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October 9, 1951

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
American College of Surgeons
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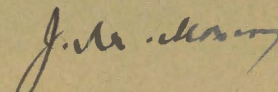
Dear Miss Grimm:-

Your letter of October 4 and the September Bulletin reached me on the same day. It is with the utmost regret that I learn of your retirement and that this will be your last official Clinical Congress. I trust that you will find interesting and enjoyable occupation in your leisure hours. I think that I shall suggest to the Board of Regents that they give you the title "Miss American College of Surgeons" following the precedent set by the public in naming Senator Taft "Mr. Republican."

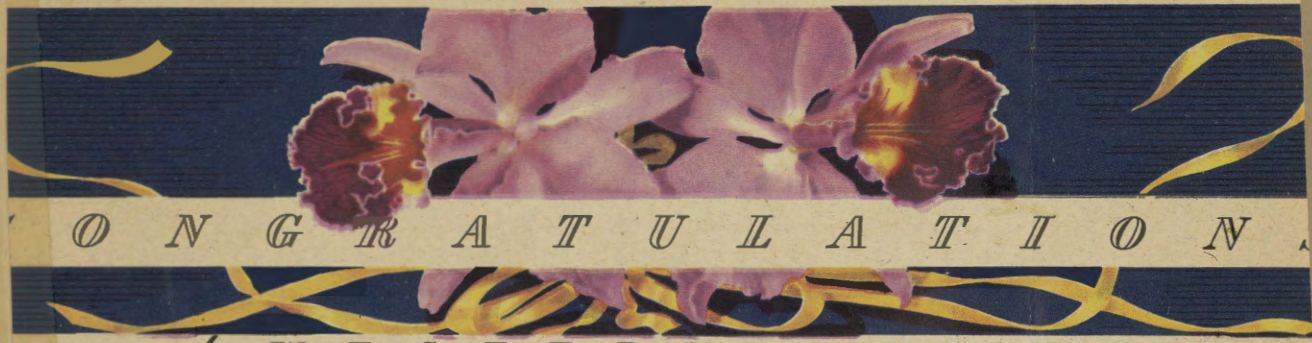
I have in mind a short report on the unveiling of the Gorgas bust at the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. If I can attend the San Francisco meeting I shall present it otherwise I shall mail it to you. There is considerable doubt as to my ability to attend the meeting since Jim is Chairman of the Section on Surgery of the Southern Medical Association which meets in Dallas on the same dates that the Clinical Congress meets in San Francisco. It is difficult for both of us to be away at the same time; however, I am still in hopes that it can be arranged.

Mrs. Mason joins me in kindest regards.

Sincerely,


J. M. Mason

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THE COLLEGE BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED USEFULNESS
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DR AND MRS J M MASON=



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FOGET SOUND AND THE SNOW-GLAD OLYMPIC MOUNTAINS --- View from living room of the James B. Mason home, 1730 South Jackson Avenue, Tacoma, Washington 98465

A Very Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

Dear Miss Grimm

This has been another eventful year for us, so again we are doing a Christmas letter to bring you all up to date--and Jim has sketched our new view. We hope this is the last time we "mess up" your address book for many a year.

Early last Spring we sold our Evanston house, so immediately started house hunting here. Lady Luck smiled on us, we found this house, and moved in on May 30--a week earlier than we had planned and on four days' notice! That was brutal. Things got mighty disorganized, and we both ended up full of aches and pains and incredibly exhausted. Arline vows the next time she moves she is going to be so old and daffy someone else will have to move her--down to the last handkerchief!

We love this house. We have about a third acre and 3,000 square feet of space in a ranch type with lower level, plus a two-car garage and a greenhouse. At last, the orange and lemon trees we brought from Evanston have a suitable home. In gratitude, they are blooming prolifically and setting so much potential fruit that we have had to thin drastically so that a few will mature.

This is a lush part of the world and we had literally hundreds of flowers. Though we moved late in the season, Jim had a garden--with turnips, turnips, and more turnips! We also have weeds (you name it and we have it), and bugs, including slugs as big as field mice--really and truly. We have been fishing several times and have both caught salmon--quite a thrill. In September we took a short vacation to Victoria for a couple of days and then to Quadra Island, just off the northeast coast of Vancouver Island, for a few days salmon fishing. The middle of October Jim went on an extended trip of almost a month's duration from West Coast to East Coast, with many stops along the way. The mission was to attend the annual meeting of the American Cancer Society and to conduct an intern procuring attempt for Tacoma General Hospital.

Jim grows more attached to this land every day. It is growing on Arline--give her another year and she may even become a booster!

We have acquired a circle of good friends and at times our social activity is almost hectic. We have season tickets to the Symphony and the Little Theatre. Both are excellent. There is much we want to do both in the house and in the garden. Time goes much, much too fast!

And so we approach the end of another satisfying year. We hope to see some of you during 1965--we wish we could see all of you.

Hope this finds you vigorous & happy

Warmest regards.

Arlene & James Mason

Was in Chicago late in October hence couldn't make the trip earlier for the congress. Sorry to have missed seeing you. Dad see Alice and am so pleased that she is working at her art & has taken lots of Mike so well. Jim







Michael Livingood Mason
1895-1963

Dr. Michael Livingood Mason, more familiarly and affectionately known to a host of friends and patients, medical colleagues at home and abroad, and fellow alumni of Northwestern University and its Medical School as Mike Mason, died on March 30, a month before his sixty-eighth birthday, as the result of rupture of an abdominal aneurysm.

Almost four years before, he had suffered a serious cerebral accident and for weeks hovered between life and death. After a protracted convalescence he was able to return to his home, but with a complete paralysis of the right upper extremity, a marked weakness of the right lower extremity, and an almost complete aphasia. In spite of the constant and devoted care of his wife, Alice, and of skilled nurses, his condition remained practically unchanged, and for months he was confined to his home and his wheel chair. Although so seriously incapacitated, he never lost his complete understanding of all that was going on in the world about him. He welcomed his friends with a warm smile, delighted in their conversation, and chuckled at their raillery and humor. He even regained some dexterity in painting with his left hand. Then, in a few brief moments on the morning of March 30 he slipped away.

It was almost inevitable that Mike should have chosen medicine as his profession. His maternal

grandfather, Dr. Michael T. Livingood; his father, Dr. Francis Mason; his uncle, Dr. James Mason; and a maternal uncle, Dr. John Livingood, all pursued honorable and successful careers as physicians and surgeons.

His first contact with medical practice came during World War I when, as a sergeant with Base Hospital 12, recruited from faculty and students of Northwestern University, he directed the orderlies in the operating room of the hospital. After the war he entered medical school, served an internship in the Cook County Hospital, and spent ten months in postgraduate study of pathology in Vienna. On his return from Vienna, he began his surgical practice in Chicago as an associate of Allen B. Kanavel. Because of Dr. Kanavel's eminence in the surgery of the hand, Mike's interests naturally turned in that direction, and his experimental and clinical contributions were largely concerned with surgery of the hand.

His paper on the "Rate of Healing of Tendons," prepared in collaboration with Dr. Harvey S. Allen, his associate of many years and later his assistant surgical chief in General Hospital 12, probably gave him as much satisfaction as any of his many contributions to the surgical literature. It was a beautifully written and illustrated report of experimental studies carried out over a three-year period and presented at the annual meeting of the American Surgical Association in 1940. In discussing it, Dr. Samuel C. Harvey, the distinguished Professor of Surgery at the Yale University Medical School, said: "I am delighted to have the opportunity to discuss this most excellent paper. It has the two essential aspects that are necessary, I think, to satisfy this audience whatever their interests may be. One is the theoretical aspect of wound healing and the other is the practical application of it." After discussing some aspects of wound healing, he went on to say: "He has laid down now, I think, for the first time, with a great deal of certainty, the period that immobilization should be carried out in tendon healing, which is approximately that of two weeks; that a period then ensues where the strengthening of the tendon will occur more rapidly if there is a limited mobilization, and after a week or so a period when freer mobilization and greater strength can be thrown upon the tendon, not only without danger but with very definite benefit." The postoperative care of patients who have undergone surgical treatment for tendon injuries today is based upon the experimental work reported in this paper.

