

A. Vibert Douglas

Correspondence

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Dear Dr. Douglas -

I hope you are well - I've
had the most wonderful 5
months of my life - well
worth giving up my material
possessions for - Israel is
very interesting & I love Rhodes
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Ethel Stewart

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March 27, 1975

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
127 King Street West,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

Thank you so much for your two recent visits to Special Collections, and for the collection of articles and papers on astronomy, all but one from your own pen. I am happy to acknowledge them, in random order as follows:

Written by yourself -

- "History of Astronomy at the I.A.U. 1970" (Journal of RASC, February 1971)
- "Hydrogen - Universal Element: Question Marks in our Skies" (Queen's Quarterly, 1957, p.598 ff.)
- "XII International Congress for the History of Science" (Journal of RASC, April 1969)
- "The XIII General Assembly of the I.A.U." (Journal of RASC, January? 1968)
- "History of Astronomy at Prague, 1967" (Journal of RASC, February? 1968)
- "Interim Report on Commission 41, I.A.U." (Journal of RASC, April? 1967)
- "Tenth International Congress - History of Science" (Journal of RASC, February 1963)
- "History of Science" (Journal of RASC, February 1965)
- "Astronomers Visit Four U.S.S.R. Observatories" (Journal of RASC, February? 1959)
- "Eighth General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union" (Journal of RASC, June? 1953)
- "Genghis Khan and the Five Planets" (Journal of RASC, April 1966)
- "Historical Significance of Five Conjunctions, 1226-27" (Journal of RASC, April? 1971)
- "St. Helena Observatory and Canadian Astronomy" (Queen's Quarterly, Winter, 1971, p.592 ff.)
- "Copernicus 1473-1543" (Journal of RASC, January? 1973)
- "Al-Biruni, Persian Scholar, 973-1048" (Journal of RASC, April? 1973)
- "Thomas Young, 1773-1829" (Journal of RASC, March? 1973)

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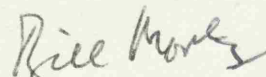
- "Georges Le Maître, 1894-1966" (Journal of RASC, February, 1967)
"Kepler's Dream" (Journal of RASC, January? 1972)
"Astronomy and the Orphic Hymns" (Journal of RASC, May? 1968)
"Astronomy a Century Ago" (Journal of RASC, March? 1964)
"Forty Minutes with Einstein" (Journal of RASC, March, 1957)
"Early Scientific Writing in Canada" (Ithaca, 21X 1962)
"Ships Ahoy! The Search for Cosmic Company" (Queen's Quarterly,
Autumn 1959, p. 405 ff.)
"Arthur Stanley Eddington" (Journal of RASC, January 1945)
"Astronomy, Physics, and Philosophy" (Journal of RASC, March 1945)
"Astronomy in a World at War" (Smithsonian Institution, Washington,
Report, 1944)
"Eddington, Sir Arthur Stanley" (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 15th
edition, 1974)

Thomson, Malcolm M. (NRC, Ottawa)
Time at Kingston. Mimeo, 9 pp.

These make a splendid addition to the astronomy materials, being gathered under our History of Radio Science & Technology Project, and I thank you heartily for your kindness.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,



William F.E. Morley
Curator of Special Collections

WFEM:pw
cc. Mr. A.E. Covington
Dr. G.A. Harrower



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Queen's University
Kingston, Canada
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12 April, 1978.

Dr. Alice Vibert Douglas,
127 King Street West,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

At the last session for the 1977-8 season of the Humanities Association last night, we had great pleasure in bestowing Honorary Life Memberships in the Kingston Branch of the Humanities Association of Canada upon our two Founder Members: Alice Vibert Douglas and George Whalley.

In my introduction I informed the members that you were in Cuba, and the presentation was made to you in absentia. In his reply George Whalley included you in the acceptance of this award. I enclose the modest "certificate" which we hope will serve to mark the event, and hope that the permanence of your membership in the HAC gives you some small pleasure. It has given us a very large one indeed.

The new Branch executive for 1978-9 will be: Ross Kilpatrick as President, Catherine Harland as Vice President, and Grant Sampson as Secretary-Treasurer. I hope that you had a splendid time in Cuba, and look forward to hearing about it from you. Have you considered, by the way, attending the forthcoming Disraeli Colloquium at the Donald Gordon Centre on the weekend of 22-23 April? We are bringing over Lord Blake, Sir Robin Mackworth Young (the Queen's Archivist at Windsor) plus two over members of our English Board, and it should be of much wider interest than only to Disraeli specialists. If you would like to come could you let me know and I'll send you details.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Matthews'.

John Matthews.

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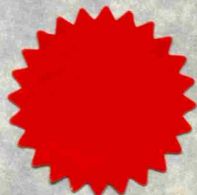
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a continuing Founder Member of the Branch through all twenty-five years of its activities, who has made a distinguished and lasting contribution to the work of the Association and to the Humanities in Canada. Awarded at Kingston on the Eleventh Day of April 1978.

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October 26, 1972.

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
127 King Street W.,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Douglas:

Thank you very much for the revised version of the paper on Copernicus. It will be very suitable for the first paper of the 1973 volume. We will certainly include a footnote crediting the Queen's Quarterly as you suggest.

