

**DOUGLAS FAMILY**

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Correspondence

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Mr. Douglas

1957

FLOWERS  
of the  
Rocky Land



CLARKSON  
1857

Yours from the Mills  
of Berkeley.

Josiah  
R

Jan. '57

11/II/57.

Allie Darling, When I wrote on  
Sat. I forgot the dates.

My very darling Puss I do  
love you so much and

am very close at these  
times in which memories

of the great Spirits that have  
shaped our lives left us

& in leaving let their mantle  
rest with us. What memories!

Bless you so much my  
Beloved Sister. I am so

proud of you & so are they.

Love & love,

G.

Hurrah for the new art.  
I hope Olyas inspiration  
has come like a whirlwind  
out of Eden or from any  
of the four corners of the  
universe.

Great love to her - &  
hello to you both  
beloved ones.

Earth Quakes in Notts!  
Send on any news  
None of us has heard  
from E lately.

More love, Allie

Feb 13.

1957

Non fire, previous one.

Your dear letters go straight  
to my heart. Some day I will  
tell you why I did not write  
for or on 10/11 Feb. What a  
wonderful sentence summing up  
everything 'The great spirits that  
have shaped our lives and left  
us and in leaving let their mantle  
rest with us'.

Thank you for 2 previous letters  
sending your paper on pipes -  
Pat has it & will return it to me  
to read carefully. Good for you  
Your research output is amazing -  
What a record these years have  
made. I wish you could get  
into a geophysical research lab

unable to make it an exciting  
Tale.

I had my second 9pm Sunday  
Coffee Party for Overseas Students  
& the Prime. & Mrs M came &  
Deans Earl & Conn & a few  
invited professors & students.  
About 65 students from Gt B,  
N. Ireland, S. Am. Mexico  
Caribbean, Africa & Asia  
came - quite a successful  
2 hours -

So Trinidad is to be the  
new Capital & not Barbados -  
a St Lucia student told me  
on Sun pm. That he thought  
Barbados too limited in area  
so he will be pleased.

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for a few years with money  
& assistants. To try out some  
of your prolific ideas on  
a grand scale. Any such  
hope in Washington? Do  
Canadians ever get Guggenheim?

I like your professional  
card. Of course the MC...  
should go on, that is quite  
essential & right.

Thank you for Carleton's  
letter. They are very appreciative.  
Mrs C. - 'Isabel' - wrote me  
a nice note & said she  
heard some people say they  
had expected to be bored  
but were not!! It is really  
such a wonderful record  
that no one ought to be



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Professor G. Vibert Douglas,  
Carnegie Professor of Geology,  
Dalhousie University,  
Halifax, N.S.

April 11, 1957.

Dear Professor Douglas :

I much appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity in presenting Dr. Clarence Webster's autobiography , Those Crowded Years to the University Library. The volume has much added significance in that it was your personal copy and I am very pleased to have it for our shelves. It will have an honoured place.

With your permission I would like to attach your letter to the book so that your tribute to Webster will always be linked with it. Webster was, indeed, a remarkable man; a very special breed of physician and surgeon in the tradition of Osler and Sir Geoffrey Keynes.

Many thanks for sending the book along.

Sincerely yours,

*Douglas G. Lochhead*

Douglas G. Lochhead,  
University Librarian.



MITSAION ST. 9,  
ATHENS 4.

SEPT. 7/57.

Dear Precious Aunt,

I got back here from Rhodes yesterday about 5 PM. in rain (not heavy but steady) to find a third wonderful letter from you. How I have missed you these past 12 days. It seems like ages since you left. We really did have a super marvellous time and what a lucky lucky person I am to have first such a darling precious Aunt and then ~~for~~<sup>to</sup> have such a wonderful trip of sight-seeing and experiences, to share her wonderful knowledge and appreciation of these things and their omnipresent heavenly setting with her. I do so love you precious Aunt and I think we are such a lucky family to be all so close and loving.

Being alone, I suppose, is good for one, but having someone to share the appreciation of things seen, adds to their memory and ~~the~~ enjoyment certainly.