This and many other contributions to surgical literature were the result of years of hard work devoted to experimental surgery and a constantly increasing surgical practice. For many years two or three mornings of each week were spent at Passavant Memorial Hospital in carrying out dif-

ficult operative procedures involving the reconstruction of injured hands and the correction of the deformities resulting from congenital malformations, severe burns, radiation injuries, or pathological conditions involving the hand.

These activities, along with his weekly clinic and classes for medical students, were suddenly interrupted in February, 1942, by a call to serve as chief of the surgical service of the Northwestern University unit, General Hospital 12. In 1946, he was discharged with the rank of Colonel. In 1945, he was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Ordem Nacional Do Cruzeiro Do Sol of Brazil.

After the war years he again took up his surgical practice, his teaching, and his medical writing. Always an indefatigable worker, he never sought the limelight, but in the many organizations with which he was associated was always at work in the background, taking on the arduous tasks which others were glad to escape. One of the leaders in the reestablishment of the Medical School's *Quarterly Bulletin*, he served as its Editor in 1940-41. For six years he was Secretary of the Chicago Surgical Society, and President in 1948-49. For six years, from 1949 to 1955, he was Secretary of the Western Surgical Association, and President in 1955-56. From 1950 to 1958 he was Secretary of the American College of Surgeons and served on many of its committees; from 1937 through 1960, he was Associate Editor of *Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics*, the official journal of the College. The excellence of the "International Abstract of Surgery," an integral part of the journal, was due largely to the long hours that Mike spent in poring over the American and foreign surgical literature and choosing with discriminating judgment the

contributions that merited the attention of the surgical profession.

In 1951, he was honored by election to the position of Chief of the Staff of Passavant Memorial Hospital where he had served as attending surgeon since the opening of the hospital in 1929. He was an active member of the American Surgical Association; the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, and its President in 1951; the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma; the Central Surgical Association; and the Surgeons' Club. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, and an honorary member of many other surgical groups. He was an honored member of the scientific fraternities, Sigma Xi and Alpha Omega Alpha; the Cliff Dwellers of Chicago; and the Chicago Literary Club.

Some of the happiest moments of his life were when Mike and his wife, Alice, also an accomplished artist, could spend an all-too-short summer vacation at the Summer School of Painting at Saugatuck, Michigan. There he could forget surgical problems and give free rein to ideas and visions that were clamoring for expression, and that later as paintings and lithographs gained recognition from the Art Institute of Chicago, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the Illinois Society of Fine Arts, the Society of American Etchers, the Society of American Graphic Arts, and were represented in each International Biennial Color Lithographic Exhibit from 1950 to 1956.

Those who knew him best realize how full a life he led. We shall miss Mike, but we shall not forget him.

SUMNER L. KOCH, M.D.

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SUMNER L. KOCH

May 13th '59

Dear Eleanor:

Bad news! Mike had a cerebral

accident early this morning after several minor

episodes yesterday afternoon. He is at the

hospital, and apparently resting comfortably.

He has weakness of the right side and loss of speech.

The weakness seems a little less than at the outset,

and we can only guess just how severe and extensive

the "knock off" is. Howard Alt and Royal think

it is a thrombosis (clotting in the artery) and

not a hemorrhage. An X-ray film often an

atypical suggestion of some the best, but it is

in an inaccessible location.

Would you be good enough to send this note

to Dr. and Mrs. Olson at Dr. Peterburg, or

read it to them over the phone. Thank you very

much. I shall write again soon.

And tell Pat and George.

As always, sincerely yours,

Sumner

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303 EAST SUPERIOR STREET

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Monday, 5/18 '59

Dear Eleanor.

I thought Saturday we could send you some good news, for Mike seemed better, to understand when he was asked to swallow, and to want to help when he was asked to turn. Yesterday his blood pressure "jumped about" with ^{no rhyme} ~~no rhyme~~ or reason - between 200 and 230, sometimes down to 170⁺. Now he is receiving oxygen, and intravenous fluid.

Alice is staying at the hospital constantly, and helping in many ways. I am sure that makes things a little easier for her.

Best wishes from all of us
Summer

SUMNER L. KOCH, M. D.
MICHAEL L. MASON, M. D.
JOHN L. BELL, M. D.
WILLIAM B. STROMBERG, JR., M. D.
154 EAST ERIE ST., CHICAGO 11

May 21, 1959

Dear Eleanor:

Mike seems just a little better and when I saw him an hour ago, I thought he was looking about and trying to figure out what was going on. Up to now, he seemed to have been completely unaware of everyone and everything.

He is in an oxygen tent and receiving intravenous fluids. His blood pressure seems more stable than it has been and we are simply hoping for the best.

He is receiving anti-coagulant therapy in the hope that this may help to prevent any extension of the clotting. An arteriogram a week ago showed a complete block of the left carotid at the base of the skull.

Helen and Carl Oleson called last evening just after they returned from Minneapolis.

Our best wishes always,

Sumner.

Eleanor K. Grimm
1630 Hyde Park St.
Sarasota, Florida

5/22/59

Friday. Dear Eleanor: Mike seemed to be aware
of his surroundings for the first time this morning.

I told Alice I had had a nice letter from
Barrett Brown and from Jim Priestley. He
smiled a little (I thought) and squeezed my hand.
It was the most encouraging day so far.

They tell us the hospital has been swamped
with calls, but I don't wonder. Alice seems
fine. I am sure she never gives up -

Yours
Summer



AIR MAIL-POSTAL CARD

Miss Eleanor Grimm
1630 Hyde Park Dr,
Sarasota -
Fla

Jul 26th Pm. Dear Eleanor:

5/26/59

Mike still seems to be making good progress. Alice has given up her room at the hospital now. I am sure she never "gave up" hope.

Mike sleeps a good deal, but now it is a quiet restful sleep, and he takes food by mouth, slowly, but without too much difficulty.

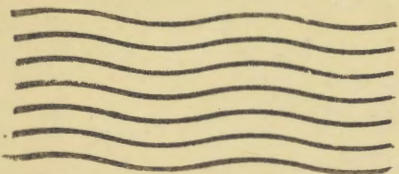
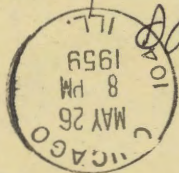
Our best wishes as always

Sumner



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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1630 Hyde Park Dr.
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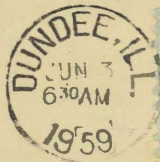


Via "AIR" Mail

6/3/59
P/r Dear Eleanor. Mike seems to be over the
hump now. He did have some serious
intestinal bleeding last week, but stopping
the anti-coagulant treatment and 3 transfusions
apparently stopped the bleeding. This morning
he looked bright and cheerful, and squeezed my
hand as I talked to him. He doesn't make
any attempt to talk, as yet.

Tell Robbie I was glad to have his letter
& shall pass it on to Alice.

Best from all of us - Sumner



AIR MAIL-POSTAL CARD

Miss Eleanor Grimm,
1630 Hyde Park St.,
Sarasota
Fla

222 Jackson Avenue
9 E Oakland June 4, 1959
Dear Eleanor: Ely: M J M

Your messages and efforts through prayers are surely helping Mike toward recovery. He is now able to take food by mouth and has no more difficulty in swallowing. The nurses here for the past two days carried him to a chair and he sits up for 3 one half hour periods each day. He is receiving physiotherapy and seems to respond a little with his right arm and

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leg. Speech I am sure
will come soon - he is making
an effort to talk. The
best news of all is that
his mind is clear and
he comprehends well.
A little over two weeks
ago Loyal and Howard
Aet told me that the
outlook was very poor.
Mike sure fooled them
because from then on
he began to improve.
Howard thinks that I can

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Take him out to
Wood Dale in a few
weeks - so when you
return from Florida
you must spend time
with him there - and
see our birds (mostly
starlings and sparrows) and
our well developed seeds.

I am most grateful to
his good friends and I know
he will soon be able to
express his appreciation to
you - affectionately Alice.

