



# BRANDON COLLEGE

## ALUMNI NEWS

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### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Your are hereby cordially  
invited to a  
**HOME-COMING RE-UNION**  
Of the Brandon College Alum. Assoc.  
IN CLARK HALL

3 to 5 o'clock

**DECEMBER 27th, 1953**

### CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL

by Edgar Bailey '33

"Christmas is humbug" said Ebenezer Scrooge; "My employees want time off with pay, everyone expects gifts, and worst of all, I am expected to say, "Merry Christmas" when I don't feel Merry nor do I even believe in Christmas."

Scrooge was right in the sense that Christmas is humbug if there is no belief in Christ, the real reason for Christmas. A Holy day can soon degenerate into a holiday without meaning or message. The business world has become wiser since the days of Scrooge; it has turned Christmas into a profitable festival which rings up millions of dollars on its cash registers every year. If there is no recognition of the Babe of Bethlehem, Christmas is still humbug, whether it is expressed by the moaning of a miser or the exploiting of the season by shrewd business men.

Scrooge rejected the Christmas customs because he did not believe in the season or its founder. At least he was honest in this respect. Marley's Ghost brought Ebenezer face to face with himself, and he recognized that he was only a shrivelled remnant of the man he might have been. The love of money-making had made him into an adding machine instead of a real man. He recognized the truth that the overworked, underpaid, Bob Cratchit, with his large family and his crippled son, was a better, happier man than he. It was a hard lesson for Scrooge. But once the spirit of Christmas took hold of the old man, be it said to his everlasting credit, he tried to make amends for his wasted years.

The true setting for the Christmas celebration is a united, loving family, enjoying together worship of God,

Christmas music, unselfish giving, the remembrance of friends and loved ones.

Christmas is an oasis in the mad desert of "getting and spending". Christ, the perfect example of unselfish giving, adds a new meaning to life itself. Christ gives a proper perspective to our lives. The season is not a mirage fostered by sentimental, wishful thinking; it is the symbol of a way of life that may be practised here and now by men of good will. Peace on Earth can never become a reality until Christ dwells with us and in our hearts. The real mirage is the false sense of security which we gain from the acquisition of stocks, bonds, houses and land, as we completely ignore the truth that "you can't take it with you". Our three-score years and ten soon slip by, and then the things that loomed so large in our lifetime are no more important than a single autumn leaf, dropping from a great tree.

Christmas helps us to recover our sense of proportion. For a moment we take our eyes off the little golf ball at our feet and we see the big world around us. What matter if we lose a stroke, if we catch a vision of the true purpose and meaning of life. When men and women recognize that Christ's message is relevant to this day and age, the song of the angels, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men" may become a reality.

And so, with Bob Cratchit we say, "Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, and God bless us," and with Tiny Tim, "God bless us, every one."

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The Brandon College Alumni Association has taken a new lease on life! It has an active, interested executive. It has adopted a worthwhile constitution. It has taken steps to make this constitution mean what it says. It has doubled the scholarship contribution for 1953. It has a good Alumni News. It has money in the bank, and plans are being made for the development of a major project worthy of the Association.

I want all of you to share in this work. You are not equally situated in respect to opportunities, but there is something every one of you can do. As

your president, I ask you to read the aims of the Association as outlined in the constitution, study them and then ask yourself this question, "What can I do to help accomplish these?" If you will do this, and then turn your good intentions into actions, I believe our Association will very rapidly develop into the active and growing organization which it should and can be.

Lloyd Henderson  
**ALUMNI MEMBERS HEAR DR. J. R.  
C. EVANS' REPORT ON TRIP**

The report of the Constitution Committee was presented at the fall meeting of the B. C. A. A., held in the College Chapel on October 27th. President Lloyd Henderson presided and guided the discussion. The constitution presented by Maria Nelson, was adopted by the meeting after a few changes were made in the original draft. It is hoped that copies of the constitution will soon be available for the members. Meanwhile, for those who have kept their last issue of the Alumni News, the following changes were made in the proposed constitution:

**ARTICLE IV. FEES.**

A clause reading, "The business year shall extend from June 1st to May 31st, and newly-elected officers shall assume their duties on June 1st," is to be added to this article.

