

DOUGLAS FAMILY

Ashley U. DOUGLAS

Correspondence

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rather by mistake & ignorance. In consequence
& I came out about 3/4 way through feeling
pretty gloom about the whole business.

Today & yesterday are beautiful sunny
crisp & cool. Temporarily incognitum &
I went out on the Berkshire Downs in
the afternoon with Dunham - the son of
Prof. Dunham in Durham. A nice fellow
started research this year, having finished
at Cambridge.

I bought a 35 mm. camera second
hand for $\frac{1}{2}$ English price yesterday
from a nice flat mate. All home tonight
ad he had got it new at a reduced price
I feel it is justified as a geologist needs
one & I shall take some colour pictures
at the wedding - at least Ingram
will and shall send you the slides when
they are completed. (Camera has a built
in light meter, 2 fittings) Cost ~~£40~~. Zinnikon
cost new about \$80.

Very darling Aunt, to you I owe so
huge a dept of gratitude for all you loving
help and terrific moral encouragement since
I can remember. I can but return



Dr. A. V. Douglas,
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Sender's name and address: J. A. V. D.
21 Bardwell Road,
Oxford.

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How much I think these days of those 2 trips
to you from me. So much love to you
Numerous love to you from me.

Grace when
I had met
M.C. Cornell
after I thought
all was changed
and through
all you were
so patient &
wonderful w.
at times a rather
independent nephew.
I do so love you
darling Aunt.
Always,
John

21 Bardwell Road,
Oxford. 10.1.60

Darling Aunt,

A most extraordinary thing - we ran short of matches in the kitchen last morning & in looking for perhaps a fallen one behind the small cupboard in front of a denised fireplace, I espied in the grate a blue root & fallen lime covered air form - an unseen letter from you of Dec 5th. What you must think of my long silence & other letters must have been a pure haze - Pres Aunt I am sorry not to have known about the lost letter - one of the people must have brought it up & it then fell behind before I knew of it.

My mind is fairly occupied these days with speeches & letters which are so necessary in French custom. It is all rather fun when I think of it from outside myself for a moment & all rather good for one in bringing forth courage I must say as a result my contacts with Wager have improved enormously & we can sometimes get down to discussing things realistically instead in the sophistic terms of the past 2 years. Quite honestly this a time I find when the mind all too easily turns in and a great deal of soul wicking goes on. I went today to the Methodist Church & heard a fine sermon on Unity in Christ in Nations, Peoples, Churches and of course the home. It was such a contrast with last week ^{when I} attended an Anglican v. High Church

PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
F. CYRIL JAMES



McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL, 2

June 11th,
1960.

Personal and Confidential

Dear Dr. Douglas,

The Senate of McGill University has asked me to invite you to be present at the Founder's Day Convocation on October 6th, 1960, in order that you may receive at the hands of the Chancellor the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

It is the unbroken tradition of McGill University that honorary degrees are never conferred in absentia so that I hope very much indeed that you will be able to be present on this occasion. We should like to express in this way our warm testimony of appreciation to the work of a distinguished McGill graduate first at this University and for the past two decades at Queens University.

With warm good wishes to you, I remain as
always,

Cordially yours,

Dr. Allie Vibert Douglas,
Queens University,
Kingston,
Ontario.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Cyril James", written over a horizontal line.

So much love precious
auntie. I do so love you
& am so enjoying this
marvellous graduation present.

Blessing & Cheers!

Blair

I arrive back on the 21st
evening - a Tuesday.

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Darling Auntie

Love to get your letter.
What a lovely time I am
having though writing letters
is just impossible!

Had a glorious weekend
with Brigid Jane & Anne
Suddenger - all separately!
Great fun.

Tomorrow we are off to
Sedburgh & York & stay the
night. We are taking Anne
& leaving John.

So glad you heard
good papers & May Pray

& that Stubby is enjoying
life. Lovely to see you at the
wedding.

Yes, I did find my
marks & study but they
were rather awful. Much
worse than last year in
postum (31) but very nearly
same average (71.4) ^{last year} + 2 A's
(Psychology & Radiology.) Please
do not talk about it to anyone.
This is a private matter &
no business of anyone else.
Also the counsils are all
remarked & the mark means
very little. What difference does
it all make anyway? None.