SUMNER L. KOCH

Sunday, Mar 31st 63

Dear Eleanor:

Our boy, Mike, slipped away yesterday morning. He had had a mild case of influenza, but apparently recovered completely.

Yesterday at breakfast time he suddenly became cyanotic and then stopped breathing. Alice called the Fire Department, and they responded quickly, but nothing helped.

Actually, he had sustained a rupture of an intra-abdominal aneurism, and the entire lower abdomen was filled with a tremendous blood clot. Nothing, of course, could have changed the outcome.

Alice has been wonderful during these almost four long years (since May 13 '59). No one could have had more devoted and skillful care.

We shall all miss Mike, how much, you can understand better than most.

Our best wishes, as always
Sumner.

I think you had better practise up on "God Bless America" and get started for home.

SUMNER L. KOCH, M.D.
JOHN L. BELL, M.D.
WM. B. STROMBERG, JR., M.D.
154 EAST ERIE ST., CHICAGO 11

To the friends and colleagues of Dr. Michael Mason:

Within only a few days after the news of Dr. Mason's death appeared letters began to come in from close friends and former patients, asking what they could do to honor his name and help establish a perpetual memorial for him.

This spontaneous expression of affection and esteem led us to believe we could carry out a project which had been crystallizing in our minds since the serious accident which ended Dr. Mason's active career four years ago. The project is to raise one hundred thousand dollars to endow a Michael L. Mason Fellowship in Hand Surgery which will enable us each year to support a Fellow for post graduate training at Passavant Hospital in the field of surgery in which Mike was so deeply interested.

Such Fellows, whether from our own or other countries, would help to raise the standards and make possible still further progress in a field of surgery to which Dr. Mason made many outstanding contributions. As you doubtless know, it is a field which includes many unsolved surgical problems of which the significance and practical importance are being increasingly appreciated year after year, not only in our own country but in many others as well.

We would welcome any contributions, large or small, which could be added to those that have already been received. They should be made payable to Passavant Memorial Hospital, and marked "For the Michael Mason Fellowship Fund".

As you know, we are sure, such gifts are deductible, as charitable contributions, from income. It is sometimes forgotten that gifts of securities, which may have increased considerably in value since their purchase can also be credited as gifts at their full present value.

Northwestern University Medical School and

Committee for the
Michael L. Mason
Fellowship in Hand Surgery

PASSAVANT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
303 EAST SUPERIOR STREET
CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bell:

Within only a few days after the news of Dr. Mason's death appeared, letters began to come in from friends and former patients asking what they could do to honor his name.

This spontaneous expression of affection and esteem led us to believe we could carry out a project which had been crystallizing in our minds since the serious accident which ended Dr. Mason's active career four years ago. The project is to raise \$150,000 to endow a Michael L. Mason Fellowship in Hand Surgery, which will support each year a Fellow in postgraduate training at Northwestern University Medical School and Passavant Memorial Hospital in the field of surgery in which Mike was so deeply interested.

Such a Fellow, whether from our own or another country, could help to make possible further progress in a field to which Dr. Mason made many outstanding contributions, and in which there are still many unsolved problems. Their significance and importance are recognized everywhere.

We would welcome any contributions, large or small, to add to those already received. It has been suggested that some of Dr. Mason's friends may wish to make a gift as a memorial to someone who has passed on. We can think of no better way to honor both the one who is remembered and Dr. Mason.

We have been of "two minds" as to whether or not to ask the help of the surgical groups to which Dr. Mason devoted so much time and energy over the years. We are keenly aware of the many demands that are constantly made upon them in their own communities. We are including them in our appeal because we believe that many who worked with Mike and knew him well would wish to have a share in a permanent and productive tribute to his memory.

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Sincerely yours,

Dear Eleanor: I thought you would like to see the final draft of our appeal (This happens to be a duplicate) With it we are enclosing a copy of the tribute to Mike, and a postpaid envelope addressed to the hospital. We have made a card index of the names and addresses of all those to whom an appeal is being sent; and will record the responses in the cards. I hope eventually we will be able to send a list of the donors to each contributor.

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- Dr. Howard L. Alt
- Dr. James Barrett Brown
- Mr. Nathan Cummings
- Dr. Edward D. Churchill
- Dr. Loyal Davis
- Miss Eleanor Grimm
- Mr. A. O. Hartmann
- Mr. M. J. Holloway
- Mr. Walter C. Kurz
- Dr. J. William Littler
- Dr. J. Roscoe Miller
- Dr. John Paul North
- Dr. James T. Priestley
- Mr. Edward G. Sandrok
- Mrs. Alden B. Swift
- Dr. Richard H. Young

Dr. Churchill is sending out the letter to the members of the Escalator Society, ^{letter} about 70 in all, men who worked with him in the British Theatre during

the war (the war chief surgeon in the Italian area); and adding a personal note.

Paul North and Jim Rieker are doing the same. It either the Eschelon ^{organized give a few years ago and} or the members of the surgeons' club - a closely knit group camp and

of his men only from a number of cities. Jack Bell, Bill Stromberg

and I are signing the letter to the members of the hospital staff.

The Chicago Surgical Society, the American and Central Surgical

Associations, and a number of personal friends and former patients.

The Howard Surgeons

Also will be writing Jim North and his family after they

start to drive from the Oak, hoping for good news.

From can we get in touch with some of their middle names

with have noted in Florida, and are simply hoping that someone

will suggest a worthwhile cause to which they can contribute

some of their excess funds, instead of giving so much to

our ^{operational} government? I know you will have the answer

if you have any helpful suggestions don't hesitate to give them to us.

I have a definite notion as to whether I should send an appeal

to a number of members of the College - the Board of Governors, for example,

the past Board of Regents (with an after writing) etc. - What do you think?

Myself has offered my help, to have been pretty busy "bunching up an image"

But makes from all this time -

As always - sincerely yours -

Dr. Churchill

Jan 22. 64

Dear Helen.

You will be distressed to learn that Alice Mason is in the hospital recovering from a serious operation. She became ill on Monday, the 13th, with some fever and cramping abdominal pain. Her local doctor took her to the nearby Elmhurst Hospital, took X-ray films, etc. There were some signs of intestinal obstruction, but passage of a long tube (by mouth) gave her so much relief she wanted to go home the next day. The symptoms recurred, became more intense, and she was operated upon the evening by a local surgeon and our Frank Lounsbury, a great friend of Mike's and one of his men in Geul Hospital 12.

They found a loop of small bowel adherent to an acutely inflamed diverticulum (I did not know Alice had a chronic diverticulitis). The small bowel loop was sharply angulated, causing the obstruction.

In separating the adherent bowel the large bowel (diverticulum) was opened. To avoid the very great risk associated with bowel resection (the area of large bowel involved) they brought the large bowel

In the surface, and opened Saturday (celebration).
Now she will have an abdominal mass for a
few months, until the inflammatory process subsides
and permits the closure of the fistula.

It was Alice Sunday. This is still partly uncomfortable
with gas pains (there is still some small bowel paralysis),
but Dr. Huntington said yesterday she was improving

On the Dr. Huntington said yesterday that

he and Mrs. B. were going to ask Alice to stay with
them for a time when she is ready to leave the

hospital (that is, a trained nurse). I thought it

was a wonderful and generous suggestion, and could

solve a very problem -

Alice is at the Memorial Hospital, [Emphraus, Ill.]

I know you will want to write to her - Tell

Eleazer, too. Will you?

Love to both always -

Alma

Sunday, 2-23 . 64

Dear Eleanor.

I wrote to Helen Olson about Alice Mason's illness, and asked her to tell you of it.

Alice had a pretty stormy convalescence, but is getting along well now, is up out of bed in a wheel chair, and able to walk a little.

Unfortunately she is greatly depressed by the necessity for having a colostomy, and by the unpleasantness of it. One can well understand; and because she had a rough time getting over this operation her surgeons will probably want to be pretty conservative ^(waiting for her to recuperate) about carrying out the reconstructive procedure (closure of the colostomy).