However, I have had a grand time alone. Briefly I shall

run through the past 12 days or so 2

Aug 26. Funny old Mr. Pabis and the return of the key. He was so worried about it. Some then talking with Miss Hutchin and others I have found out he is a contrary old bird, for instance he didn't want me to leave my pack sack here because he has no place, he said, and down in the basement there is loads of room. He is also often very rude to Greek friends of his guests seriously enough. Anyway I am glad you got your seal and had such a fine preview of Nafplakos, Staly etc. I watched you roll down the run way and then soar away into the distance like a Dolphi golden eagle, over the saranic only. A good concert that night by Athens Orchest

Aug 27. Down town + fixed up tickets for Rhodes + Thessalonike, had Dinner of Stuffed Tomatoes in our garden Taberna. Then up to Constitution Square for Bus to Keresiras suburb, the terminus  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the monastery. How lovely it was to see this little church again nestled into the slopes of Hymettus. I climbed up the shoulder behind the little garden and in an hour, after dragging coat, shoes and my shoulder I was on top, taken down on either side, up to Nafplon, the Pireos, and Salamis and down on the other side to Saronic, across the gulf of Pentalion to Euboea, in the haze and north to Pindelion and Paros. It was a splendid day and a terrific view if we had been - we could have driven to the very top - Taxi

Then back down and in time for Ekklisiastikes<sup>3</sup>  
in Herakl Attikas. About women taking over parliament,  
done in much the same manner as byzantine but  
not as colorful or a performance.

Aug 28

Off to two museums - the Benaki and Byzantine.  
Two El Greco paintings in the Benaki + some fine  
chairs, more fine chairs in the Byzantine, 1st  
Lad. Rooms where roller skates could be put  
on. Afternoon washed + slept. Evening off with  
Miss Witcher and Glen Bowe & Och - a Rhodes scholar  
this year from Harvard - to Antigone - a very  
moving performance - Green and leading lady (can't  
remember her name) very good - one felt the  
intensity of it all. Dinner afterwards in a little  
taverna high up on old Plaka right under  
the Acropolis.

Aug 29

Off to Thessaloniki @ 10.30 in Olympic  
airways DC3. A good seat and good view  
of everything as far as Euboea which we crossed  
over and flew the length of the Gulf of Thessal.  
Clouds over Olympus range unfortunately  
to Thessaloniki about 12. Found ~~room~~<sup>here</sup> at  
Y.M.C.A. in a big dormitory for 15 dr/night.  
Hotel for 18 due to fares which started  
at 5. - 1. Three fine Byzantine churches,  
St. Demetrios + Holy Apostles outstanding and  
flew up curvy cobbled streets to the old  
Acropolis and fortifications - great view  
and so much to South, E + W

More churches, St. George, Thego Sophia, and others  
all morning. Then during quite heavy rain  
lunch of meat + rice rolled in cabbage leaves  
~~And~~ Walked to St. Catharines and strolled along  
up by penny streets to Acropolis to watch sun  
set. These solemn hours remind one a great deal  
of Istanbul but not the depressing feeling connected.

Aug 31

Flight back in early morning again a bit  
disappointing as Olympians still hidden in  
huge clouds. Atrous about 10. Good to  
be back. Two lovely letters from you which  
I read twice, dinner in garden terrace  
Subway to Piraeus + on board. Off at 3  
for Rhodes, Grand view of Athens, Lycabettus  
acropolis + Philopappos, also Hymettus  
which looked magnificent + full of color.  
Bozpa head and I thought of our fine  
suburb. Right under Sunion and what  
a grand position it commands on port.  
Hea us dust was falling, Sun to Starboard  
youna to port as dusk was falling. A stiff  
north breeze and our ship was rolling. I got  
soaked with spray up in bow as a paprika  
left along with us. People sick anywhere  
and very where, rather unpleasant reaction  
so I took gravel pill and felt terrific. A fine  
show and up at 5 as sun was rising to  
the little town of Kos against a rugged

black outline. Wonderful morning sky of pastel 5  
colors. Saw a huge ball in black haze over Asia  
Minor. Thought I could see sun spots. A lonely  
sail into Rhodes off passing Asia Minor Shore  
for ~~two~~ <sup>six</sup> hours.

off stop about 12:30 to stroll through  
quaint old town with its well preserved  
fortifications + medieval appearance with  
glengs here and there of Minarets +  
Mosques. Then a house with help of  
a police not had had not anything special.  
More wanderings in old town and to the  
aquarium with some fine fish and turtles  
in nice settings

Sept 11

Dear Precious Aunt - Here this  
letter has lain on my desk for four  
days and I haven't finished it. Rather  
than go on in detail I'll skip Rhodes  
for later account to say I took the  
boat directly without seeing Mykinos  
on the way due to no connection. I  
have been in Athens ever since and how  
lovely + cool it has been. Glad of a  
sweater in the evenings for the Theatre  
where I have seen ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> Fideles.

three concerts by Minneapolis Orchestra<sup>6</sup>  
and a piano recital by blind man in  
the meadlight.

