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Miss Eleanor Grimm  
1630 Hyde Park Street  
Sarasota, Florida

Dear Miss Grimm:

It was wonderful to get your Christmas card, and your note about the South American trip, and the new house, and all of the other good things. We missed you at the Congress in October. I am delighted that you are continuing to work on the history of the American College of Surgeons. What a wonderful life you have lived with the College, and no one knows its history but you. Thirty-eight years of a wonderful life with a great group of people.

I send you this note with the hope that Christmas and the New Year will bring you of its very best. Enjoy yourself when you are taking art lessons. Many of my friends are doing this and they are having a wonderful time of it.

Take care of yourself and let me hear from you from time to time.

Affectionately yours,

I. S. Ravdin, M.D.

ISR:abd
18 September, 1960

Dr. I. S. Ravdin
Chairman, Board of Regents
American College of Surgeons
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Ravdin,

It has been eight years since my retirement from the great American College of Surgeons, and during those years I have watched with interest and satisfaction the progress which it has continued to achieve.

It was a rare privilege to have started with the College before its first meeting in 1913, and to have remained to see it expand to the greatest surgical organization in the world. My only regret -- that I was not privileged to serve during the tenure of office of Evans Graham and yourself, for it would have given me great pride to have had a part during those years of continuing advancement of the College.

It is my deep regret that I am unable to be present in San Francisco on the occasion when honor will be done to Mrs. Ravdin and to you. You will receive justly deserved commendation and good wishes from far more important people, and from those who have known more intimately of your fine achievements on behalf of the College, but none will be more sincere than the congratulations and good wishes of

Most cordially yours,
Dear Miss. Summ-though belated
this message carries hearty
recollections of our cordial
association with you and of the
outstanding service you have
rendered the American College
of Surgeons which means to
Medicine throughout our Country.
The high respect and love in
which you have always been
held by your colleagues both
throughout the Country and I
might say many other parts
of the world, is a treasure
which we know will be
With you always.
That it may be a happy
life before you in the
 ضمن of Mrs. Reynolds
and me.
If by chance you get into
our neighborhood, particularly
Yosemite Valley in the Adirondacks
in Summer, please come to our
log cabin.
Very sincerely,
Charles R. Reynolds
Past Surgeon General U.S. Army.
R.M.S. MAURETANIA

To a very attractive lady

West Indies and South America Cruise 1954/55

from B.C. Parkinson
MOTION PICTURES - A.C.S.

Through the division of Cultural Relations of the US Department of State, under the jurisdiction of Mr. (Nelson Rockefeller), films were sent to foreign lands beginning in 1934. The program was under the supervision of Eleanor K. Grimm, in charge of the Medical Motion Picture Department of the College. She presented the program to Mr. Rockefeller in Washington in mid-1940, at first confined to the Latin American countries. (see Reel I-2, page 7 et seq. of Medical Motion Pictures, history of the ACS prepared by EMG.) The legends or sound on the pictures, which were donated by the author for reproduction, were translated into Spanish and Portuguese. Subjects were involved in this earliest program. The entire program was financed by the Division under Mr. Rockefeller. The program really became effective early in 1942. Within one year more than 2,800 programs were presented in which these health and medical films were used, attended by over 4 million persons in the other Americas. More than one hundred mobile film units in sound film trucks owned by commercial firms were utilized in bringing the films to the people in remote locations. They were shown in local theaters who provided their facilities gratis. Morning showings were to as many as 3,000 children at a time. These were films for the laity.

Later there was added to the program distribution of the ACS films went to China. EMG had interesting conferences with officials of the Chinese Medical Board in Washington in arranging this program. Films were also sent to South Africa, Syria, Turkey, Australia, England,
Iran, and other countries. The Office of War Information asked the College to send films to liberated countries whose medical educational program was interrupted by the 2nd World War. Scientific and lay films were provided to the Office of War Information for world-wide distribution. Every film distributed to all of these countries (as publicized by the New York Times, 6/21/44, stated: "These contents of this package are sent to you under the program of Cultural Relations of the US Dept. of State as a small evidence of the continuation of the long-time cultural interchanges.") Each film also carried the following legend: "This subject is one of a series of medical motion pictures which, at the request of the medical authorities in the American Republics, is being presented by the ACS in cooperation with the U.S. Government." (the legend just quoted was on Latin American distributed films only.) Every film also carried the following legend, superimposed on the seal of the ACS: "Passed by the Com. on Med. Motion Pictures of North American College of Surgeons."