She will probably try to go home soon, and have someone to help her at home.

Mrs Stromberg, ^{who} was a trained nurse, asked Alice to come to their home for a time; but Alice said she just couldn't "inject" herself in the Strombergs at this time. Cardone said one day it was fortunate this didn't happen while Mike was so much in need of Alice's help. I hadn't thought of it, but it would have made a very difficult situation.

Our Fellowship Fund is growing slowly.
We have now received 39,100- and gifts are
trickling in almost daily. The Hand Surgeons
at their Chicago meeting in Jan'y voted to
transfer 5000 from a "Memorial Fund" to Mike's
Fellowship Fund. Jen and Robbie sent us 100,
and Helen sent us 100. quite a while ago.

We will keep working.

Lucille and Caroline join me in
many good wishes.

As always. Sincerely yours,
Summer.

Sunday, March 1st.

SUMNER L. KOCH

Dear Eleanor.

Your letter came Thursday, and since I was planning to see Alice Friday I delivered it myself.

She looks very well, and was more cheerful than I have seen her at any time since all this trouble developed. She had just received a new colostomy bag the day before, made by a "stubborn old Dutchman" who demanded 2500 in advance before he would come to see her. He has a colostomy himself, so perhaps he has been able to improve on the various apparatuses that the surgical supply houses provide. The one Alice tried out was both uncomfortable and inefficient, and we are hopeful that she has found something that works satisfactorily.

She is having difficulty in making up her mind just what to do; and knowing that she likes to make her own decisions I am waiting to be asked for suggestions before giving any. I have known a few people who were always ready with advice: "Now I will tell you just what to do"; and somehow I could never learn to love them.

Tell Helen Olson, will you, that Alice is getting on well. She had a nice letter from Helen a few days ago, and she said you had a big party recently, with international overtones and a gay time.

I thought you would be interested in this list of "literature" from Merck & Co. They are tops in

the pharmaceutical field, and I believe the most
dependable and "ethical" of the many drug manufacturers.

Lyell joins me in best wishes to you
and all our Florida friends.

As always - Sincerely yours,
Dumaine.

**THE
MICHAEL L. MASON
FELLOWSHIP IN
HAND SURGERY**



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The sponsors of the Michael L. Mason Fellowship in Hand Surgery, the members of the attending staff at Passavant Memorial Hospital and of the faculty of Northwestern University Medical School, and the associates of Dr. Mason are very grateful to the many colleagues, friends and former patients of Dr. Mason, who have contributed so generously to the Fellowship Fund that has been established in his honor and as a tribute to his memory.

Up to this time we have received almost 56,000 dollars, a little more than one third of the sum we hope to raise.

The money is being invested by the Investment Committee of the Board of Directors of the Hospital and is steadily earning income for the support of a Fellow in Hand Surgery.

We wish to express our gratitude to the many individuals and groups who have responded to our appeal, and to assure them of our determination to continue our efforts to reach our goal.

Dr. Sumner L. Koch
Dr. John L. Bell
Dr. William B. Stromberg, Jr.
(for the sponsors)

Dear Eleanor:

This will bring you up to date
Perhaps you can direct a little
"hemophilia" money our way.
"We are weak, but they are strong"
"Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,
"The Bible tells me so"
(That's part of a Sunday School song we
learned years ago).
Happy New Year -
Sumner

**Contributors to the Michael L. Mason Fellowship
in Hand Surgery as of November 15, 1964**

Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Addenbrooke	Winnetka, Illinois		
Dr. Joseph E. Alfano	Chicago, Illinois		
Mrs. Harvey S. Allen	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. and Mrs. Howard L. Alt	Evanston, Illinois		
Mrs. Harold V. Amberg	Chicago, Illinois		
The American College of Surgeons	Chicago, Illinois		
The American Society for Surgery of the Hand, Inc.			
Dr. Don L. Eyler, Sec'y., Treas.	Nashville, Tennessee		
Dr. Courtney W. Anderson	Sioux Falls, South Dakota		
Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Anderson	Evanston, Illinois		
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. Raymond E. Anderson	Chicago, Illinois		
Mr. and Mrs. Clark F. Andreae	Birmingham, Michigan		
Dr. and Mrs. Alex Arieff	Wilmette, Illinois		
The Bernard Aronson Foundation	New York, New York		
Dr. John L. Atlee	Lancaster, Pennsylvania		
Miss Barbara Aubin	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. Hillier L. Baker	Chicago, Illinois		
Med. Dr. Knud Bang-Rasmussen	Copenhagen, Denmark		
Dr. Sam W. Banks	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. and Mrs. Kent W. Barber	Quincy, Illinois		
Mr. Phil C. Barber	La Jolla, California		
Dr. Arthur J. Barsky	New York, New York		
Mr. Albert Bartell	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. Willard Bartlett, Jr.	St. Louis, Missouri		
Dr. Homer P. Basinger	Windom, Minnesota		
Miss Nettie Baumann	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Behrs	Rochester, Minnesota		
Dr. Claude S. Beck	Cleveland, Ohio		
Dr. Oscar J. Becker	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. John L. Bell	Chicago, Illinois		
Mr. Reuben R. Bennett	Jersey City, New Jersey		
Dr. J. K. Berman	Indianapolis, Indiana		
Dr. Frank B. Berry	New York, New York		
Dr. R. Russell Best	Omaha, Nebraska		
Mr. Harry Blum	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. Charles H. Boggs, Jr.	Salem, Virginia		
Dr. Leon Boim	Oak Park, Illinois		
Mr. Harold Bolton, F.R.C.S.	Romiley, Cheshire, England		
Dr. Craig W. Borden	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. Walter C. Bomemeier	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. Russell T. Bothe	Aurora, Illinois		
Dr. Otto Bouc, Jr.	Mt. Prospect, Illinois		
Dr. Joseph H. Boyes	Los Angeles, California		
Dr. and Mrs. George B. Bradburn	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. Baxter Brown	Buffalo, New York		
Mr. H. Templeton Brown	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. James Barrett Brown	St. Louis, Missouri		
Dr. William E. Browne	Boston, Massachusetts		
Dr. Julian M. Bruner	Des Moines, Iowa		
Dr. Alexander Brunschwig	New York, New York		
Dr. Preston J. Burnham	Murray, Utah		
Dr. Caryl E. Cameron	Chicago, Illinois		
Dr. Bland W. Cannon		Memphis, Tennessee	
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Dr. Robert E. Carroll		New York, New York	
Dr. Walter W. Carroll		Chicago, Illinois	
Med. Dr. Nils Carstam		Malmo, Sweden	
Dr. and Mrs. Donald E. Casey		Evanston, Illinois	
Dr. Richard B. Cattell		Duxbury, Massachusetts	
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Mr. Walker B. Davis, Sec'y		Oak Brook, Illinois	
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Dr. Robert J. Cowan		Vancouver, B.C., Canada	
Mr. Gardner Cowles		New York, New York	
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Mr. Samuel A. Culbertson, II		Chicago, Illinois	
Mr. Nathan Cummings		Chicago, Illinois	
Dr. George Curry		Flint, Michigan	
Mr. Arthur R. Dana		Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania	
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Dr. Lester R. Dragstedt		Gainesville, Florida	
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Dr. Martin A. Entin		Montreal, Canada	
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Mrs. Vivian Sloane Fiske		Santa Fe, New Mexico	
Dr. Adrian Flatt		Iowa City, Iowa	
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Dr. R. K. Gilchrist	Chicago, Illinois	Dr. Floyd J. Jergesen	San Francisco, California
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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glunz	Chicago, Illinois	Mr. Robert Y. Jordan	Wilmette, Illinois
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Dr. B. Herold Griffith	Chicago, Illinois	Miss Muriel Kelly	Northampton, Massachusetts
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Dr. Orion H. Stuteville	Chicago, Illinois
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Dr. Helen Wilks	Chicago, Illinois
Dr. James N. Wilson	Los Angeles, California
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DOCTOR RUDOLPH MATAS
2255 SAINT CHARLES AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

December 17, 1940

Miss Eleanor Grimm,
20 East Erie Street
Chicago, Ill

Dear Miss Grimm:-

This is a belated acknowledgement of the receipt of your typed minutes of the Board of Regents' meeting at Chicago, October 20-25, which I had the privilege of attending with great pleasure and profit.