My only question is a very minor one on page 151 of the Quarterly article. Would you prefer to leave "Four hundred years ago" as an approximate interval today or change it to "Four hundred and thirty years ago"?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ian Halliday".

Ian Halliday,
Editor,
Journal of the R.A.S.C.

Yes-

IH:vp



Roland
Green

Thank you for the paper that
so well reflects "the Academic
Atmosphere of Opies" — and the
one about the Dedication, regarding
which I know less. It was nice
to hear from you, and we have
sent all good wishes for Christmas
and all the days of 1966

Irene & Cyril James

"BLUE TIT AND ROBIN IN THE SNOW"
From an original water colour by ROLAND GREEN

To Beira Violet Douglas

Wishing you Every
Joy and Blessing at Christmas and
throughout the New Year
from
~~Irene and Cyril James~~

Irene & Cyril James

Pipers Croft
Devonshire Avenue
Amersham
Bucks.

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
127 King Street West,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Allie:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of your fascinating article on the St. Helena Observatory and Canadian Astronomy. It serves to remind us that astronomy had its beginning not so very long ago in this country and still suffers too often from apathy in high places.

My best regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. A. Harrower".

G. A. Harrower,
Vice-Principal (Academic)



UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL

Montréal, le 17 juin 1970.

Prof. A. V. Douglas
127 King Street West
Kingston, Ontario

J'ai appris que vous avez publié récemment un travail
intitulé *Early scientific writing in Canada*

La lecture de ce texte me serait utile pour la bonne marche
des travaux de recherche que j'effectue actuellement, aussi vous
serais-je très reconnaissant de bien vouloir m'en faire parvenir
un tiré-à-part si la chose vous est possible.

Avec tous mes remerciements, agréez, je vous prie, l'expres-
sion de ma haute considération,

Thank you very much,

Camille Limoges

C. Limoges, prof.
Section d'histoire des sciences
Département d'histoire
Université de Montréal
C.P. 6128
Montréal, Canada.

*Sent with note
ref to LHC.
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22 June 70*

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Dear Dr. Douglas,

Please forgive me for not acknowledging sooner the interesting historical article you sent me recently - I have read and I both enjoyed, and was interested by, it very much. We marvel at your wonderful address.

To-day we go to Montreal and thence to Europe. She will go directly to Switzerland to relatives. I will join her after taking part in the first Pan-African meeting of mathematicians.

We hope you are well and
enjoying the summer.

Yours,

John Adams

REGIOMONTANUS, 1436–1476

BY A. VIBERT DOUGLAS

Kingston Centre, R.A.S.C.

The year 1976 marks the 500th anniversary of the assassination in Rome of Johann Müller, who was perhaps the most advanced mathematician of his age. Some searching has revealed no evidence of motive; was it just one of those dastardly senseless acts of violence of which we are becoming all too familiar in our own day?

He was born in Königsberg on June 6, 1436. At the age of 11 he was admitted to Leipzig University and in 1452 he journeyed to Vienna to study under Georg Purbach whom he assisted in his work on Ptolemaic astronomy. Realizing that his knowledge of Greek was inadequate he went in 1462 to Italy to pursue his studies of Greek under the tutelage of Cardinal Bessarion, delving deeply into the original text of the *Almagest*. Assuming at first the name Johann de Montereio, he later adopted the Latin form Regiomontanus under which name all his published work appeared.

In 1463 he completed the *Epitome* left incomplete at the death of Purbach two years previously. This was published in Venice, but only in 1496. After five years in Italy, he went to Vienna and thence to Buda where he collated Greek manuscripts at the invitation of the King of Hungary.

Regiomontanus finally settled down in Nürnberg in 1471 to teach and pursue his own researches in astronomy and mathematics. One of his pupils was Bernhard Walther who became his patron. Together they constructed an astronomical observatory, furnishing it with greatly improved instruments which are described in the *Scripta*. This book, however, remained unpublished until 1544. His manual dexterity was not only evident in his instruments, for when the Emperor Maximilian I visited Nürnberg, he was requested to construct a large mechanical eagle to be mounted over the gate to the city. In 1472 a spectacular comet appeared and extensive observations were made of this. In the same year he set up a press in Walther's house and printed Purbach's planetary theory as well as some popular calendars. Two years later he published ephemerides for 1474–1506. This book contained also his method of using lunar distances for the determination of longitude at sea. The principle involved was far from new and is essentially valid but neither then nor throughout the succeeding two centuries were the practical results satisfactory for the simple reason that no accurate lunar tables existed. To remedy just this and other navigational problems the Royal Observatory

at Greenwich was established by Royal Charter in 1675. The first Astronomer Royal, Dr. James Flamsteed, made the accurate determination of lunar positions over an extensive period his prime concern.

A mathematical treatise, *De Triangulis*, was completed in 1464. This has been described as the "earliest modern exposition of plane and spherical trigonometry." In this he introduced the use of tangents and invented the term "sinus." This book was not published until 1533 in Nürnberg. He was one of the first mathematicians in Europe to discuss the algebra of Diophantus. These studies resulted in the publication in 1475 of the *Tabulae Directionum*.

Regiomontanus was summoned to Rome in 1472 to assist in the difficult task of calendar reform. On a subsequent visit to Rome in 1476 his tragic death, just one month past his fortieth birthday, robbed the world of scholarship of an able scientist at the peak of his intellectual productivity.



NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA
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OTTAWA, Ontario,
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2 February 1972.

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
127 King Street West,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Douglas:

Many thanks for the reprint entitled The St. Helena Observatory and Canadian Astronomy. As you may surmise I have several pages of notes on the general topic of the history of timekeeping in Canada, and am now trying to organize it into some form. I share your exasperation at the blank walls that seem to loom as one attempts to probe. However the story of contribution made by W. Brydone Jack of Fredericton, N.B., in laying the foundation of precise astronomical coordinates in Fredericton, St. John, and Quebec City is now fairly clear. Other names, so familiar to you, such as G.T. Kingston, Charles Carpmael, R.F. Stupart of Toronto, Charles Smallwood and C.H. McLeod of Montreal, and to a lesser extent Rev. James Williamson of Kingston, play a part. E.D. Ashe of Quebec City, George and D.L. Hutchinson, and Francis Barnes of St. John, N.B., Robt. H. Cogswell of Halifax and Napier Denison of Victoria, were all part of the drama of timekeeping in Canada. The more recent story of the Dominion Observatory will include other familiar names such as King, Klotz, Stewart, Beals, J.P. Henderson and others.

I thought the cancellation on your envelope was so very interesting in the present context that I made a copy to enclose with this.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm M Thomson

Malcolm M. Thomson, Head,
Time & Frequency Section.

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DEAN OF
ARTS AND SCIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

SASKATOON, CANADA

February 9, 1972

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas
127 King Street West
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Dr. Douglas:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the reprint of your recent article in the Queen's Quarterly on "The St. Helena Observatory and Canadian Astronomy." You have carried out an excellent study of this and captured extremely well the deplorable state of decision making in science policy as it existed in the 19th century both in the United Kingdom and in Upper Canada. When a scientist takes time to reflect quietly on such matters to-day, the question could well be asked as to whether there has been a noticeable improvement in this regard in the past century and a half?

In view of your participation in Peter Broughton's Library committee of the R.A.S.C. on archival material, I trust that the location of your reference sources and copies of your correspondence related to this excellent article will eventually find a permanent home in the R.A.S.C. Library. It was generous of Peter to attribute in the December National Newsletter some credit for this undertaking to my address in Hamilton.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. E. Kennedy".

J. E. Kennedy
Assistant Dean
College of Arts and Science

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INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



191 College Street, Toronto 2B, Ontario, Canada

February 10, 1972

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas
127 King West
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Dr. Douglas:

Thank you very much for the copies of the paper on the St. Helena Observatory which appeared in the Queens' Quarterly. I have given the second copy to Mr. Jarrell who also sends his thanks.

You might be interested to know that he took his Final Senate Examination about three weeks ago, passed, and I have just signed the paper approving his thesis. He should receive his Ph.D. at our next Convocation. He also received the Canada Council Grant which will take effect as soon as the degree is granted. Presently, he is working for the Canada Heritage Foundation but is looking for a more permanent position in the history of science.

Thank you also for the notice of the Humanities Seminar to be held at Queens later this month. Unfortunately, it coincides with the Engineering Education Conference in Toronto where I have to give a paper and I doubt that I will be able to come down to Kingston on the one day there is no overlap. I have brought it to the attention of the other people here and you may have some visitors.

Thank you again for your courtesies.

Sincerely,

John W. Abrams
Director

QUEENS COLLEGE
of THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Feb 16, 1972

Dear Miss Douglas,

Thanks so much for "The St. Helena Observatory
and Canadian Astronomy." I received it at
noon today and will use it this afternoon in a
course which tries to show the interrelations
of science and society. Apathy in the upper
echelons is just as bad as over-supervision.

It was so nice to hear from you. I know
that if my husband knew I was writing
to you he would join me in extending all
good wishes for 1972.

Sincerely

Lois Hellman



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Professor A V Douglas
127 King Street West
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Date

6 March 1972

Dear Professor Douglas

Thank you very much for sending me two reprints of your very interesting paper 'The St Helena Observatory and Canadian Astronomy'. As you show, it seems that it was largely due to negligence and apathy that the St Helena astronomical instruments were not used to start the first Observatory in Canada.

Yours sincerely

A G Thoday
Deputy Keeper

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21st May, 1973.

Dr. A.V. Douglas,
Kingston Centre BAA,
Kingston,
Canada.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

I should very much like reprints
of papers recently published in the Jnl. Roy.
Astr. Soc., Canada, on historical astronomical
observations e.g. 13th century conjunctions, etc.,
and I should be most grateful for the address of
the authors.

Yours sincerely,



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*Sent Q2 paper
Jan 20/76*

10 December 1975
10228 115th Street
Edmonton, Alberta
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A. Vibert Douglas
Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Sir/Madam:

I've just read an abstract of your paper "Canada's Lost Opportunity" in the Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. If you have a copy of the original paper, I would greatly appreciate receiving one.

Thank you,

John Brent Musgrave

John Brent Musgrave

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J. M. Stedmond, President
M. G. Wiebe, Secretary-Treasurer

P. W. Rogers, Editor
Humanities Association Review

June 15, 1973

Professor A. Vibert Douglas
127 King Street West
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Professor Douglas,

I am writing to you in regard to your paper "Copernicus, the Man," delivered before the Canadian Association for the History of Science during the Learned Societies meetings in Kingston.