Reprints of the M.P. program of the ACS were produced for the Div. of Cult. Rel. and distributed to the Deans and Faculty members of schools of medicine, medical societies, and recognized hospitals in Latin America and received wide distribution. The October 15, 1943 minutes of the ACS quote the following: "Mr. Rockefeller was greatly pleased with the co-op of the ACS in this far-reaching med. film program of the ACS. A personal letter to EKG stated: "I enjoyed very much the pleasure of seeing you the other day, and want to take this opportunity to express again my appreciation for the generous co-op and assistance you have given us."
April 23, 1939

Mrs. Ruth Bryan
Lake Shore Athletic Club
850 North Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, Illinois

The Quota Club of Chicago welcomes you and sends to you greetings and good wishes. We are justly proud to have you as an Honorary Member of Quota International. The four women's service clubs of Chicago -- Altrusa, Seroptomist, Zonta, and Quota, are having a joint meeting at the Chicago Woman's Club, 72 East 11th Street, Chicago, at six o'clock, Thursday evening, May fourth, to celebrate the twentieth birthday of Quota International, and the fifth birthday of Chicago Quota Club. It is our hope that you may be in the vicinity of Chicago on that evening, and that you will permit us to have you as our honor guest on the above occasion. It was my pleasure to meet you at the United States Legation in Copenhagen in November of 1932.

Eleanor E. Grimm
Secretary to the Board of Regents
American College of Surgeons
40 East Erie Street, Chicago.

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**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:**

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

- Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

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A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.
Dear Pleanor, It was just like you to write me that thoughtful note. It brought inspiration and encouragement. You don’t forget, do you? And I can’t forget you.

I really am better. I have obeyed my doctors, it pays to do so. They have dismantled my office and I am here at home, and I am here at home, getting around and getting around.

Dec. 9, 1928

Faithfully,

H. A. Royster
Dear Eleanor: The Reptile Bulletin has just come and I am writing at once to felicitate you on reaching out your long term of office. Congratulations and regrets are mingled in my feelings.

Mrs. No one person can be found to fill any position of the many you held.
To me you have always been the American College of Surgeons. I feel sure that lost for you it would have gone on the rocks long ago. I shall not forget our association in The Army. I am long since out of harness but still interested.

With friendship and esteem,

Hubert A. Royster

Oct 4th, 1951

Dr. Hubert A. Royster
2318 Beechridge Road
Raleigh, North Carolina
Dear Eleanor, it was good to hear from you again. I am so glad that you had "a wonderful winter" and that altogether you are doing such interesting things on your retirement.

I didn't get to the American Surgical after all. I was not feeling up to the work and thought I might wait for another time.

I shall be in Philadelphia, visiting our two sons, for about 10 days in May, then to our usual Tybee Beach, Savannah, Ga., for July.

Your trip abroad will be late.
Of fun and I hope & believe you will enjoy it.

I wish you the best of every thing for the rest of your life.

April 25
1952

Cordially,

[Signature]

[Handwritten text not legible]
Dear Eleanor, I hope you don't judge my appreciation by your Christmas greeting by the long delay in its acknowledgment. Upon my return from the Southern Surgical Association meeting at Hot Springs, Va on Dec. 11, I was knocked out by a most vicious attack of a virus infection — "flu"? — and we both have felt rather than I — and me both have felt together had a miserable time for about six weeks. Nor me hope to feel like ourselves soon.

So, it was wonderful to hear from you again. Last year or
was it the year before? I write you at
some place in Virginia, (Falls Church?)
but it was returned undelivered.
It is good to know that you are
back with the College and eager in
the writing of its history. No one
on earth knows as much of its
early days and its middle and later days,
too. As you do, in fact you were a part
of all its history in the making. Vis-
ibly I recall our association, after
leaving Washington during the War; and
I do remember handing around the
cards you wrote to everyone of us.
It was you who could always hold down
F. H. M. to remind him of what he had to say.
More importantly what he shouldn't say.
I shall think over the things you mention
- I shall think over the things you mention
+ do what I can to help. I am not as
good as I was. I'll send you some
reprints. Do write me again.
Cordials, Herbert S. Croft.
Dear Eleanor, Here beside me as I write in the 1913 list of Fellows 2 The ACS and The First Convocation. It takes me back. Of course you are now back home and I am writing in response to your note of Feb 10. It took me a long time to recuperate from all my work. I am not sure from all my notes I am not free from all my work. I shall regularly attend and meet you in your institutes. I should like to contribute to your institutes. What would you like to contribute to your institute? What would you like to contribute to the annual convocations and also several regional ones. I have been thinking of you & I have been thinking of you & I have been thinking of you & I have been thinking of you. Cordially, H.L. Royster 5/19/54
Dear friend, I was delighted to hear from you. So you are back in the South for the winter. What are you doing now? You are always interested in something for the common good. How is the history of the ACS going? I do believe you are doing it right. There just passed my 85th birthday (Nov 19). Mrs. R has sent me a few party favors from her end.