I read these minutes quite attentively when I received them and I am lost in admiration not only for the thoroughness and fidelity with which you recorded every important detail of the proceedings, but for the fine judgement and tact displayed in editing the great mass of raw material that accumulated in the course of the long discussions of the three busy days that we met, and which you had to sift, strain, boil and flavor before it could be served as a palatable mess to the public. While you are, no doubt, tired hearing praise of your secretarial confections you can find no fault in those who find good taste in them. What I want to say, is that I enjoyed the Chicago meeting immensely and particularly, because I noted after my long absence that the machinery of the College was running so smoothly and that the Engineers were all so alert, so earnest, so capable and intent in making the level of success rise, year by year, to a greater and more commanding height.

Please remember me most kindly to Mrs Farrow and other members of the Administrative Board.

With best wishes for your continued welfare and happiness, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

R. Matas



An angle of 'Meo-Domo,'
with the greetings of
Rudolph Matas



19-XII-'52

over

Dear Miss Grimm,

This obituary notice will tell you of my irreparable loss and great affliction and too troubled mind to write to you with the usual greetings of these festive holidays.

Yours always and faithfully
R. Matas

P. S. I have just received your card informing me of your pleasant trip to Cuba. I am sure you enjoyed every moment of your stay in Havana, enjoying the pleasures of Cuban hospitality

R. M.

CLASS OF MESSAGE	SERVICE DESIRED
DOMESTIC	CABLE
GRAM	ORDINARY
LETTER	URGENT RATE
	DEFERRED
LETTER	NIGHT LETTER

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

The following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Mr. Leonard Grimmer

New York 19

Street and No. *Security Board of Reports Sept 7 1947*

Place *Walden Victoria Park N.Y.*

**FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY**

First, let me tell you of my great pleasure in learning from Dr. Schauer yesterday that you had recovered fully from your recent illness and had returned to the College to resume your normal activities. I had hoped to call personally at the Walden Pk. to express my hearty congratulations and to wish you a most pleasurable continuance in the office.

Sender's telephone number

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS

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1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at a message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines.
2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the actual loss, not exceeding in any event the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount the sender of each message is valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the sender has agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. Except as otherwise indicated in connection with the listing of individual places in the filed tariffs of the Company, the amount paid for the transmission of a domestic or an incoming cable or radio message covers its delivery within the following limits: In cities or towns of 5,000 or more inhabitants where the Company has an office which, as shown in the filed tariffs of the Company, is not operated through the agency of a railroad company, within two miles of any open main or branch office of the Company; in cities or towns of more than 5,000 inhabitants where, as shown by the filed tariffs of the Company, the telegraph service is performed through the agency of a railroad company, within one mile of the office of the railroad company; in cities or towns of less than 5,000 inhabitants in which an office of the Company is located, within one-half mile of the telegraph office. Beyond the limits above specified the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will endeavor to arrange for delivery as the agent of the sender, with the understanding that the sender authorizes the collection of a charge from the addressee and agrees to pay such additional charge if it is not collected from the addressee. There will be no additional charge for deliveries made by the Company within the corporate limits of any city or town in which an office of the Company is located.
5. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such an office by the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in the case of any message except an intrastate message in Texas where the claim is not presented to the Company within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission, and in the case of an intrastate message in Texas the Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties where the claim is not presented in writing to the Company within ninety-five days after the cause of action, if any, shall have accrued; provided, however, that these conditions shall apply to claims for damages or overcharges within the purview of Section 415 of the Communications Act of 1934.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the Company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
9. No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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CLASSES OF SERVICE

DOMESTIC SERVICES

TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

DAY LETTERS

A deferred service at lower than the standard telegram rates.

SERIALS

Messages sent in sections during the same day.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2 A.M. for delivery not earlier than the following morning at rates usually lower than the standard telegram or day letter rates.

CABLE SERVICES

ORDINARIES

The standard service, at full rates. Code messages, consisting of five words, at a lower rate.

DEFERREDS

Plain-language messages, subject to being deferred in favor of full-rate messages.

NIGHT LETTERS

Overnight plain-language messages.

URGENTS

Messages taking precedence over all other messages except government messages.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT LETTER

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PRESIDENT

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To

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Street and No.

Place

FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY

which you fitted so well and discharged
with so much benefit to the College & distinguished
credit to yourself. Unfortunately I will not be able
to attend the Congress in New York as I am leaving
by plane tomorrow to attend to unavoidable business
connected with personal affairs of a relative who
is very ill in Spain, which will deprive me of the
great pleasure of attending the meetings of the Board

Sender's address
for reference

Sender's telephone
number

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1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeated-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines.
2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the actual loss, not exceeding in any event the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount the sender of each message represents that the message is valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
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The standard service, at full rates. Code messages, consisting of 5-letter groups only, at a lower rate.

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Plain-language messages, subject to being deferred in favor of full-rate messages.

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Overnight plain-language messages.

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DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT LETTER

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To 3 _____ 19

Street and No. _____

Place _____

**FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY**

*of Regents in N.Y. May I beg you
to convey my regards to Dr. Abel and
members of the Board and to assure
them of my heartfelt and best wishes
for a brilliant & memorable success
the Church Company of 1947*

*Along with warmest regards and
affection, I am,*

Sender's address
for reference

Yours faithfully *W. H. Water*
Sender's telephone number

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2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the actual loss, not exceeding in any event the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount the sender of each message represents that the message is valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the reported-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

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JOSEPH L. EGAN
PRESIDENT

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DR MALCOLM T MCEACHERN=

DA 40 EAST ERIE ST CHGO=



YOUR AIR MAIL LETTER SPECIAL DELIVERY OF SEPTEMBER 3RD ARRIVED LAST SATURDAY BUT WAS NOT DELICERED UNTIL TODAY SEPTEMBER 7TH OWING TO STORM AND LABOR DAY I HAVE DONE THE BEST I COULD TO COMPLY WITH YOUR WISHES I HOPE THIS WILL ARRIVE IN TIME TO BE READ TO MISS GRIMM TOMORROW WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. MISS LEANOR K GRIMM AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS CHICAGO ILLINOIS DEAR MISS LEANOR I AM HAPPY THAT THOUGH THE OLDEST OF THE PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS I CAN STILL FIND MY WAY TO CHICAGO TO CELEBRATE WITH YOUR HOST OF FRIENDS THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR CONSECRATION TO THE SERVICE OF THE COLLEGE. IT HAS BEN MY RARE AND GRATEFUL RIVILEGE TO WITNESS YOUR DEVOTION TO THE COLLEGE SINCE ITS BIRTH, 1913, WHEN, DESPITE YOUR YOUTH, YOU BECAME THE RIGHT ARM OF ITS FOUNDER AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR. YOUR SERVICE CONTINUED TO EXPAND UNTIL IT GRADUALLY EMBRACED EVERY DEPARTMENT OF THE COLLEGE AND SOON FOUND ITS WAY TO THE HEARTSTRINGS OF ITS LEADERS, ITS FELLOWS AND YOUR IMMEDIATE ASSOCIATES.

9 YOU HAVE MADE A FINE JOB OF EVERY MISSION THAT HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO YOU AND IN DOING THIS, YOU HAVE BEEN INSEPARABLY

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IDENTIFIED WITH THE INTEREST AND WELFARE OF THE INSTITUTION. THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF YOUR WORK HAS NEVER MORE KEENLY REALIZED THAN DURING YOUR RECENT ILLNESS. THIS MEANS NO REFLECTION ON THE EFFECIENCY OF YOUR ASSISTANTS, BUT WE KNEW THAT IT WAS YOU AND YOU ONLY WHO HAD GIVEN THE BEST OF YOUR YOUTH, THE BEST OF YOUR STRENGTH THE BEST OF YOUR INTELLIGENCE AND THE MOST GENEROUS FLOW OF YOUR AFFECTION, YES, AND YOU HAVE GIVEN ALL, THE BEST OF YOU TO THE RAISING AND SILENT NURSING OF THE ONCE BABY NOW THE GIANT KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. FOR ALL THIS, NO WORDS OF GRATITUDE ARE ADEQUATE, NOR IS THERE AN EQUITABLE REWARD; NOTHING MORE, PERHAPS THAN THE CONSCIOUS FRUITION OF YOUR LABORS OR THE INTIMATE SATISFACTION OF A TASK WELL DONE.