Survival Training School
R.C.A.F. Station,
Kingsway, Edmonton.
12 Sep 60

Dear Dr. Douglas,

You'll be very glad to learn that I'm now a fully qualified pilot, quite proud to be carrying round those much desired "wings" pinned to my chest. As you see, I've now left Inuvik and am now spending my first day in this extremely modern and beautiful city of Edmonton. Before going on to my next posting I must take two weeks of survival training.

Now you can imagine that it wouldn't be very difficult to survive in such a neat and friendly place, and indeed, this is just the base camp and headquarters. The indoctrination is given here and we're supplied with certain necessities for the rough life that we are to lead for almost two weeks in the wild bush ~~two~~ 200 miles north. And by all reports, it is quite rough: progressively less food is supplied each succeeding day, so that one has to rely more and more on the resources of the land. I hope that hunting is good!

Last night when I arrived, the last course was just returning from the bush, tired and scraggly-bearded but very enthusiastic about it all. Incidentally, these courses are for the most part team efforts, in that five or six men must live and pull together. (It's surprising how much the RCAF is geared to this "team-spirit" idea. I'm not ~~so~~ sure whether I find it overdone or not, but in any case, it's certainly different from what one finds on 'civvy-street')

Dr. D, I've enclosed a bank draft for \$425. Now I'm not sure whether this clears off my debt to you - would you please check. I did not have time to do this before leaving Gundi. Please don't reply to me here Dr. D. I'll be on leave - in two weeks, and shall be coming down to Kingston, so I'll see you then.

And I'll never be able to thank you enough for all that you've done. Just reading over that last sentence impresses how inadequately I'm expressing my thanks!

Mother is fine - no news yet of a visa.

Kindest regards
Eric.

You should have seen his face when he began eating it. Most intrigued & beaming. He is vicar of St. Mary's where Ingram is honorary Curate. Wonder if you got to the Picasso Exhibition. Hope you have had 2 good days in London.

I'm so thrilled about your LHD at McGill Darling. It is so bright & deserved in every way. I know so much how you feel about it. It somehow seems so strange and empty with the feeling that Daddy is sharing the pride & joy - for how I it would have made him burst with joy - but darling how much we all do and how terribly terribly proud we all are of you my precious one.

It is so lovely to know you spent those days in Mom's cottage - what a store of pictures it brings to mind - colors and shadows & lights, smoke & pungent smells & peace & quiet & lovely well worn doors - How much joy to us all & to Mom that we all feel this.

Ingram & I have had a terrific discussion a Church stemming fr. Yours & my discussion - He is right I think that one can't really just gloss over the differences - They are the things often that matter so terribly to people & have caused war & strife - so they go deep - But a new sense of understanding & working together is growing in a real way. P.T.O.

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E. Cleasby
Lenton Lodge, Derby Rd.
Nottingham.

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so much love
to you my
darling
Aunt Allie
may this new
term & all be
very full &
happy - But
don't do too
much love
& love to you

henton hodge
Derby Rd.
Nottingham
Sept 16, 1960

Darling Aunt Allie.
At this moment ^{of my writing} you must be watching
'Galileo' at the Mermaid Theatre. Surely
you - & tomorrow Thomas Moore. Would you
choose!

Darling dear, I'm so wild with fury
that I can't get in touch with you for
how idiotic I never got your London
address nor flight no. But maybe this
will arrive soon after you do - back in
Canada. How lovely it was having
you here. Bless you fresh one, you are
a marvel & so wonderfully unselfish &
thinking always of others. I was possessed
of a devil the morning of the day you left
& I do apologize for my bad temper. It is
a real mill-stone around my neck that
I get so uncontrollably horrible at times
I keep hoping (!) I may improve! (☺)

Darling the beads are terrific. What
a wizard you are. I just love them
and oh dear, I'm sure you paid for
too much for them - They will be quite
perfect with the new dress & with other
things too. Thank you so, so much. Anne
waded them & was thrilled

Any old cards or things you have which
you can bung in an envelope are most
welcome. She was thrilled to get your note
& wanted to know what each word said.
She wants terribly to write. So we had
"School" this morning & she sat with
me & we did A's & N's & E's & O's