1958

J. A. Royster.
Miss Eleanor Peiffer
1630 Hyde Park St.
Sarasota, Florida
Dear Miss Grimm,

I am so glad that you have kept me on your Christmas list and I am sureno has enjoyed it more than. We took a Carribean cruise one year with the Chas. Mayos and the Plummers. We were gone five weeks and as far as Caracasand it was perfect from start to finish. You are such a seasoned traveller and recount it so interestingly. I am going to pass this on to some of my friends who will appreciate it.

With thanks again and warm regards,

sincerely yours,

Louise Royster,

January 10th, 1965
Dear Eleanor,

It was good to get your note and I wish indeed that we might see each other, especially as there is something I want to tell you. No, I am not going to the conference.

You are partly responsible as I think I should tell you that I am taking instructions with the hope of being received into the Catholic Church. No one knows of this except Keller, Evelyn, Vogel and our other friend and I do not
Tracy— and I hope it may not be long before I am deemed worthy. I know I share much
resentment, contempt and anger on the part of
my family and some of my friends. That influence
me at first but I have little know
I hope you wont mind my writing
this letter about me and I know you will
keep very quiet.

With loving greetings and love

good wishes for the New Year

Amy
Wish everyone to know at present. But as I have said
you should know before you and
your people are responsible. It
is not a completely novel idea.
Twenty years ago
I did considerable reading but
I gave it up and allowed my
self to drift into an easy
agnosticism — only it wasn't
easy!
Of course there are always
and questions about individual
facts but of the great basic
facts I am aware. I have an
excellent instructor — Moncigoun
Miss Eleanor Grimm =

Hotel Statler Det =

Hope you are planning to go home via Cleveland want to see you =

Amy Rowland.

The company will appreciate suggestions from its patrons concerning its service.
To Brother Sauders
Associate Director
A.C.S.
12/21/51

Mrs. Sandrock
Miss Evelyn Bode
His Secretary

12
21
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Mr. Sandrock
November 26, 1954

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
1630 Hyde Park
Sarasota, Florida

Dear Miss Grimm:

I am pleased to enclose our remittance payable to your order in the amount of $234.63, covering your transportation and travel expenses incurred through attendance at the recent meeting of our Board of Regents held in Atlantic City.

It was good to see you again, and I do trust that you will enjoy this winter in Florida as much as you have enjoyed your past stays.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

[Handwritten signature]

Enclosure
December 28, 1954

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

My dear Miss Grimm:

I am terribly sorry in not being able to reply to your communication of December 14 until today. I, of course, had to hold the letter a few days until Doctor Havley and I had an opportunity to discuss that portion of your communication which needed his decision. We did have a chance to discuss this matter a few days ago, but then came the Christmas party and a few days holiday, and I am sure that you will appreciate how a delay of a few days can creep up and stymie one's correspondence.

In accordance with your request, we shall remove you from the active College payroll as of December 31, 1954, and upon your return and resumption of work on the College History, we can decide at that time whether or not sufficient work remains to justify resuming active compensation. You have been most kind and generous in this particular matter which, of course, only again demonstrates your entire life of unselfish devotion to the College. Truly, I am sorry that we do not have a few more Miss Grimms around to carry on.

The grapefruit, oranges, and tangerines arrived a few days ago, and we had Fred prepare a little sign extending your greetings to the staff and then placed the basket in the reception room for the benefit of your many former friends and associates. On behalf of the entire staff, may I send you our thanks for thinking about us in this way.

I am sending a carbon of this letter to you in New York City in the hope that it may reach you before you embark and, if this fails, the original of the letter will be awaiting your return in Sarasota.

May you have an extremely pleasant and happy voyage!