If you do not already have publishing plans for the paper, I wonder if you would be interested in letting the editorial board of the Humanities Association Review consider it? As you may know, the Review, formerly the Bulletin, is attempting to renew itself as the organ of a genuinely interdisciplinary learned society and as a forceful scholarly journal. Papers submitted for consideration are refereed, usually by two readers.

If you are interested in having us read your paper, will you please send it to me? I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Phillip W. Rogers

*Sent AE's Dreams
19/6/73*

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QUEEN'S *Quarterly*

130 Lower Albert St.,

Queen's University at
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

May 15, 1972

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
127 King St. W.,
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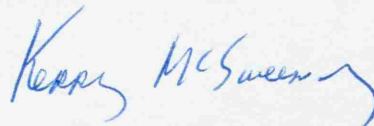
Dear Dr. Douglas:

I have read your interesting piece on "A.E.'s Dreams" with pleasure; I had begun to remember the cartoon in which Yeats and A.E. - both lost in reverie - pass each other on the street even before you described it on p.4.

But I am returning "A.E. Dreams" to you, since I don't feel Queen's Quarterly would be the most appropriate home for it.

I hope it will not be too long, however, before you again send to Q.Q. something from your pen.

Sincerely,



Kerry McSweeney
Editor

KMcS:FS
Enc.



THE
Atlantic Monthly

The manuscript we are returning to you is one in which we have taken a special interest. Though we cannot respond to each submission individually, we want you to know that we are grateful for the chance to consider your work, and hope you will try us again.

THE EDITORS

AE's Dreams.

May 1972

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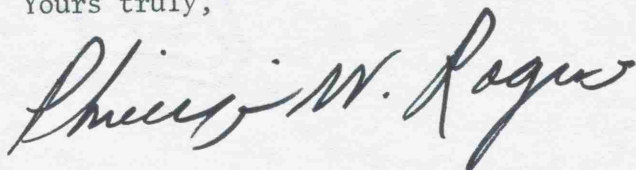
August 2, 1973

Professor A.V. Douglas
127 King Street West
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Professor Douglas,

Thank you for letting me see your paper on
"A.E.'s Dreams," which I herewith return. I
am afraid that the paper is not appropriate for
the Review at this stage.

Yours truly,



Phillip W. Rogers
Editor

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY
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McLennan Library,
3459 McTavish Street,
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February 10, 1972.

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
127 King Street W.,
Kingston,
Ontario.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

We acknowledge with pleasure your recent donation to our collection.

Your interest in McGill University is much appreciated. Please accept our thanks.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'G. M. McCubbin'.

G. M. McCubbin,
Head,
Acquisitions Department.

GMMcC/mm.

Douglas: The St. Helena Observatory and
Canadian astronomy.

A. E.'s DREAMS

In the year 1867 George William Russell was born near Dublin in Lurgan, Co. Armagh. About sixty five years later he came to Montreal where he gave an unforgettable lecture in the Unitarian Church, frequently used for such special events. In my mind's eye I can still see him standing in the pulpit looking like some prophet of old who has just stepped from the pages of the Old Testament; and I can still hear his soft lilting voice with its lovely long stress on the vowels as he would say from time to time throughout his lecture, "I shall now speak you my poem".

The subject of his address was Dreams. Some forty years have now greatly dimmed my memory of some of these, so vividly were they described. He was a firm believer in the power of the sub-conscious, but its creativity must be given full freedom; it can not be commanded to obey orders - this he proved in his early youth.

A. E. began his address with a grim picture of a rather unhappy childhood and youth in a very drab part of Dublin. One night he dreamed that he was walking through a forest. No sunlight was there but every tree, every leaf and twig, every stone, every blade of grass and clump of moss glowed as if illuminated from within. The beauty was so intense that he awoke determined to escape every night from the hard unbeautiful realities of daily life into this mystical wood of unearthly loveliness. But try as he would, he never again entered in dreams this enchanted forest, and at length one night the realization that his dream life must not be ordered by the will was borne in upon him.

Dreams were divided into two categories, those which appeared to be pure nonsense, sometimes amazingly inventive, and those which provided an experience of lasting value and significance. A. E. then proceeded to give ~~us~~ two examples of each, if there were more they have passed from my memory.

In the early years of the moving picture, he dreamed one night that he was in a cinema where a picture of wild animals was being shown. In due time a lion came on the screen and with photographic illusion it seemed to approach closer and closer as its image grew greater and greater until it bounded right out of the screen into the hall. Terrified, the audience rushed from the hall and scattered in panic, Russell among them. Glancing back over his shoulder as he tore down the street he realized that the lion was chasing him and gaining on him. He turned down the first side street but the lion followed and drew closer every minute. Suddenly an idea struck him and he took the next turn and doubled back to the cinema. Rushing in with the lion close on his heels he shouted to the operator, "Reverse the film, reverse the film!" Promptly the operator did this - and the lion was drawn back into the screen.

Another dream of ludicrous absurdity was of finding himself in a completely unfamiliar hotel lobby. He approached the office, behind the desk of which sat an elderly little grey haired lady dressed in grey silk with a soft lace ~~f~~issue about her throat. He asked for his account which she made out and handed to him. In his dream he seemed to find difficulty in seeing it and he moved out under the central lobby light to read it in detail. The old lady came out from behind the counter, came over to where he stood, put up her hands in supplication and said gently, "Dear Sir, please do not say, What a hell of a bill".