IF I WERE NEAR YOU NOW I WOULD LIKE TO PIN A CORSAGE OF BLOOMING RED ROSES ON YOUR BREAST AS A SYMBOL OF YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND THE BEAUTY AND FRAGRANCE OF YOUR MAGNIFICENT EXAMPLE, AN OAK LEAF TO SIGNIFY THE ENORMOUS INDUSTRY STRENGTH AND FIDELITY WITH WHICH YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR MARVELOUS 35 YEARS OF YOUR SECRETARIAL TASKS AND A STRING OF IMMORTELLS AROUND OUR NECK AND A LAUREL WREATH OVER YOUR BROW, TO SIGNIFY THE IMPERISHABLE QUALITY OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENT.

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9 WHATEVER THE FUTURE MAY HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU OR FOR
THE COLLEGE, YOUR NAME AND YOUR DEVOTION TO ITS WELFARE WILL
REMAIN FOREVER INSCRIBED ON THE GRANITE BLOCKS OF ITS
FOUNDATION=

RUDOLPH MATAS=

DR. RUDOLPH MATAS

Friday Oct 20/58

Dear Sam Green

This is only
a line to confirm my
unavoidable absence from
the Congress with special regret

not be
that I am ^{not} able to
attend the banquet of
the Board of Regents

Always sincerely

Yours
R. M. Bates

2255 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
September 30, 1950

Miss Eleonora Green
Chicago

Dear Mrs. Green,

Please receive this note as a message of acknowledgment and thanks for the pleasure of your remembrance and good wishes on the advent of my 90th birthday (September 12, 1950) which contributed so agreeably to the thoughts and recollections of that memorable day.

R. Matas
I can't tell you how much I prize your welcome greetings to my 90th Birthday. If I attempted I am sure even the Paris people would not

Carry my kindest
if thanks + good wishes

Always your old
friend

R. M. M.

October 10, 1951

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

Dear Miss Grimm:

Your letter of October 5th., 1951, informs me that you are about to detach yourself from the College. As I believe I am your oldest friend in the College I have some reason to understand how trying this separation from the institution which you have so nobly and efficiently helped to erect by your long, faithful and devoted service, will be felt by the membership - as much and perhaps more than any of the other fellows of the College.

I need not recall the years that have elapsed since you were the handsome young secretary of our old Chief, Franklin Martin. Ever since that early period you have been one of the strongest pillars of the College, surely one of the most efficient and devoted of its officers. You gave your youth to its service, and those of us of the early foundation realize that there is no possible way by which the College can testify to its love, respect and gratitude for you and what you have done for it by any external testimonials or manifestations of gratitude and affection.

Personally I feel that your detachment from the College amounts to virtually an operation, an amputation of an arm, - and in my opinion the right arm, - and it will be difficult for the College and the Board of Regents particularly, to find any possible substitute that may compare with the significance of their loss in its full realization.

I am unfortunately so crippled in my visual faculties by a progressive myopia and other complications that deprive me of the great pleasure that I would derive from travelling on this occasion to the meeting and at least showing you how much I am in sympathy with the College in its great loss, while rejoicing at the same time with you in the realization of a period of rest and freedom from care and responsibility to which you are so justly entitled.

Though not present at the ceremony of your resignation from the cares of office, I am sure you will feel that, despite my absence, I will be thinking of you with the heartiest and best wishes for your welfare and happiness which are faithfully yours from your oldest friend in the College and sincere well wisher,

F. M. Martin

Letter Hawley to Matas, 10/15/51.

Miss Grimm's retirement from the College is a very great loss from which we shall suffer for a long time. She has not only devoted years of service to this College but she has actually devoted her life to it.

Miss Grimm is insistent that no special or extravagant action be taken upon her departure. Whether or not the Board of Regents will accede to her request I do not know. In any event, any testimonial given her would be but a mere token acknowledgment of her great contribution to this College."

Matas to Hawley, 10/9/51.

I have just learned that Miss Eleanor Grimm is about to retire. I have known her ever since the beginning of her career as the sec. of ~~the~~ Dr. F. Martin when he was organizing the College. It will give me therefore much pleasure to contribute to any testimonial of ap. that the B. of R. may be preparing for her at her final detachment from the College.

Hawley to Matas, 12/20/51.

With regard to Miss Grimm's retirement, the Reg. and I subscribed so much to a fund that almost \$100 remained after a beautiful sterling sea service was presented to her. The staff of the College has added more to this residue, and at our Christmas party next Friday, we are presenting her with a very fine wrist watch.

I am sure that Miss Grimm would treasure a note from you above all these material gifts.

DOCTOR RUDOLPH MATAS
2255 SAINT CHARLES AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

March 25, 1952

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm,
Box 907, Clermont
Florida

My dear Miss Grimm:

Your letter of March 10, to Dr. Matas was received on the 13th.

Dr. Matas is in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, where I read your letter to him. He wants me to say that he appreciates your very kind sentiments in regard to the Honorary Fellowship bestowed upon him by the American College of Surgeons. Some day he will write to you again

On February 29, Dr. Matas went to Dr. Clark's Clinic for a routine eye examination. Dr. Clark (Wm.B) found such an extremely high eye tension that he insisted on the Doctor going to the hospital immediately. This high tension surprised Doctor (M) as he had never had any pain in his eye. He was kept under treatment until the morning of March 4th, when Dr. Clark removed the catarac. The eye has been being treated ever since.

Dr. Clark is confident that Doctor will have considerably more vision than he had before the operation and that with the aid of special lenses he may be able to read some.

I thought you would be interested to hear of this experience of of Dr. Matas'

Yours sincerely

K. P. Hess

(Miss) Kate P. Hess, Secty

Rudolph Matas, M.D., 1860-1957

THE ENTIRE MEDICAL WORLD was saddened by the death of Dr. Rudolph Matas on September 23, 1957, in his ninety-eighth year. Born on September 1, 1860, at Bonnet Carré, a small settlement about 30 miles from New Orleans, Louisiana, he was taken by his parents to Barcelona, Spain, at the age of two and spent the next eight years there and in Paris, France. He then returned with his parents to the United States, settling first in Brownsville, Texas, and then in Matamoros, Mexico.

Dr. Matas completed his academic education at the Institute of St. John in Matamoros in 1876 and received his medical education at Tulane University in New Orleans, where even as a student he began to distinguish himself. At the end of his first session at Tulane, he was appointed resident intern at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, despite exertion of pressure by politicians to give this appointment to students of their own choice. And in his third year he was selected as interpreter for the Yellow Fever Commission of the National Board of Health, which was sent to Cuba to make a study of the disease. On March 19, 1880, the faculty broke its rule requiring graduates to be 21, and he was given his M.D. degree while still 20.

Dr. Matas' early interest in, and aptitude for, teaching were recognized by his appointment as demonstrator of anatomy at his alma mater six years after his graduation. He resigned this post eight years later to become professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery, a position which he held until his retirement in 1927.