**ARTICLE IV. (C) FEES.**

"Honorary members shall not be required to pay a fee."

**ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD  
AND COMMITTEES.**

"An auditor shall be appointed by the Executive Board at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting."

**ARTICLE V. (6).**

"All officers shall enter upon their duties on the first of June following election and shall serve for a term of one year, or until their successors shall be duly elected."

**ARTICLE VIII (E) ELECTIONS.**

"All offices of the Executive Board will be open for election at the Annual Meeting, and further nominations may be presented provided the nomination is presented by two regular members who have the consent of the Nominee."

The President introduced the Senior Stick of the present student body, John Minions '54, who spoke to the meeting about a project which the students are anxious to initiate. He asked the Alumni if they would appoint a committee to meet with a committee of students, to give consideration to this matter. A committee composed of Nels Unicume '35, Dr. Bill Harwood '43, and Mrs. Eileen Metcalfe Wilson '34 was appointed, and when this committee has convened and there is anything to report, it will be published in the Alumni News.

The highlight of the evening was an account by Dr. Evans of the delightful

trip he and Mrs. Evans took last summer to the Old Land. Dr. Evans' genuine pleasure was so obvious that he carried his listeners with the contagion of his enthusiasm on a journey through England and Scotland that was all too short. With 29 members present the meeting concluded with a pleasant social hour in the reception room in Clark Hall, arranged by our efficient Social Committee.

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

Everywhere you go you meet members of the Brandon College "Family". For example did you know that we have:

**IN VANCOUVER:**

'12 Esther Moore at 2725 - 6th Ave. W.

**IN CALGARY:**

'35 Mrs. H. H. (Barbara Yaeger) Ricketts at 1930 - 2nd Ave. N.W.

'52 Miss Donna McPhail - 621 - 22nd Ave. W.

'31 Mrs. J. (Lois Gainor) Young - 8930 Windsor Road

'52 Miss Joan Garnett - 11141 - 88th Ave.

**IN REGINA:**

'23 Mr. Alex Derby - 1959 Montague St.

'53 Miss Catherine S. Nelson—12 Bartleman Apts.

**IN MOOSE JAW:**

'19 Mr. Fred Howard - 230 Angus Crescent

**IN SASKATOON:**

'27 Mrs. F. (Edith Irish) Laing - 401 Albert Ave.

**IN SWAN RIVER:**

'53 Miss Joyce Marie Thordarson - Children's Aid Society

**IN WINNIPEG:**

'25 Mrs. W. A. (Kathleen Kenner) Kennedy - 143 Elm St.

'32 Mrs. E. D. (Dorothy Dadson) Telly - 3 Millan Apts.

614 St. Mark St.

**IN FORT WILLIAM**

'27 Mrs. D. W. (Ruth Clement) Coburn

**IN SUDBURY:**

'25 Mr. Bert McDorman - 252 Montcalm St.

'48 Miss Mary C. Terrell - Co. Y.W.C.A.

**IN TORONTO:**

'23 Mrs. Geo. (Eunice Death) Coutts - 59 Spadina Road

'20 Mr. David McNaught - 786 Coxwell Ave.

'25 Mr. Fred J. Westcott - Co. W. C. Harris & Co., 255 Bay St.

'26 Mrs. Fred (Rose Vasey) Westcott - Co. W. C. Harris & Co., 255 Bay St.

'30 Mrs. C. H. M. (Ruth Bingham) Alexander, 141 Watson Ave.

'23 Mrs. Harold (Olive Freeman) Palmer 120 Carlton St.