She loved making O's - She
was terribly "BUSY" this morning
with her friends Monny & Siddey who came
with their children & Anne gave them
all a picnic in the big room & really
amazed me - when she came down from
seeing Baby John - She gave a great
laugh & shouted up that all her friends
were hiding when she came to see them
Wonderful imagination! It has rained
all day. We went to get Ingham at
4:19 & then did a little shopping & back
for tea. Lovely to have Ingham back
& I attempted a sort of "Pepperoni Mista"
for supper - Fried up the end of green
pepper & tomatoes & apple & bacon &
youm it was good. Wish you'd been
with us. Canon Fever called after
lunch & I gave him coffee & end of
Irish coffee & chocolate.

of your writing thing is far more to do

7.1.60

9 Place de la Marine

AGDE

(Hérault)

Dear Miss Douglas

I first fell on the letter you wrote to Marie Claire as she was engaged - she gave it to me to read because she was so very pleased with it, and I must write to you; first to tell you the tremendous joy I have also of Marie Claire's engagement with John that I have considered since I know him like the most splendid boy I know, for his charm made up with the higher qualities you can find - and second to ask you once more if nothing has been changed since one said that you could not come for the wedding...

- Is there really not arrived a little change that would let us hope that you could be with us on February 6 - ? -

We would so much miss you - I think you are "irreplaceable" in John's life and it is ^(tragic) said for him to not have you there, you, the sister of his beloved father

you, that could by your coming, bring in
(matériellement - physiquement)
materiality, this warm father's love that
our children ^{both} miss so much.

- We have place for you - in Helun or
Paris as you like it - and you could stay as
long you would want it -

I also have a particular remembering
of our passed visit, to short, in Helun
and had the feeling of "some kind of
something higher than earth" guided by
the unseen forces. I think your coming to
this wedding, if it is possible, ^(participer) would enter
in the same kind of facts.

- All this is very badly expressed
but I know the feeling I must write it to you
in spite of my very bad writing English

Believe me very affectionately

M. Salathé

Excuse please also all the "gribouillages"
I have no Dictionary here, and have no time to
begin again my letter.

For your answer, I tell you our plans:
Till 16 January 16 - we stay here Marie Claire and
I - after we shall be 23 rue Froidevaux Paris

Marie Claire is so happy of her engagement and next wedding - she sings and laughs
all the day long - and prepares all for her marriage with a permanent joy.
Marie Claire wants to write to you this evening.

balls of residence, with staff groups, the post-grad,
association, Africa Society, Philosophical Society
and so on, Buzz & I took part in an informal
meeting in one of the women's halls the other evening
she launched a steady hail of searching
questions brilliantly - so quick, so concise and
with few exceptions so fairly. I think anyone
was greatly impressed, though he is quite hopeless
in ordinary conversation with no small talk at all.

How we wish we were enjoying your
lovely crisp autumn weather. I think I can imagine
that it must be like. Here it has been and
continues to be disgustingly wet - as if my goodness,
we could do with some dry days to collect kind-
ling for the winter. I have much to still growing
in the garden, we can have lettuce still, and
an apple crop is more than we can cope with.
But it would be good for us all if we could get out
more. Buzz is grand with the children but it
would help to if they could let off steam out of
doors! Fortunately we are all well apart from
minor aches & snivels. I do hope for notes.
With great love,
Joan Ingram



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The Crescent

Nottingham

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Leaton Lodge,
29th October 1960.

My dear Alice,

What a wonderfully generous present you have given to us. We can't possibly tell you in so many words just what it will mean to us and how very grateful we are. But you know yourself how Buzz will love to have a piano and how happy I shall be that the lack of one need not any longer prevent the using the lovely voice. All that remains now is to find the suitable instrument. It shouldn't be difficult, but of course takes time, and as you know, during term this is the one commodity which is in even shorter supply than money! But we do mean to take positive action about this and a saving machine shortly.

Meanwhile we are in the throes of the Archbishop's visit. So far the response has

been pretty good - with a packed Great Hall for all three lectures in spite of a severe clash with an charity Carnival and all the attendant activities which go with it. The lectures touched are a straight forward exposition of the Christian faith today. They are not so much apologetic in the sense of reaching out to the uncommitted or sceptic, as a kind of coherent statement in non technical terms. The propriety of this could be questioned, but it may be that it is precisely this kind of teaching which all of us need - Christians and non-Christians. So often those who are opposed or agnostic are really directing their attention to an isolated and therefore almost certainly distorted element in the Christian faith. We don't like this, or we don't understand it, or we can't stomach something else - but we fail to come to terms with a genuinely reaction with the whole picture.