In 1897 Russell gave up his uncongenial work as clerk in a drapery firm and threw himself enthusiastically into the organizing of agricultural cooperatives. Already in 1894 he had published his first book of verse. In earlier years he had done some study at the Dublin Metropolitan School of Art. In 1906 he became editor of the Irish Homestead and in 1925 of the Irish Statesman. During these and subsequent years his mystical artistic temperament found outlet in his painting, his poems and his prose essays.

One morning he awoke suddenly with the conviction that he had been composing a poem of which one line only remained in his waking thoughts, and this line gave him no clue whatever to what had preceded it nor what was to follow. He was in the west of Ireland at the time. Day after day he walked the Sligo and Donegal hillsides and vales. A poem began to come into his thoughts and he wrote it down, line after line, feeling not that he was consciously composing it but rather recalling lines already formulated. After many lines, the one remembered from his dream fell naturally into place, and from there he was able to complete the poem.

For a long time A. E. had tried in vain to capture on canvas a certain iridescent translucent quality which he sometimes saw in the sky. One night he dreamed that he entered an Art Gallery. Paintings were hanging on both sides of the long wide gallery, but his eye was immediately caught by a small painting on an easel centrally placed at the far end. Curiosity tinged with a vague expectancy led him to walk towards it, glancing neither to right nor to left. As he approached he saw to his astonishment the very sky effect he had unsuccessfully tried to achieve. Wondering how the artist had obtained this effect, he moved closer. Then the miracle happened - the picture enlarged and enlarged before his eyes until he could see every finest brush stroke and the combination and alternation of colours. In this excitement of discovery he awoke. "I got up, went to my studio and painted that picture. And when it was finished, I had the audacity to sign it 'A. E.'"

In this lecture on Dreams George Russell did not talk about another kind of dream, the mystical visionary type of reverie into which he might often fall, particularly in the magic west of Ireland. The lights and shadows playing on mountain, hill and vale, ^{the rugged coast, the tidal bays, the streams and lakes,} the rushes and the golden gorse all intoxicated him. He felt the living throb of the earth, and fairies, gnomes and mystic music became as realities in his soul. Some of these visionary dreams he attempted to express in poetic prose,

as in "The Song of a Star."

"At first silence and then an inner music, and then the sounds of song throught the vastness of its orbit grew as many in number as there were stars at gaze. Avenues and vistas of sound! They reeled to and fro. They poured from a universal stillness quick with unheard things. They rushed forth and broke into a myriad voices gay with childhood. From age and the eternal they rushed forth into youth. They filled the void with revelling and exultation. In rebellion they then returned and entered the dreadful Fountain. Again they came forth, and the sounds faded into whispers; they rejoiced once again, and again died into silence."

A well-known cartoon depicts William Butler Yeats walking along a Dublin street, hands clasped behind his back, eyes skyward turned, lost in his own meditations; passing him is George William Russell who with bowed head is equally lost in his world of thought. The caption reads: "W. B. Yeats on his way to call on A. E. passes George Russell on his way to call on Yeats". When Russell died in 1935 Ireland lost a rarely gifted son of great versatility. He strove valiantly to improve the rural policies of his country and to encourage more efficient agricultural practices. In this work he exhibited practical common sense. As poet, essayist and artist he allowed his imagination to roam freely like the wind "which bloweth where it listeth and ye know not whence it cometh nor whither it goeth", and in this realm he was most himself, a true seer.

One line written by A. E. gave rise to the following attempt to capture the spirit of one of his visions:

"Mystical music was born in me"
Music of mountain and sky and sea,
Of earth and air, of turf and care,
Of life, toil, vision, eternity;
Of space and time and timeless void,

Music no discords have destroyed.
In silence alone I catch the tone
Of cosmic harmonies unalloyed.
Up the ladder of sound I climb,
A Jacob's ladder, to Truth sublime.
On holy ground the Logos found -
The Master-Singer, The Bard Divine,

A. VIBERT DOUGLAS

Kingston
April 20 1972



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29 December 1975

Dr. A.V. Douglas
127 King St. W.
Kingston, Ontario
K7L 2W6

Dear Dr. Douglas,

Your contribution "Regiomontanus" has been received and will probably appear in the April issue of the Journal. I don't think any great editing changes will be necessary but if something does arise, I will contact you.

With best regards,

Lloyd Higgs

LAH:mjs

L.A. Higgs
Editor
RASC Journal



The Graduates' Society
of McGill University

3618 UNIVERSITY STREET,
MONTREAL 112, P.Q.

8th October, 1970.

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
127 King St. W.,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Douglas:

This letter should, properly, have been written by our President or President Elect but they spend so much time out of the country that it falls to me to write.

On the proposal of the Alumnae Society of McGill University, this Society has expressed the wish to present you with its Distinguished Service Award for your great interest and support of the activities of women graduates of McGill. The occasion for this will be the Society's Annual General Meeting on 15th October next. On the same occasion, I may mention, we shall be honoring Helen Reynolds, the retired Warden of R.V.C., as well as our ex-Principal, Dr. Robertson.