I have also been an awful fool  
by listening to people telling me to stay  
longer and then unceremoniously submitting  
my ticket for what I thought tentative  
cancellation then deciding to take planned  
boat, losing my place and ended  
up going a week later by air to  
Brindisi on the 18<sup>th</sup> and train through  
Bologna, Milan, Lausanne - Paris,  
It is about the same price but why  
I changed my mind I don't know.  
really. Venice will be another trip  
and I shall try to stop-over in Bologna  
and Milan for a day and perhaps fit in  
Ravenna. I have learnt from this that last  
minute deliberations are unwise and  
careful plans should be stuck by. However  
it is going to be lovely both ways and  
I do hope you aren't disappointed.

I shall now fit in Mykonos  
& Delos probably today. Athens  
is so lovely and just being here  
is really no waste of time

I hope Mothers back is all better now. It really had me worried and I didn't know what to do. Letters have not been written for so long and I shall off with a note to them right now. A grand letter from Pat today - how I wish he were here right now or your darling self or the three of us and we'd be off to Mykonos together. I am sure you all must be wondering what I have been doing. This next week will be full of vitality - Pentelicon an easy climb and wonderful view - lots of wanderings around Attica and perhaps Euboea which Oskut has much to say about. Incidentally I heard at breakfast that he was in Hydra or Spitse last week.

Hope you are 'nt working too dreadfully hard. I wonder so much what you are all doing at various moments. I am not quite as restricted as this letter implies and am very well and ~~am~~ eating well with no hives or upsets and down in weight to 168 pounds - a loss of 16 ± lbs

Now very great love to you and Mary and Pat is there. Send great love John.

Dearest Aunt Allie - John left me this knowing that all I seem to get to these days are postcards. Fay is in the most wonderful form & has had such a marvellous time. He looks well - though very thin. He is bubbling over with all he saw & feels he has learnt a tremendous lot. So lovely to have him here for a while - He goes to Oxford on Monday. I meant to write to you about Anne's christening, but the letter to Mary was all I got to & I hope you know all about it - I have just finished inoving the lovely long christening robe Ingram was christened in. It is very simple & nice - Anne will look lovely. We will leave her in the Chaplain's room & bring her down after communion. Oh I hope she grows hard at Ingram.

Have had great apple picking in the orchard - The Univ. gardeners have picked most of the apples today - but we got a lot of good windfalls and some lovely tiny sweet pears.

Our student Shirley Rolles has arrived - I think will like her room. She's a funny girl but I think we'll aim to get her as independant as possible. We had a wonderful lunch today in the Simpson's of French Cheese & wine & tomatoes. Anne asleep outside - Univ. began & Ingram v. busy meeting new students. We will soon have batches here - Hodge comes tomorrow morning & Jessie tonight. We are still picking roses & I must arrange a bowl row - Asa make soup for tonight. John loses all the things you & he brought from Greece. He gave me a gorgeous white gold Stoll - the bad boy & he gave Ingram a lovely Great shirt. He got some lovely Copper things.

Do hope all going well with you at Queens. That all the houses peaceful - Have you a good class? So very much love my dear Auntie. From your Scattered Niece  
Bvzzy

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AIR LETTER  
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Leuten Lodge - Verby Road N.W.M.  
Oct. 3, 1957.