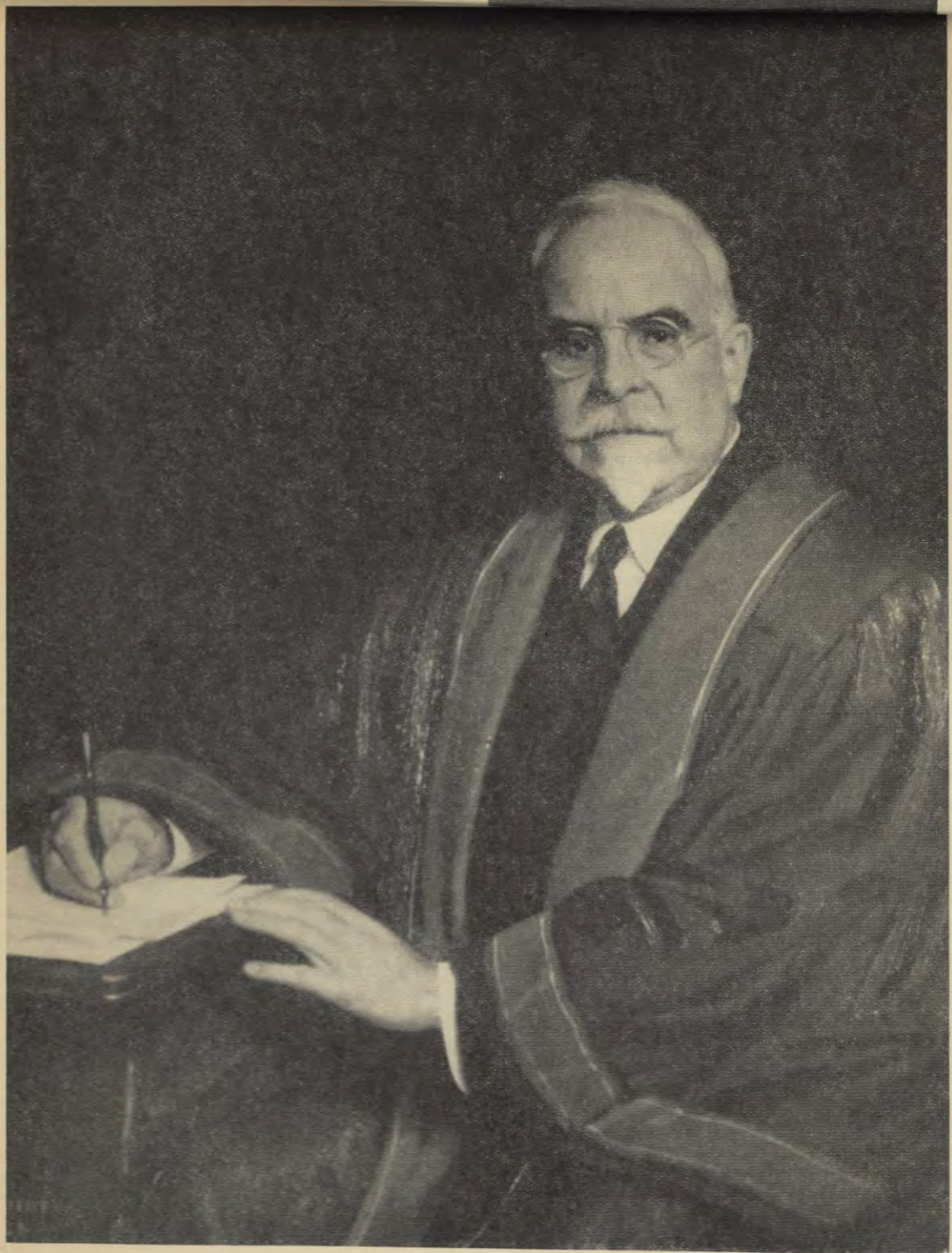
So numerous are the achievements of Dr. Matas that it would be difficult to list them. He will perhaps be remembered best for his pioneering efforts in vascular surgery. His greatest contribution in this field was the introduction of a basic new principle to preserve the circulation in patients with aneurysms. More than 67 years ago he performed a curative operation for treatment of an aneurysm

by suturing the orifices within the sac. When Dr. Matas was only 28 years old, a young Negro man was admitted to his ward for treatment of a large traumatic aneurysm in the middle third of the brachial artery. After trying conservative treatment unsuccessfully, Dr. Matas decided to ligate the vessel above and below the aneurysmal sac. Despite this, pulsation within the sac persisted. He then decided to excise the aneurysm, but at operation was forced to abandon this idea "... owing to the intimate connection of the sac with the important or deeper structures of the arm, especially the biceps and the brachialis anticus. . . ." He obliterated all visible openings within the sac by a continuous suture and thus originated the operation which was to be known as Matas' endoaneurysmorrhaphy. At this early age, Dr. Matas did not hesitate to act promptly and decisively, a requisite of a good surgeon, even though there was no precedent for the action he had decided upon. With due modesty, he said, in commenting on the case some years later, "The exigencies of the case . . . made it necessary that hemostasis should be obtained, and the occlusion by suture appeared to be so easy and plain that it seemed to me that any surgeon similarly situated would have instinctively adopted this simple way of getting out of the difficulty."

To appreciate fully the significance of this contribution by Dr. Matas, it must be realized that the treatment of aneurysms at that time, which was based upon certain observations by Scarpa, had remained "an immutable and unshaken principle in surgery" from the time it was first enunciated over 100 years previously. Thus it was not until Matas developed his procedure of endoaneurysmorrhaphy that the "law laid down by Scarpa" was successfully challenged. In many respects it may be considered symbolic of the beginning of modern vascular surgery.

Dr. Matas' continued interest in the treatment of vascular diseases was manifested by his de-

In this oil portrait which hangs in the John B. Murphy Memorial Auditorium, Dr. Matas wears the robe of the president of the American College of Surgeons. In connection with the Regents' proffered gift of a mortar board and robe to him and other past presidents, Dr. Matas in 1948 replied: "... I am pleased . . . that I still have [the robe] together with the mortar board, in very fair state of preservation. The robe has followed me abroad on several occasions. The last time I wore it at Westminster Abbey to deposit a wreath of laurel and immortelles at the tomb of Sir Joseph Lister in the name of the American College of Surgeons (1927). Some of the colors have faded and the gold braid in several places is somewhat tarnished. But it is still an historic relic which I would not exchange for a new robe no matter how well-fitting and brilliantly colored it might be."



Photograph of the painting by Thomas C. Corner, 1928.

Dr. Rudolph Matas

velopment of an aluminum band for occlusion of arteries for varying periods, his elaboration of the hyperemic test to determine the adequacy of circulation after obliteration, and his numerous contributions to our knowledge of venous thrombosis, postoperative embolism, and postphlebotic sequelae.

Among the real pioneers in thoracic surgery, Dr. Matas recognized as long ago as 1898 that the dangers of acute pneumothorax were, in his words, "the impediment and bar to the progress of thoracic surgery." In regard to this conviction, he said in his presidential address at the fourth annual meeting of the Association of Thoracic Surgery on June 9, 1921, ". . . I thought and labored to overcome the seemingly insurmountable obstacle to the advance of thoracic surgery. Beginning then with the modification of the Fell-O'Dwyer intraglottic cannula and the insufflating bellows which permitted the simultaneous administration of ether vapor—this simple apparatus was then transformed into a positive pressure apparatus and adapted to the requirements of thoracic surgery." It is perhaps characteristic of advances in medicine that several decades elapsed before this method of intratracheal anesthetization was generally adopted.

Less well known, perhaps, than his contributions to vascular surgery is his pioneering use of intravenous saline solution in the postoperative care of patients and his advocacy of gastric drainage, as early as 1924, by the use of the indwelling Jutte tube introduced through the nose. He was also the first to use a spinal anesthetic in America, and he devised an apparatus for rapid, massive infiltration of anesthetics.

Recognition of Dr. Matas' eminence in the surgical world is evidenced by the fact that he served as president of every important surgical society in America. He was also president of the International Society of Surgery (*Société Internationale de Chirurgie*); and honorary president of the Pan-American Medical Congress in Washington, D.C., in 1895; of the *Association Française de Chirurgie*; of the International Surgical Congress, Warsaw, in 1929; and of the Surgical Society, Barcelona. He was one of the 12 founders of the American College of Surgeons and served as its president from 1925 to 1926.