He is staying in the University, so have arranged a heavy programme of meetings in

Anne is very pleased with the verse
you sent & demands it every night if I
dare to forget it. Thank you for sending it.
Anne may begin school tomorrow if her
cold is better - she has a bit of a cold &
I'd rather her start really well. It's
such a nice school. John is in grand
form - He has such legs & really can
shout amazingly loudly. We had James
Farr here last Sunday. He spent 2
years at the Presbyterian college in
Montreal. He is a brilliant young Scottish
Theologian now at Edinburgh Univ.
in process of producing a book to
challenge the use of linguistics on theology
i.e. the influence of the Linguistic
Philosophers. He knows Matters & Donagan
well - specially Matters I think. A very
nice person.

The McGill R.D. Ceremony sounded
rather fun - having good chat with
nice people one hasn't seen for a while
always good. Did you like Penfield?

Jane - Our student, is being wrestled
with by Anne - She is 'U. good with
Anne - John has just woken up & I must
get him up & put finishing touches to
lunch - Oh - flapjacks - 6 oz of each
butter (or marg) ^(dinner) sugar & quick rolled oats
Melt butter & stir in oats & sugar &
Press into pan - Cook 375° for 1/2 hour - Should
be OK - May sometimes need more Oats -
Love & Love Dealing Auntie - Buzza



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Leuton Lodge
Derby Road
Nottingham
Oct 30, 1960
Sunday

Dearling Aunt Allie,

It is simply too awful that I realize I have never written to acknowledge or thank you for that terrific present of £200 - which you sent at least 2 weeks ago. Darling, I am so sorry to have seemed so casual and Oh dear me it makes me ashamed. Thank you so very very much - Darling. How terribly lucky we are - or blessed or something, by such generous and kindness. Then on Friday what should arrive but a parcel from you with perfect little Pyrex dishes - How terribly quickly it came & how terribly quickly you bought them. Please don't send us anything else and treat them as a Xmas present. They will be so useful - especially for little puddings & custards & fillies for when we have a lot of children or at parties - I used the few I had the other day & did'nt have enough so now this is wonderful. Not sure whether you have been to Toronto yet - but think you may be there now - How nice to think of you all together. Lovely Crisp Autumn

weather too. It seems there has been not a moment to breathe since Mom left - we've had heaps of visitors & students and a concert and then this last week 3 days of Arch Bishop & again tomorrow for 3 days - and it entails lots of Meetings & chats & dinners (not for me!) & then his Fifth Memorial lectures - which are a straight forward statement of Christianity & the church - good but too much within the frame & rings of those Confessed Xians and not really helpful enough or challenging to those on the fringe - or agnostics. He's a funny love - Has No casual easy conversation & won't try (it seems) to talk to individuals in a group - e.g. Richard Hanson found he could not get him to respond about anything & Richard, of all people, should have had something in common - But when it comes to answering questions from a large group on things pertaining to his subject he is excellent & clear & neat in his answers. Think he is suspicious of individuals or something & also nervous. Ingram has had much to do with students with breakdowns or psychological problems lately. He's started going to a seminar - Dr. Frank Lake for Clergy & Doctors which is dealing in awful things. It is very exciting I think & worth while.

My dear Alie -

as from
30 Woodstock Close
Oxford Dec 24

This is to wish you a very happy New Year. I was very glad to get your card & hear how happy & occupied you are. And now you are having a lovely time with the family at Montreal. Remember Muriel & me to Olga. Muriel often asks if I have heard of her. I am afraid I have got very old. I don't seem to remember anything - my letters have got all behind. The truth is I have got terribly mean, being afraid that I shall live on after all my money has gone - and I find I have to force myself to buy presents & Christmas, instead of being a joyous occasion which it should be to all Christians has become a nightmare to me and I put off thinking about it. My mind is not a disciplined one, never has been & now that tells when we're old age we need so much discipline



Please forward

~~Mrs~~ A. V. Douglas
Queen's University
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W. Mackintosh
30 Woodstock Close
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England

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I am spending Christmas with the Bodley this family in
Boston & as usual will be near at her daughters -
and we go up there this evening - usual with is
7 years younger, than I am - is wonderfully energetic
although she is bothered with an ulcer - I think
I am going to live with her at Sassen - But I do not
like it for her sake. She has enough to do. Pray for
me, my dear, that I fall myself together - for I fear
my failure is entirely due to wallpaper -
Expense this sad letter yours ever