**IN HAMILTON:**

'12 Mrs. (Vera Leech) MacNeill - 121 Dromore Crescent

## IN MONTREAL:

'25 Mr. Howard Umphrey - 2281 Chemin Sur le Lac, Ile Bizard

'29 Mrs. (Constance Lamontagne) Taylor Apt. 15, 4129 Dorchester St. W., Westmount

## CHRISTMAS HOME-COMING REUNION:

As you have already read, a Christmas reunion is being planned by the Social Committee under the leadership of Gwen Sutherland '37. The gathering is to take the form of a reception in Clark Hall on Sunday afternoon, December 27th, from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock. All graduates and their wives or husbands are urged to attend; all faculty members and their wives, all Board Members and their wives, all ex-students who qualify under the constitution for membership in the Alumni Association are invited to come and help to make this occasion a worth while part of the College tradition.

Roberta Wilkie '53 is convening this function and is working hard to make it a success; so if she or her committee ask you to help, please give her your support and co-operation.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

In the last issue we promised a list of the members who, having paid the \$10.00 Life Membership fee have become Life Members of the Brandon College Alumni Association. Here they are. It is an interesting list. The response has been spread fairly evenly over the forty year period from 1912 to 1951. Class '14 and Class '25 lead the list with three Life Members each. We might make something of a contest of this. No box tops required!

- '32 Miss Ernestine Hudson ✓
- '21 Mr. C. V. Warner ✓
- '14 Mrs. K. Bowen (Kathleen Johnston) ✓
- '35 Clement, Mr. G. Y. ✓
- '40 Mr. H. C. Pentland ✓
- '37 Dr. R. E. Beamish ✓
- '27 Mrs. W. E. Gordon (Ruth Willey) ✓
- '27 Mr. C. E. Erickson ✓
- '18 Miss Ruby McDonald (d) ✓
- '26 Mrs. W. L. Wright (Annie Evans) (d) ✓
- '25 Mrs. W. A. Kennedy (Kathleen Kenner) (d) ✓
- '34 Mrs. E. M. Gardner (Kathryn Campbell) ✓
- '29 Mrs. Esther M. Cleland (Esther Magoon) ✓
- '28 Mr. T. L. Brooks ✓
- '14 Mr. James E. Moffat (ol) ✓
- '51 Mr. Angus Jukes ✓
- '13 Mrs. R. J. Brandon (Willa Speers) ✓
- Mrs. C. H. R. Munday ✓
- '16 Miss Ruth E. C. Morgan (r. r.) ✓
- '12 Mrs. H. L. MacNeill (Vera Leech) (d) ✓
- '12 Mr. E. H. Clarke ✓
- '48 Dr. Garth Thomas ✓
- '25 Dr. Harold Trotter ✓

- '35 Mr. Gordon Cumming ✓
- '36 Mrs. Gordon Cumming (Muriel Bell) ✓
- '44 Mr. A. Murray McPherson ✓
- '25 Miss Mary MacDonald ✓
- '40 Mr. Thomas H. McLeod ✓
- '50 Miss Verna Brown ✓ (Averill)
- '26 Mr. J. C. Hembling ✓
- '14 Mrs. H. P. H. Galloway (Peggy Bucke) ✓
- '30 Mr. J. B. Hawson ✓
- '20 Mr. Orville Calverley ✓
- '23 Mrs. Sybil McDiarmid (Clara Kerr) ✓
- '16 Miss Nettie Ross ✓
- '21 Miss Hazel Dunseith ✓

## ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

For the academic year 1953-54 the Alumni Association has provided two Entrance Scholarships of \$100 each. The Brandon College Scholarship Committee has selected suitable candidates from worthy applicants for entrance scholarships.

This year Mr. Orville H. Page, of Medora, Manitoba and Mr. Nester T. Shabits, of Benito, Manitoba, were awarded the Brandon College Alumni Assoc. Entrance Scholarships. In both cases the student supplied supporting evidence that they required assistance, and both students were declared worthy for scholarship award because of excellent academic standing, based on their high school examination results.

Our field representative found that Mr. Shabits had completed his Grade XII course through home study and had a first class average. Because of your entrance scholarship this very ambitious student is now enrolled in Second Year at Brandon College, studying for the first time in three years with proper instruction.