Dearling Aunt Allie, Here I am

at last back in England arriving in on the night of the 30<sup>th</sup> about 11.30 just as Buzzy and Ingram were settling down to sleep. Buzzy whipped out some marvellous soup and we sat down for a marvellous chin wag. Buzzy Anne and Ingram do look in wonderful health, Anne is the very picture of beauty and has an intense gaze which transforms now + again into the loveliest of smiles. It is a lovely house to return to and a perfect place to return after such a grand & glorious trip as we had and finished off on our own. I had brought 2 bottles of red wine from France + a cheese (something like a Camembert). {Customs allows only one bottle}. From Greece, and I could not resist giving it was a white wool stole with interwoven golden thread for Buzzy and a Mykinos shirt like the one you gave to Pat for Ingram. Here is a terrific amount to tell you - I have been awful about writing and I hope you have had had some news from Toronto about Mykinos which was a lovely trip. On returning from Mykinos I got the flea which struck so suddenly I had to rush out of bed for the sink where I lost my supper at 2 AM. I took Dr. Tommings pills and was cured in a day. However I felt rather weak which meant I didn't unfortunately get up Pentelicon. Mr. Pabis was very concerned and very kind - There were great good-bys - He sent all his best regards to "your Auntie - the Mrs. Douglas". What a flight I had from Athens to Brindisi Color of sea - and such views of mountains - I could fill a letter of description. Bologna, Ravenna, Milan were all rather wonderful, Ravenna the high water mark. Saurance for a 5 hr. visit with one of the daughters - very nice and friendly and appreciation of one of the Crete 1898. logs. On for 2 days at Milan to see John Fred + his wife and old friends and then to the north of France for five days with the other daughter and her family and Marie Claire - some good walks and drives - all very friendly and nice and no complicating factors thank goodness. My french quite terrible - Oh dear then back across the channel via Calais and a taxi across London to St. Paneras and I thought of the last time ever were there and our start out for Greece and then a flood of wonderful memories - Dear presht Aunt - how simply wonderful it has all been. How lucky, lucky, I am, I am. By the way a lovely letter from you in Milan awaited me and today in the post come an Oxford University Hand book which I was planning to buy as Nordam had lent me his and then in the mail come yours. The whole French episode + my ticket from Paris to London + numerous little presents in France all come out of those 13000 francs you gave me with 600 to spare! How can I ever thank you precious Aunt enough. Oshut Lancaster will be in the mail tomorrow. I gave him my cover as I had given the old one a hard time with crusades to Salomike. The photos will be out in time - I hope they will be good. I am sending Mother some sketches which she should send on to you before they come back here. I feel so much richer in mind I can't tell you what new inspiration I have and a will to work + learn. I am going down to Oxford on Monday and a new chapter will begin. The christening of Anne is on Sunday - I have a sterling silver mug with her christen name engraved on it rather nice simple design  but unfortunately not terribly large although I think it will be useful. I received my parcel of rug + bags - see you left an additional bag how lovely they are and I have a copper pot + bowl from Athens too - so I'll have the finest of rooms in Oxford. Must get a letter off to Mary soon - long to hear of her summer. Buzzy is going to finish the back of this - Such very great love - more details later on

MY OXFORD ADDRESS: - C/O MRS. HEALY 7 FARNDON ROAD OXFORD  
I. great love to you + Mary - John - hope you are not overdoing it - I think I let about 20 - My appetite somewhat

Copper hand for fruit etc.  
Copper pot for coffee etc.

Reply for Univ.  
Cosp Dec. Dinner

1. I am proud indeed to thank you for this  
Treat to the Univ. You have the priv. of studying at  
Q. I have the priv. of serving Q. All of us are  
learning much at Q. As Plutarch said of Solon  
he each day grew older & learned something new.

This is the time of generosity & good will  
The true Xmas spirit is that of giving. Do you  
realize that never in the world's history has  
there been int'l cooperation in generous well-doing  
as exists today. Take but 2 examples The Colombo  
Plan begun in 1950 "to develop human &  
material resources of the countries of S.E. Asia and  
to build a better life for their peoples"

and take Unesco - Since war began in the mind  
of men, it is in the minds of men that the ideals  
of living together in peace & helpfulness must be formed  
& that now exactly in line with the Xmas spirit

Now my point is this - it is the Universities  
of the world that are responsible for much of this  
It was Univ. men & women who conceived these  
Plans - it is largely Univ. men now who are  
implementing them - and Queens as an institution  
& through some of her own people has played  
her part -

# 1957 NOVEMBER 1957

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

Full Moon



Nov. 7-9.32 a.m.

Last Quarter



Nov. 14-4.59 p.m.

New Moon



Nov. 21-11.19 a.m.

First Quarter



Nov. 29-1.57 a.m.

All Saints Day

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