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO 40 EAST ERIE STREET, CHICAGO II, ILLINOIS
September 14, 1960

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
1630 Hyde Park
Sarasota, Florida

Dear Miss Grimm:

Doctor Parsons has asked that we send copies of the enclosed letter to the present and former associates of Doctors Ravdin and Hawley.

Will you please submit your replies directly to Doctor Parsons on stationery 8-1/2 X 11 inches as soon as you can, inasmuch as his printer has given him a rather tight schedule if these books are to be completed and presented to Doctors Ravdin and Hawley at the October meeting.

Cordially yours,

Edward

Enclosure
My dear Mac Grimme,

The friends of the beloved Nance in the March Bulletin furnished me the first intimation that you had retired. There seems to be no room left for doubt. You have really divorced yourself from your first love, but for what the new one is unbelievably shattering as it has been less that Newton's early motion has been suspected.

I dare not doubt his course made claims to bring your oldest friends in the college. But I made him that palm only on the ground that he
In the nineties because I am only within short sailing distance of eighty. I trust you claim is to friendship, setup from your early fresh youth & beauty, whereas mine rests on love for the combination of your physical charms with an appealing grace of manner & humility and efficiency such as I have rarely met up with..."

May the landing rays of your sunset keep away your happenstance melancholy. Do so wish that I could sit down with you & reminisce, when a time we could have been despite the sadnesses of the separations that have occurred inevitably through the years!

Clover & I are happily situated out here, where we have fitted up a spare guest room for just such a case in the past. I think out for you. Maybe please get you, you will fine it soon & let us take you, for a spell to our heart & our hearts.

Always your, 

[Signature]

M. E. F. 

Chicago, Ida.
Saw your old friend Sokle who came for a private showing with champagne.
August 21, 1958

Dear Doctor Salisbury,

It is indeed a pleasure to extend greetings and good wishes to you on the occasion of your retirement from association with the United Fruit Company - service which followed your tour of duty with the American College of Surgeons.

Inter-American co-operation was in its infancy in 1915, when Dr. Franklin H. Martin first made a gesture of collaboration with our neighbors to the South. The program he planned was delayed with the onset of the first World War; but it was consummated in 1920, when Dr. Martin and Dr. William J. Mayo made their first official voyage to five Latin American countries. The visits in 1920 and 1921 were followed closely by your own trips in 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925, when you and Dr. Francis P. Gorrigan organized Credentials Committees in the countries not previously visited by Doctors Martin and Mayo.

During 1922-1925, 168 Latin American surgeons were admitted to Fellowship in the College; and Honorary Fellowships were conferred upon 11 of their leaders in surgery and the surgical specialties. The College of Surgeons was a pioneer in the field of Inter-American co-operation; and you may be justly proud of your own accomplishments in this field.

Vividly do I recall the correspondence which I conducted on behalf of Doctor Martin with governmental officials of the United States and Latin America; and yours was the effort in the field. It was interesting to observe one of the earliest direct results. More and more of the Latin-American surgeons came to the United States and Canada for post-graduate study, instead of continuing on to Europe as had been their custom previously. Time has proven the far-reaching value of the College’s program, which is continuing apace in Latin-America today.

May you in the future reap the harvest of your contributions toward this enduring interchange, in which you had an early and productive part.

Always sincerely yours,

Formerly Administrative Executive of the College
(Now retired)
GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES ON THIS YOUR THIRTY FIFTH BIRTHDAY YOUR SERVICE YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THE COLLEGE IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED ALSO MANY PERSONAL KINDNESSES SO CHEERFULLY GIVEN MEANS SO MUCH=

A B SCHINBEIN=

SCHINBEIN=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE
Miss Eleanor K. Grimm  
Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, Minn.

My dear Miss Grimm:

I was very sorry to learn from Duncan Menzies that you are a patient at the Mayo Clinic. Knowing the enormous pressure under which you were working, especially in recent years, I often wondered whether you were not overdoing it. Apparently your loyalty to the College and your selflessness spurred you on to superhuman efforts, but now you have your warning that you must take it easier in the future.

The main thing now is to get well, and I hope before long I shall see you again in your familiar place at the College.

Cordially yours,

Geo. F. Smith  
M.D.  
President
JAN 2, 1947

Mr. Smith,

I am very sorry to inform you that your request for permission to enter the United States has been denied. The immigration authorities have determined that your entry is not in the best interest of the public welfare. I regret the inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Stamp]