Orville Page, of Medora, is enrolled in First Year Arts and Science, and is an exceptionally keen and industrious youth, who is very anxious to carry on his studies. The Entrance Scholarship that he received was the means of bringing him to the College, as his father is unable to support the family because of illness.

The members of the Alumni Association should be proud of their scholarship program, as it is the means of bringing deserving students to the College who would otherwise be unable to attend.

## THE EVANS' TOUR ENGLAND:

In the last issue of the ALUMNI NEWS we promised you a more detailed account of the Evans' trip to England. Mrs. Evans has been good enough to give us the following account of their travels.

"On the morning of June 11th we boarded the "Empress of France", which sailed from Montreal, bound for England. We were greatly impressed with the trip along the St. Lawrence

River, with the Cantilever Bridge, Plains of Abraham and Chateau Frontenac adding much to the beauty of the scene. A pleasant surprise was our also to find on board a former Lady Dean of Clark Hall, Mrs. Nelson (nee Dorothy Worthenbach), now residing in Calgary. After seven delightful days on board, the boat docked at Liverpool, from which point we departed at once for Edinburgh, passing through such picturesque places as Carlisle, Preston and Galishels. We were fortunate indeed in obtaining hotel accommodation in Edinburgh, our room with balcony facing Princess St. and Edinburgh Castle.

We attended Communion at St. Giles Cathedral, visited St. Margaret's Chapel, and inspected the National War Memorial. In anticipation of the forthcoming royal visit, Edinburgh was decorated in a spectacular manner, with palms and red, white, and blue hydrangea banked all along Princess Street. On the morning of the visit the 21-gun salute was heard, the first detachment of Scots Greys seen, the National Anthem played, then more mounted men, more bands, the Sovereign Escort, Life Guards then finally the famous Greys appeared drawing the open carriage. In the evening the Queen's own band presented a concert across from the hotel, with the flood-lit Edinburgh Castle providing an enchanting background. Following a trip to scenic Loch Lomond, we proceeded to London, visiting en route the Naval Dock Yards, Durham University, Durham Cathedral, and Yorkminster Cathedral. Once in London we spent a delightful day with the Victor Coen's, journeying with them to Preston Park, on to Brighton, then to the White Cliffs of Dover. Back in London, a service at St. Margaret's Church was attended, followed by a boat ride on the Thames. It was a delight for us to visit Canada House, the Freemasons' Hall, and to hear "Il Trovatore" at Covent Garden. Other memorable visits included those

to the Curiosity Shop, Buckingham Palace, The Royal Palaces, Hyde Park, and the Law Courts. We were present at a performance of "Gloriana" at Covent Garden, had high tea at the Savoy Hotel. We motored to Stratford-on-Avon with Dr. and Mrs. Earl King '23, visiting Oxford en route. We also visited Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Holy Trinity Church, Hall's Museum, and had the opportunity of attending an excellent performance of "The Merchant of Venice." One of the most outstanding events of the entire trip was the presentation of "The Messiah" by the Bach Choir in Westminster Abbey. This experience I shall never forget! In addition, the Changing of the Guard was a most impressive procedure, as was a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral, Madame Toussard's, the House of Parliament, and a trip to Harrow College with the Earl King's.

A most enjoyable day was spent in Paris, having taken a conducted tour, and therefore managing to see a good number of the points of interest.

After returning to London, we proceeded from there to Cambridge to attend a week-long conference of the Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth, during which time the hospitality and congeniality of all was excellent. We were most interested in the tours taken of most of the 26 colleges and chapels. Following the conference, we journeyed to Wales, spending some time in Cardiff, Pontipridd, and delightful Aberdaire. We spent a most pleasant week end with friends at Nottingham, then proceeded to Manchester and on to Liverpool. Here we boarded the "Empress of Australia" and set sail for home.

All told, it was a wonderful trip, an experience of a lifetime. We hope a some future date we may have the privilege of doing it all over again, and I would recommend it highly to you all.

Adeline Evans