Dr. Matas' global stature in the surgical field is further reflected in the fact that he was a member

of practically every surgical association in the world. He was an honorary member of the Royal Academy of Medicine, Rome; the Association of Polish Surgeons; the Society of Italian Physicians in America; the Royal College of Surgeons of England; the National Cuban Order of Carlos Finlay; the Order of Leopold of Belgium; the Gorgas Medical Society; and the Havana Academy of Medicine. He was an honorary fellow of the Royal Academy of Medicine, Madrid, the Catalonian Academy of Medical Science, Barcelona, and the Royal Academy of Medicine, Belgium.

Dr. Matas held honorary degrees from Tulane University, Washington University, University of Alabama, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, and the National University of Guatemala. He was the first recipient of the Certificate of Merit of the American Medical Association. He received the Henry Jacob Bigelow Medal in 1926, and the *Times Picayune* loving cup as the outstanding citizen of New Orleans in 1940.

Dr. Matas' interests were not limited to medicine. An avid reader and a prolific writer, he spent many hours in his library. His published writings number several hundred. He was versed in subjects literary, artistic, musical, and athletic, and could talk extemporaneously and at length on almost any subject under discussion. He spoke five or six different languages fluently and had a reading knowledge of a number of others. He was deeply interested in the history of medicine in Louisiana and at the time of his last illness had been engaged in writing a voluminous work on this subject.

Dr. Matas was a renowned surgeon, eminent scientist, brilliant scholar, stimulating teacher, apt historian, benevolent humanitarian, and staunch friend. His deep compassion and intense feeling for human suffering were reflected in the profoundly contemplative expression often noticed on his face. He explained that a surgeon's face must necessarily be sad for he suffers along with his patients.

Dr. Matas lived a long and fruitful life, and until his last illness he was mentally more alert and productive than many of his younger confrères. In a century marked by great advances in his field, the contributions of Dr. Matas will stand with the most notable.

MICHAEL E. DE BAKERY

Baylor University College of Medicine
Houston, Texas

Chgo. Tribune

9/4/60

A Career of Distinction, a Life of Conflict

RUDOLPH MATAS, by Isidore Cohn, M. D., and Hermann B. Deutsch [Doubleday, 431 pages, \$5.95].

Reviewed by Morris Fishbein, M. D.

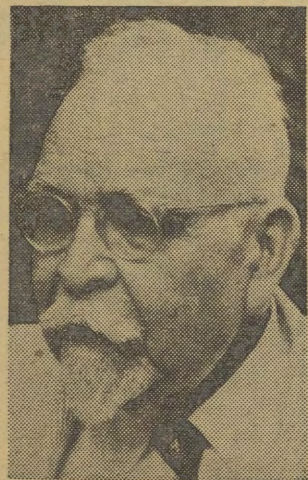
Many, many books appear nowadays representing joint authorship of a physician and a professional writer; most of these marriages are unhappy, and the progeny are mongrels. Not so with this biography of Rudolph Matas. Dr. Isidore Cohn was a beloved friend and associate of Matas, the south's greatest surgeon. Hermann Deutsch was for many years editor and editorial writer for the New Orleans Item. Their association in this work is a natural one and the result proves it.

A well recognized history of medicine thus summarizes the scientific career of Dr. Matas: "Rudolph Matas of New Orleans, student, scholar, and surgeon, did pioneer work on nerve-blocking, spinal anesthesia, and laryngeal intubation and, with his radical operation for aneurysm, aneurysmorrhaphy [1902], made the first advance in this type of surgery since the day of John Hunter."

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What can such a capsulation reveal of the true accomplishments of a great surgeon as a prolonger and saver of human lives, as a leader in medical education, as a profound student of medical history and medical bibliography?

Matas' life was characteristic of an epoch in American medicine. His father, an immigrant from Spain, practiced a sort of rough and ready medicine. The son began as a general practitioner, was drawn into basic research on yellow fever, cultivated the technique and the art of surgery, learned as apprentice to competent masters, and then by his diligence and natural talent outstripped them all.



Dr. Rudolph Matas

Pages would be required to list the distinctions, the honors, and the awards that came to him. His highest recognition came from his peers—the great surgeons of all the world who elected him to the presidency in the leading surgical organizations.

His personal life was tragic, marked by the hatred

of his mother and his sister for his wife and her refusal to conciliate, the loss of an eye by surgical contamination and eventual blindness, a temperament that did not brook difference of opinion or contradiction, and, perhaps saddest of all, living beyond the generation that valued him into one that forgot and neglected him.

The years of Matas were full of conflict: wars against ignorance and stupidity; wars against the machinations and evil of medical politics; family squabbles from which he could not divorce himself; and as he grew older battles to sustain the status quo.

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His admiring and affectionate friends, the authors, sense the difficulties of his attitudes. They say: "In this same era of the early 1930s Dr. Matas developed two consuming hatreds that become positively fixed convictions. One was for Huey Long, the other for a recently formed International College of Surgeons, which sought to have the established International Society of Surgeons amalgamate with it."

Eventually the school established by Huey Long to get even with the leaders of Tulane became a truly great addition to medical education. The struggle between the two organizations of surgeons still awaits an armistice if not a treaty of peace.

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Within this story of Matas' life is woven another drama which could stand complete in itself: the friendship between Matas and Lafcadio Hearn, one of those friendships like that of Billroth and Brahms, like that of the surgeon Sir Heneage Ogilvie for his two brothers-in-law, Joyce Cary and A. P. Herbert. Thru his relation to the New Orleans Item, Deutsch is able to illuminate the character of Hearn as probably no other writer could.

Matas' accomplishments will live in the annals of medicine and his biography is fascinating and full of drama. The man was endowed with a prodigious memory, a talent for surgery, the courage of the innovator, and a passion for admiration and leadership.

His career is not one to be emulated by the rigidly and scientifically trained young men of today, but he belongs on the pedestal that this biography erects for him.

Dr. Morris Fishbein has written extensively on medical topics and has edited a number of medical books and periodicals.

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DR. HANS MAY
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November 4th, 1953

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

*Christmas
card*

Dear Miss Grimm:

Indeed it was a great pleasure to have
seen you again and also to see you in such good health
and spirit.

I tried to gather material for the history
of the German College of Surgeons but unfortunately I cannot
find it, hence, I am writing to Germany and will ask them
to supply me with the history. I shall forward it to you
as soon as it arrives.

With best regards,

Cordially yours,

Hans May

Hans May, M.D.

HM/me

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Company
SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT
Inquiries and Correspondence
September 4, 1954

Date _____ 19

Dear Doctor de L. de Maynard, - -

This is a long delayed note of thanks to you for your cordial reception of me early in June, and also for the letter which you sent to me on June 10, enclosing a copy of your Harlem Hospital report. I have not yet received the pamphlets which you had requested of Dr. Cobb.

One reason for my delay in writing to you was my effort to find Dr. Stewart's prayer. Herewith a copy which you may keep. I understand an embossed copy of this prayer hangs at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York. He was indeed a great man, as both you and I appreciate.

The September-October, 1954 Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons, which I have just received, contains an announcement of the publication of "Doctor Dan". I do not recall whether you said you had or had not met Dr. Daniel Hale Williams. I had that pleasure on a number of occasions in Chicago, through Dr. Franklin Martin who greatly admired him. I am sure this account of his life will be most interesting, and I shall make an effort to get a copy and read it. I had some correspondence with the author while I was still active at College headquarters.

With renewed thanks to you for your courtesy to me on the occasion of my visit, and hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you again, believe me

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Eleanor K. Grimm
Route 1, Box 67
Burlington, Wisconsin

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- Is he drawing W. A. C. benefits
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Very truly yours,

(Name) (Address)
Box 1, Box 87
Burlington, Vermont



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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HARLEM HOSPITAL
136TH STREET AND LENOX AVENUE
NEW YORK 30, N. Y.

June 10, 1954

Miss Eleanor K. Grimm
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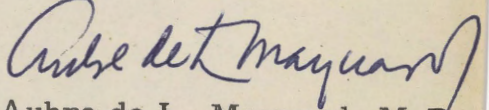
Dear Miss Grimm:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the report which you requested.

As soon as we receive the pamphlets by Dr. Cobb which you also requested, we shall forward them to you.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,


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Director of Surgery

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Enclosure