I do hope that you will be able to come on that occasion and accept the award, as I know that you are planning to return for your fiftieth reunion.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Allen,
Director of Alumni Relations
and Administration.

AA/gr

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750 - 50th Avenue
Lachine, P. Que.

April 14, 1970

Dear Dr. Douglas,

As chairman of the Nominating
Committee of the McGill Alumnae Society,
it is my pleasure to invite you to act
as our Honorary President for the
1970-1971 season.

Having been present at the Edmonton
Council meeting of C.F.U.W., I feel if I
know you personally, and I would be
so pleased if you would accept.

Very sincerely,

Amy Williams
(Mrs. J.W.)

ALUMNAE SOCIETY
OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY
NOMINATIONS - 1969-70

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University Settlement	x Miss Audrey Williams, B.Sc.'53, M.Sc.'55
Reading Club	x Mrs. H.L. Krakow, B.A.'57 (Sarah Katz)
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	x Mrs. H. Ship, B.A.'50 (Nancy Solomon)

x denotes change of officer

BY-LAW 7, SECTION 2 states that:-

"Not later than two weeks before the date of the annual meeting the Board of Directors will submit to the membership the slate of directors, officers and representatives, as drawn up by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Ten members desiring to nominate another candidate as director, officer or representative of the Society shall send to the Nominating Committee, at least one week prior to the annual meeting, a written nomination of such member, signed by each of them, together with a consent in writing signed by the candidate that she will accept office if elected or appointed. In this event a ballot will be taken at the annual meeting; otherwise the persons nominated by the Nominating Committee as directors, committee chairmen and Society representatives shall be declared elected, and the Board of Directors shall, at its first meeting, appoint the officers nominated by the Nominating Committee or chosen by ballot at the meeting as the case may be."



McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

Department of Physics

January 30, 1967

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas
127 King St. W.
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Dr. Douglas:

We had a fine party for Sam a highlight of which was your letter to him. There was a similar one from Dr. Keys and one from Dr. R. J. Clarke recently retired at Vancouver. There were some 30 or 40 persons present from all parts and levels of the Department. Sam himself contributed to the success of the occasion by kissing all the girls and by keeping up an even flow of banter and reminiscence.

There was a large cake decorated in red and white, made up to resemble the new Quebec license plates, bearing SAM's name and dates and the message "51 years of injustice". Stewart Marshall gave an account in lighter vein of some of the highlights of Sam's long period of service, and many others joined in. I read out your letter to Sam and then other letters and messages.

And then Professor Woonton presented Sam with a cheque for \$310.00.

This is a note of appreciation for your very kind letter to Sam and for your generous contribution. Also I thought you would like to hear about the party.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

W.M. Martin
Professor of Physics

WMM/jt

To: Dr A. Vibert Douglas, 127 King Street West, Kingston



Queen's University Memorandum

From: Wm F.E. Morley, Douglas Library

Date: 8 January, 1975

Subject: Disposal of Journals

Dear Dr Douglas:

The following firms invite lists of journals for disposal. I suggest sending a list first to see if they are interested, and also to gain an idea of what they might pay.

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| 1. Walter J. Johnson Inc.,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y. USA 10003
(Hope you haven't contacted
Johnson's already?) | 2. J.S.Canner & Co., <i>Jan 15</i>
49-65 Lansdowne St.,
Boston, Mass. USA 02215 | 3. Zeitlin Periodicals Co., <i>Jan 15</i>
817 South La Brea,
Los Angeles,
Calif., USA 90036 |
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Zeitlin is particularly interested in technical periodicals.

If you could also let us have a copy of your list, we could check to see if we could fill any gaps in our holdings from your journals.

Attached are two copies of your China article, plus the original. I found it to be fascinating, and am confident you will get it into print. Good luck with it, and with your journals.

Bill Morley

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The Gazette

As from:
4643 Sherbrooke Street West
Apartment 22
Montreal, Que., H3Z 1G2
February 15th, 1974

Dear Dr. Douglas:-

Thank you very much indeed for your letter.

Yes, there is time to have those changes made in your superb piece on Sir Auckland Geddes. The McGill book is now all ready to go to press this summer, to be ready for publication on Founder's Day, October 6th. There have been a number of delays, perhaps inevitable in a work in which so many persons have a part. But I am glad to say everything has been adjusted and arranged. It should make an attractive volume. One of our troubles has been the size. In the original size it would have to sell for \$15.00 - such is the cost of

book production today. So it has (unfortunately,
from my point of view) to be reduced. But
your contributions are so important for the
striking portrait you give of Dr. Jedd's that
I am sure I will be able to keep it intact.

With all my thanks for all
your help and generous interest,

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Andrew Collier

Dr. A. Vincent Douglas,
127 King Street West
Kingston, Ontario.

Apartment 22
4643 Sherbrooke Street West
Montreal, Quebec
~~H3Z 1G2~~
H3Z 1G2

March 3rd 1975

Dear Dr. Douglas:-

I cannot thank you enough for your extremely kind letter, which has finally filtered through to me from the post office blockade and delays that have almost paralyzed the mail delivery here.

