Alfred Blalock, of Johns Hopkins, who devised the "blue baby" operation, said that Dr. Graham's influence on American surgery cannot be properly measured without taking into account his role as "a bulldog tenacity in solving problems" and his "courage to fight for what's right."

Dr. Graham for many years was a forerunner and blunt opponent of such practices as fee-splitting and "ghost surgery," especially in his capacity as chairman of the American Board of Surgery and more especially in his favorite role, that of a conscientious physician citizen.

Furthermore, said Dr. Blalock, as a teacher Dr. Graham never overshadowed his juniors. "He trained them; he inspired them—but he never dominated them."

Dr. Blalock said, "At the time of his death, Dr. Graham was the most widely known and influential surgeon in the world," he concluded.

Sir Russell Brock, English innovator in thoracic surgery, who flew here especially for the memorial, brought with him tributes from the Royal College of Surgeons, the Royal Society of Medicine, the Thoracic Society, and the Association of Thoracic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland. From the international viewpoint, said Sir Russell, Dr. Graham's first pneumonectomy was the "lever that lifted the whole field of thoracic surgery. Thousands of patients now living all over the world owe their lives to him."

The last word was left to Dr. Graham himself, in a moving acknowledgment of the praises and honors he had received at his retirement dinner, Chancellor Shepley reminded the audience, the surgeon had said: "There is to greater satisfaction a teacher can have than to have his former students grow taller than he."

Dr. Evarts A. Graham, who died March 4 of causes of the lungs at the age of 73, was widely known as surgeon, educator, and administrator. He was born in Chicago, son of the late Dr. David Wilson Graham, professor of surgery at Rush Medical College. He graduated from Princeton in 1904 and from Rush in 1905. After internship, a period of private practice, and army service, he came to Washington University as Bixby Professor of Surgery in 1919. This post was the first full-time surgical professorship in the United States, and he retained it until his retirement in 1951.

Dr. Graham was married to Dr. Helen Treadway Graham, a professor of pharmacology at Washington University Medical School. They had two sons, Dr. David T. Graham, assistant professor of psychiatry at Washington University Medical School, and Evarts A. Graham, Jr., city editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Dr. Graham helped found the American Board of Surgery and was president of the American Surgical Association and the International Congress of Surgeons. He was also chairman of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons and editor of numerous publications in the field of surgery.

His many honors included the Lister Medal of the Royal College of Surgeons, the Distinguished Service Award of the American Medical Association, the gold medal of the Radiological Society of North America, the Scott Medal of the American Philosophical Society, and honorary degrees from nearly a dozen universities here and abroad.

Photographs on this page show the leading personalities who gathered to honor Dr. Graham.

TRIBUTE to Dr. Graham was paid by (left to right) Chancellor Ethan H. Shepley and Dean Oliver H. Lowry, of Washington University School of Medicine, and Joseph C. Hinsey, Ph.D., Director, New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

COLLEAGUES and former students from many universities attended the Graham Memorial. Shown are (left to right) Dr. Grover C. Penhorry, Clinical Professor of Surgery, George Washington University; Dr. Alfred Blalock; Dr. Brian B. Blades, Surgery, George Washington University; Dr. Frederick Collier, Chairman, Department of Surgery, University of Michigan; Dr. Alfred Blalock; Dr. Brian B. Blades, Surgery, George Washington University; Dr. Frederick Collier, Chairman, Department of Surgery, University of Michigan.
Traffic Is No Bed of Roses, But...

Washington, D. C.—Roses may play much more than a purely aesthetic role in our lives, traffic experts reported at the Highway Research Board meeting here. Used in the form of multiflorus rose hedges planted in the strip dividing highways, the flowers can prevent head-on collisions.

Two-foot concrete pillars, planted in the middle of a divided highway, can also aid tremendously in preventing collisions on the nation’s roads, according to Norman L. Pedersen, John H. Mathewson, and Derwyn M. Severy, of the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering.

U.S. Makes Donation To Malaria Campaign

Washington, D. C.—The United States Government has made a special contribution of $1,500,000 to the Pan American Sanitary Organization for malaria eradication in the Americas. Milton S. Eisenhower, representing the President, presented the check to Dr. Fred L. Reiser, chairman of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, at ceremonies conducted here.

The contribution will be used to assign technical personnel to works with governments on individual projects, for training schools and fellowships, and for technical advisory services supplied to governments.

It is estimated that malaria ridden areas in the Americas have a population of over 80,000,000.

Correction Obtained In 172 Hypospadias By Two-Stage Surgery

Washington, D. C.—The results of treatment in 172 patients through the two-stage Ceci method, Dr. Ormond S. Culp, chairman of the Department of Urology at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., said that when this procedure is used “patients should not get fistulas, and usually get an adequate meatus, while total hospital time for the patient is less.”

He spoke before the New York Academy of Urology.

Despite good results reported with this procedure, Dr. Culp said that “the ideal operation for correction of hypospadias is just as elusive now as it was in 1837, when the first corrective operation was attempted.… One of the reasons we cannot definitely say that there is any single best operation is because different surgeons get different results with the same technique.”

Of the 172 patients reported, Dr. Culp continued, 107 had some degree of chordee. When there was no chordee and only mild hypospadias, he said, surgery is not indicated, particularly in the case of children. If the patient has trouble urinating, he said, neostomy may be needed.