I deeply appreciate your generous words about the McGill book. And I appreciate, even more, your understanding of the problems I faced as Editor. The manuscript I originally sent to the publishers could not have been published under \$37.50 a volume! I had to cut down drastically on my materials, and yet try to cover all the variety of McGill's activities. Among the reductions forced upon us was the shortening of the period the book would cover. My original plan was to embrace 60 years -

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masterly character study of Sir Auckland Geddes.

Today I had a letter from Miss Louise Abbott, Editor of the Graduates' Society's, The McGill News. As you know I have been doing a column on McGill history, called "Voices From the Past," for about three years.

Miss Abbott asks me about my column for the Summer Issue - to be published in June. She reminds me that this is International Women's Year. She writes: "I thought it would be timely to concentrate on reminiscences of women, perhaps even one outstanding graduate in particular."

The thought came to my mind at once that it would be a wonderful opportunity for me to devote my column in June entirely to you, for surely McGill has had no woman graduate more outstanding. What I would do would be to present in this column, in the page allotted to me, striking quotations from the reminiscences you so

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from 1900 to 1960. But this had to be brought down to 40 years. And the appointment of Sir Arthur Currie in 1920 seemed the logical point of time for the starting-point.

You may well imagine my distress in having to withhold so many splendid reminiscences, so generously contributed. But the keenest pain, by far, come from having to leave out your incomparable contributions: when you sent them to me, I wrote to say they were the finest I had received. And so they were. To think of them lying unpublished casts a lingering shadow over whatever satisfaction I might otherwise feel, now that the book has at last been issued.

Fortunately, the reception the book has received has already been so friendly, that plans are taking shape for the publication of a second volume. In this volume the 1900-1960 period will be dealt with, with ample space accorded the 1900-1920 years. I am, naturally, very gratified to have this opportunity of presenting the many fascinating stories I have in my files, especially your truly

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generously sent me. This would, of course, in no way interfere with their eventual publication in toto in a possible second McGill book. I would like very much to do this. It would give me great satisfaction and would make fascinating reading for all McGill graduates.

Thanking you with all my heart for all you have done for me, and with every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Andrew Collard

P. S. I am making Xerox copies of your reminiscences and will be mailing them to you, under separate cover.

EAC

Dr. A. V. best Douglas,
127 King Street,
Kingston, Ontario.



The Graduates' Society
of McGill University

3618 University Street,
Montreal 112, P.Q.

As from:
4643 Sherbrooke Street West,
Apartment 22,
Montreal 215.
February 23, 1972.

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
127 King Street West,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Douglas:

The McGill News has sent on to me your recollections, and I cannot thank you enough for your kindness in writing them.

They are just what we want and need in the new McGill book. These are marvellous stories about Professor Slack, and Professor John Macnaughton. I have some other Macnaughton stories but none are anywhere near yours. They are superb in themselves and wonderfully well told. These stories you have sent, and all the other information you have given about McGill, will greatly enhance the book and will be keenly read by the McGill graduates.

May I also say how very happy I am to be able to include something of yours in this book. It will add much to the prestige of the collection.

With all my thanks and good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Andrew Collard

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As from:-
4643 Stebbins Street West
Apartment 22
Montreal 215
March 7, 1972

Dear Dr. Douglas:-

You are wonderfully kind and generous to send me another instalment of your McGill reminiscences.

My cup of gratitude is indeed running over! Your stories are all so delightfully written, and so interesting in their topics, that you have made me very happy indeed.

It will give me much pleasure - both as editor and personally - to have you so well represented in this Graduates' History of McGill.

With all my thanks and good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Andrew Collard

Dr. A. Vikent Douglas,
127 King St. West,
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3618 University Street,
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As from:
4643 Sherbrooke St. West
Apartment 22
Montreal 215, P. Que.
May 2, 1972

Dear Dr. Douglas:-

I have been away from Montreal for the last two weeks and only now have had the opportunity of reading your wonderfully kind and generous letter.

Of course, I would be delighted to have the additional McGill stories you offer to write. Your earlier stories, as I have said, were simply superb. Any more would be most welcome. And I would consider myself fortunate indeed to have them.

You have been a tremendous friend to the project of this "Graduates' History" of McGill and we are all more grateful than we can say.

With all my best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
Edgar Andrew Collard

May 3, 1972
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As from:
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Dr. A. Vibert Douglas,
127 King Street West,
Kingston, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Douglas:

I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your re-
collections of Sir Auckland Geddes. The effect these re-
collections will have upon the whole plan and structure of
the new book is immense. And I shall tell you why.

I have needed substantial accounts of all McGill's
principals. I have many good stories of Sir Arthur Currie.
Dr. James and Dr. Douglas have both written me excellent
accounts of their administrations. But there was a gap in
the case of Geddes, who is on the official list of principals.
How could I hope to fill it? Then your contribution came in.
It is masterly in its fullness and comprehension. It brings
Sir Auckland to life, in his character and in all his varied
achievements. I am now able to place your account among the
others. It is as if there was a row of portraits on the wall,
with one conspicuously missing. Now the missing portrait is
in place. You can see, then, what you have done means to me
as editor, and what it will mean to the entire project. I am
profoundly grateful.

Sincerely yours, E. A. Colford

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Wrote Feb 9 1974
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P 1403
The Founding
of a Family

MR. EUGENE A. FORSEY
3 LAKEVIEW TERRACE
OTTAWA, ONTARIO
K1S 3H3

June 5, 1978

Dear Allie,

You may like to have the enclosed.

The material on the Joseph Shaw family is from the Shaw Family Bible, which I have.

The official history of Annapolis County, N. S., has the whole history of the Shaws and Thornes from the time they came to America. It lists our grandmothers.

I'm about to leave for Calgary, to make a speech.

I shall write Thoma Rowntree for your grandfather's journal.

Love from us both,

Eugene

Joseph Shew, born Wilmost, Nova Scotia, March 14, 1802
died, Gaspe Basin, July 25, 1867.

Mary Thorne, born Granville, Nova Scotia, Sept. 21, 1801
died, Ottawa, January 3, 1894.

They were married in Granville, Nova Scotia, Feb. 21, 1821.

Children:

Phebe Anna, born Lepage, N. B., Sept. 7, 1823.

married James Alexander James, Oct. 1848

Margaret Smeden, born Granville, N. S., Jan 28, 1826.

married Joseph Salter, August 1846

Joseph Edward, born Granville, Aug. 31, 1827

never married

James Thorne, born Granville, Nov. 4, 1829

doctor; married wealthy New Yorker; no children

Moses Albert, born Granville, Nov. 26, 1831

married an American; two daughters, unmarried

Mary Thorne, born Granville, Dec. 28, 1833

married (1) Vaughan Foster, (2) George Trueman
no children; died 1925, in Moncton, N. B.

Sibell Rebecca, born Granville, April 23, 1836

married John Arthur Vibert

Alexandrine Victoria, born Granville, Sept. 14, 1838

Felicia Hemans, born Granville, Aug. 12, 1840

Sarah Jane, born Granville, Aug. 1, 1842

Ketitia Norton, born Granville, Sept. 11, 1844

married William Cochran Bowles, J.S.O.
in Gaspe Basin, July 28, 1869

Merideth Rountree's wife was Mary Thorne Vibert,
always known as "Maude" (she didn't
know why!)

Sybil Vibert married Ernest Somner (your Aunt Sybil)

Our great-great-grandmother was a Thorne:
New York loyalists; partly Dutch; great-
great-grandmother's mother was Anne
Sneider, New York loyalist family, Dutch.
Both Thornes and Sneider's came to America
in the 1630's.

So did the Shaws (Massachusetts); but they
came to Nova Scotia in the 1760's.

Mrs. Latta was my Aunt Sybil; my mother's
sister; your father's first cousin.

The name Sybil came from the Thornes.

There has been a Sybil among every genera-
tion of their descendants since.

Your grandfather Vibert's middle name, Arthur,
was his mother's family name.

Dr. Bowles was, of course, mother's older brother.



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Dear Dr. Douglas:

I hope you are having a wonderful time in Europe. It was so good of you to see me just as you were leaving and both Dr. Wright and I enjoyed meeting you very much.

We had a pleasant trip to Niagara and Stratford. Enjoyed the plays - though "The Merchant of Venice" was quite poor. I have just been listening to the tape we made of our conversation. It came through fairly well. The most important thing is that your voice is loud and clear. Anyway, the tape reminded me of my promise to find out about the old tubular bridge in



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Montreal. According to Kathleen Jenkins' work, Montreal (1966), demolition began in October 1897 and construction of the new bridge began on July 14, 1899. So you must have crossed on the old structure in October 1897 at the very latest. Is that OK?

I haven't got the transcript of the tape yet - I am about to apply for funding for a typist. But, when I do, I'll be sure to send you a copy.

Meanwhile, I hope you continue to enjoy life and I hope we shall have the opportunity to meet again.

Sincerely

Margaret Sillit

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Dear Allic,

Thanks so much for your letter, and its kind invitation.

Unfortunately, I shan't be coming to Kingston after all.

Harriet had a series of minor, but alarming, crises, the end of last week: the result of an overdose of medication taken strictly on doctor's instructions! She is over the worst of it; but she is still very weak; spends most of every day lying down. So I can't leave her, and my two Kingston speeches were cancelled to-day.

The specialist, whom we saw to-day (he had not given the wrong instructions) seemed to think Harriet would be back to her rather restricted normal in a week or so. Meanwhile, I am doing most of the housekeeping (I am, luckily, efficient enough at the unskilled jobs), and catching up with some correspondence, personal, while Harriet is asleep or resting.

How interesting that you should be so close to your grandfather's old church! It is the one I went to, the year I was in Kingston.

I've been getting details on the Thorne family for my application to join the United Empire Loyalists' Association. We had two Loyalist ancestors: Stephen Thorne (son, James Thorne; his daughter, Mary Thorne, m. Joseph Shaw; their daughter, Sybil, m. John Veitch, and letitia, married W. C. Bowles); and Stephen Sneden (Dutch ancestry; the Thornes also were partly Dutch: Stephen Thorne's mother, or grandmother, I've forgotten which, was a Kefferts); his daughter, Ann, or Anne, married James Thorne. Both the Thornes and the Snedens were from New York. I think this adds some detail to what I sent you before.

Love from us both.

Eugene

Good of you to speak so warmly of my Senate work. But I think the retirement is coming more or less soon. I suspect I shall have to devote more and more of my time to housekeeping. Too bad, in one way, as the constitutional picture looks worse and worse. This Tarte Tower Report is appalling. But others will have to take up more and more of the battle.