Two-Year Grant Given Duke Durham, N. C.—A two-year grant totaling $31,874 for research in psychiatric nursing has been made to Duke University by the National Institute of Mental Health. Dr. Harold W. Bunse, chairman of Duke Medical School Psychiatric Department, announced the grant. The grant will allow continuation of the department’s study of the nurse’s relationship to effective psychiatric care and of the personal characteristics most suitable to this branch of nursing.

Mortality Is High

Of this series of 26 patients, 18 have died. The record was poorest in that group of patients included in the category of extensive surgery with complications. “Perhaps in these cases, a fresh preventive approach is indicated,” the physicians reported. “Such measures might include hydration of the patient intravenously preceding surgery to maintain diuresis during the operative period.” They also suggested that whenever, in the course of surgery, yoked shock or a suspected transfusion reaction occurs, “it might be well to denervate the kidneys temporarily by injecting tetra-
March 31, 1957

Dear Mrs. Graham,

This is the hour of the Memorial Service for Doctor Graham, and since distance prevents me from being present at the Service, I have chosen this time to write and send you this note. The news of Doctor Graham's passing came to me over the radio on the afternoon of the day he died. I had not known he was ill. At Christmas-time, on the Christmas card he sent me, he said he would soon be writing to me at greater length. And the notice of the Memorial Service came while I was absent from Sarasota.

My thoughts and prayers have been with you and your family, and a contribution to the American Cancer Society has been sent in Doctor Graham's memory.

During my forty years of association with the A.C.S., it was my privilege to meet and to know the greatest surgeons of those years; and in my humble view, Doctor Graham had no peer in his generation. My earliest meetings with him, as Secretary to Doctor Franklin Martin, were during the most difficult days on the College. It was an inspiration to watch Doctor Graham's interest in the College develop; and as that interest crystallized, he gave the College a loyalty and a direction that has borne and will continue to bear his imprint. He showed me many kindnesses, and I shall always be grateful for the confidence he evidenced in me by urging me to record the factual (over)
data concerning the organization and conduct of the College, from its inception in 1913 to 1954. This gave me an opportunity to review, under the happiest of circumstances, the eventful years of the early days of the College, and to relive association with great men - the surgeons who conceived, organized, and conducted the College during the first forty years of its existence.

With sincere sympathy to you and to your family, believe me

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Eleanor Grimm
May 7, 1957

Dear Miss Grimm,

Your interesting and thoughtful letter written at the time of the memorial service for Evarts, pleased and touched me very much. Evarts always enjoyed his association with you, and in recent years I heard a great deal about the history of the College of Surgeons you have been compiling. He was happy that you had undertaken that task, which no other person could have handled adequately and which you were doing so splendidly. I am glad to know that you in turn had a high regard for Evarts, and that you enjoyed working with him.

Yes, Evarts grew more and more devoted to the American College as the years went by. There is no doubt in my mind that, after Washington University, to which he gave his first loyalty, I think, the College was the institution dearest to his heart. I heard much about it for many years,

You were kind to make a contribution to the American Cancer Society in Evarts' memory. I need not tell you that that Society represented a cause which meant much to him.

Cordially yours,

Helen Tredway Graham
I found your letter particularly interesting this year because I have been working in Greece - not the whole year, but as an "archaeological cruise" organized by Washington University under the guidance of the new director of archaeology, W. L. Parks. It was a great thrill for me. We saw many but not all of the places you visited, plus some different ones, but I don't have any energy and can't attempt to describe them accurately. The places mentioned - Myrrinous and the other places mentioned seem like fun. I wish you had described the Black-figure pyxis, circa 550 B.C. (found in Myrrinous, Attica) in more detail. What a glorious trip you had! I am planning to read your interesting account of it again when I have more leisure.

Πυξίς μελανόμορφος τού 550 π.X. παρήχθη εἰς Μυρρινοῦνα Ἀττικῆς
Ἀττική - Βραυρῶν
Black-figure pyxis, circa 550 B.C. (found in Myrrinous, Attica)
Vravron - Attica
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

December 20, 1961

from Helen Graham
"Εκδόσεις των «Φίλων τοῦ Εθνικοῦ Αρχαιολογικοῦ Μουσείου»
Issued by "The Friends of the Athens National Archeological Museum"
Many of my Christmas cards did not get off at the proper time this year, but perhaps I may still use them intended for you. I am sorry for your recent bereavement.

Many thanks for your kind Christmas message and I send you my good wishes for the eleven months left in 1958.

Helen Theo deWang Graham

January 28, 1958
SEASON'S GREETINGS
BIRD ON BRANCH
Color woodcut, Chinese, 18th century
CITY ART MUSEUM OF ST. LOUIS
Are you sure of this address? Is it out of date?

Christmas wouldn’t be Christmas without your letter! What do you expect to visit the past of the world pictured here?

To Eleanor Green,

Season’s Greetings
С Новым Годом
Meilleurs Vœux
Feliz Año Nuevo

from Helen Graham

18 Jamestown Ave
Florsheim, Western 63053
December 19, 1964
Kayak Racing in the Arctic ... painting contributed by Jacqueline Duhéme of France to benefit UNICEF, the United Nations Children’s Fund.

Course de kayaks dans l'Arctique ... peinture offerte au Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'Enfance par l'artiste française Jacqueline Duhéme.

Carrera de Kayaks en el Artico ... obra de Jacqueline Duhéme de Francia. Contribución al UNICEF, el Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Infancia.

Гонки на каяках в Арктике... картина, подаренная Детскому фонду Организации Объединенных Наций (ЮНИСЕФ) Жаклиной Дюом, Франция.

北極競渡...法國西嘉卡林都恩繪

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